

Deer Park Quarry ERC Meeting Minutes

Location: Deer Park Quarry Training Room, Riding Boundary Road, Ravenhall

Date: Thursday 16 March 2017 - 5pm

Chairperson: Julia Preston, Stakeholder Relations Advisor (Southern Region) (JP)

Minutes: Vikki Barker, Property Administration Assistant (Southern Region) (VB)

QERC Members (Community and Regulatory):

- Wendy Bitans – neighbouring resident (WB)
- Mick Hewitt - Caroline Springs resident (MH)
- Eyal Cohen - neighbouring landowner (EC)
- Geoff Gilbert - Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (GG)
- Marion Martin - Deer Park resident (MM)

QERC Members (Boral):

- Paul Hodges – Quarry Manager (Deer Park) (PH)
- Luke Brown – Project Sponsor Deer Park Quarry Plant Replacement (LB)
- Patrick Boyce – HSE Advisor – Quarries Vic/Tas (PB)

Apologies:

- Cr Nola Dunn – Melton City Council (ND)
- Kevin White – Metropolitan Remand Centre (KW)
- Michael Suddes – Operations Manager Country (MS)
- Sam Muscat – Deer Park resident (SM)
- Lorraine Harrison (LH)
- Frances Carabott – neighbouring resident (FC)
- Rick Cleary - Department of Justice (RC)
- David Karstens – Plant Manager Asphalt (Deer Park) (DK)
- Christian McMahon – Metropolitan Operations Manager – Quarries (CM)

The following minutes are taken from presentations and conversations conducted as part of this community meeting. The content, while representing an accurate summation of proceedings, should not be taken to represent exact dialogue unless specifically minuted as such.

Minutes are reviewed at the start of each meeting to identify any items in need of correction.

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Meeting opened at approximately 5.00pm

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies

Julia Preston (JP) welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for coming to the site tour.

JP advised she will be in contact with the local council to invite members to attend the future community meetings.

2. Previous Minutes and Actions

Previous minutes were accepted.

Actions from previous meeting:

Nil

3. Deer Park Quarry Plant Replacement project

LB advised construction works close to being completed. Electrical work 60% complete. Handover to **PH** expected approximately 1st September 2017.

Dust results are slightly higher since last meeting in November 2016. Construction of the train station in December/January would have contributed to this. There is a difference between monitor 1 and monitor 2. Monitor 1 is nearest the train station.

MH commented that the new plant is impressive from the road.

GG asked if the old plant will still be running for 12 months after the new site set up and what will remain? **PH** advised no fixed plant will remain, uncertain if the middle section near the weighbridge will remain, two green tanks will stay and stockpiling to remain at the asphalt plant.

4. Business Reports

Concrete

JP provided the following information on behalf of **MS** who was an apology. A safety program called Safe Start has been rolled out as part of a program with toolbox sessions and safety sessions along with a focus on safety with seatbelts.

Asphalt

JP provided the following information on behalf of **DK** who was an apology. Tullamarine road widening works still running until late July.

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Quarries

PH advised there was a spike in the dust monitoring in January. Construction on Hopkins Road is being tracked and monitored. **GG** asked if we can be sure where the spike is from? **PH** advised we cannot be 100% sure as there is a lot of heavy traffic and can only put it down to the railway construction.

PH advised there were no readings from the blasting monitoring. No monitors were triggered. **GG** asked if the monitors are up-to-date? **PH** confirmed they are and are not broken.

PH discussed the slide presentations on the tertiary control room, replacement of sensor devices, and discarded metals.

4. Environment

PB 11 legless lizards were relocated in the last relocation campaign. A total of 100 lizards so far have been relocated. **GG** asked if they had just been moved or relocated to another area appropriate for them? **PB** advised they have been relocated to a new area. **GG** asked if there were any competition for them? **PB** advised no, as it's a very large area. **GG** asked if there are any trespassers in the area? **PB** advised every reasonable measure is taken to prevent trespassers.

PB advised there is ongoing management of the grassland. A planned ecological burn in the lowlands is due in Autumn and will only be a small burn. Survey plots are set up and photos are taken of the weeds versus natives. Prioritising revegetation and focusing on ensuring native grasses are growing. New grasses have been identified not normally known in the area due to recent rainfall.

5. General business

EC suggested having two community meetings per year instead of three to reflect the agenda and to be more efficient. **GG** suggested to still keep three meetings due to the new plant.

PH suggested newsletters could also be distributed and **JP** suggested letter drops can be organised to have more engagement and community involvement. **WB** suggested instead of a letter drop to put an ad in the local paper.

PH advised of a private bridge being constructed along the Boral private road to be able to move equipment. The road may be blocked or diversions put in place during construction. Panel signage will be erected to advise of the construction. Automatic sliding gates will be constructed at the back entrance.

ACTION LIST

No.	Action	Responsibility	Due date
1	Contact local council to invite members to future community meetings.	JP	Next meeting

Meeting closed at approximately 5:40pm

Next meeting to be held: Thursday 13th July 2017