

# Deer Park Quarry Environmental Review Committee

October 2018 Minutes

**Location:** Deer Park Quarry Conference Room, Riding Boundary Road, Ravenhall

**Date and time:** Thursday 25 October, 2018 at 12pm

**Attendees:**

Frances Carabott – Neighbour (FC)

Wendy Bitans – Neighbour (WB)

Eyal Cohen – Neighbour (EC)

Scott Hocter-Turner - Dame Phyllis Frost  
Centre (SHT)

Steve Finlay - City of Melton (SF)

Geoff Gilbert - DEDJTP-ERR (GG)

Christian McMahon – Boral (CM)

Radoslav Pjanic – Boral (RP)

Ryan Flack – Boral (RF)

Chris Thewma – Boral (CT)

Kit Sleeman – Boral (KS)

Angus McKenzie-McHarg – Boral (AMM)

Wendy Xia – Boral (WX)

*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.*

**1. Welcome, introductions and apologies**

**2. Previous minutes and actions**

WX: Previous minutes and actions were distributed via email prior to meeting.

**3. Business reports: Quarry**

CM: Deer Park Quarry new facility has been in operation of 20 plus hours production since mid-January and improving production performance monthly. The site has been through some significant changes with increasing headcount to meet production requirements.



CM: Dust monitoring is continuing, saw one spike in April. Blast monitoring is continuing, data shows that Boral is in compliance.

SF: Question around frequency of blasts.

CM: Confirmed that blasting take place approximately on a weekly basis. Due to remoteness of location, not many complaints.

AMM: Commented that the quarry is moving towards the far end of Hopkins Road, the south-west corner.

SHT: Question around location of dust monitors. Now that the quarry has moved, should the monitoring locations also move?

GG: Concurs with questions, would like to know if moving the monitors has been considered.

KS: Commented that potentially the location of the monitors was to compare the results of the old site vs the new.

GG: Comments that this is useful data for Boral internally, but may not capture neighbours' impacts.

SHT: Concerned around dust during summer and hot westerly winds.

**ACTION 1:** CM committed to review dust monitoring locations and report back at next QERC.

### **3a. Void rehabilitation**

WX: Void rehabilitation will look to take place at a site south of Riding Boundary Road. The site is currently used as a maintenance facility. In order to rehabilitate the void, the facility will need to be moved. Plans are to move the facility 800 metres to the west. The void has about 485,000 banked cubic metres of capacity and it will take approximately five years to fill, dependent on market conditions. The work is complaint with our current work authority. Currently Boral are working on finalising a contractor to move the facility, as well as a contractor to do the void rehabilitation piece.

EC: Question around what will be used to fill the void and if Boral will charge/earn profit from it.

WX: Boral is looking at using clean fill to fill the void, and different contractors have different



solutions to costs.

SF: Question around how Boral will ensure that the fill is clean.

KS: Confirmed that monitoring will be in line with EPA guidelines around clean fill

WB: Requests that Boral look to ensure that fill does not contain invasive species of flora.

Historically this may have happened with the prickly lettuce in the area.

GG: Comments that the fill will likely be industrial, due to all the major projects currently running.

#### 4. **Business reports: Asphalt**

CT: Bund clean up and planting in the Asphalt area. Plants that were picked were all indigenous to the city of Melton and the surrounding area. List of plants provided to QERC members.

CT: Night shifts are continuing well. There have been no complaints received. The asphalt plant will go into shutdown mode from 21 December, 2018 to 14 January, 2019. During this time there will be no production and the team will go into maintenance mode.

CT: The team are currently processing a recycled asphalt product which will be used on site.

EC: At night time when the lights are on, noticed that there is smoke/steam coming from the plant. Question around if it is smoke or steam.

CT: Confirms that EC is seeing steam. Asphalt production requires very high temperatures.

EC: Question around what amenity issues an Asphalt plant typically has.

KS: Typically the issues are odour, dust and noise.

EC: Comments that when visiting Dandenong South several weeks earlier, he noticed burnt rubber smells coming from a nearby asphalt plant. He says that he does not experience this at Deer Park.

CT: Remarks that the smells potentially are caused by additives to the asphalt, and certain by products can also cause smells. Deer Park largely avoids this as it uses virgin product.



Occasionally Boral works with those additives, but only on request, and there are odour monitors.

## 5. Business reports: Concrete

RF: Focus for the last few months has been on traffic management. Neighbours may have noticed new barriers which have been installed on site for pedestrian safety. This will continue to be reviewed. There have recently been some near misses on some of the other Boral sites, so the entire company is looking at how to better manage traffic.

RF: A new Area Operations Manager has been appointed. Radoslav Pjanic is joining the team at Deer Park and will look after seven plants in the region. RP will join the QERC.

### 5a. CYP facility

RF: The Cross Yarra Partnership (CYP) will be building a new facility in the area. The CYP, made up of John Holland, LendLease, and another international construction company Bouygues. The new CYP facility is a Tunnel Lining Manufacturing Facility (TLMF) and will produce tunnel segments for the Metro Tunnel project. Boral will have an onsite concrete batch plant to supply concrete to the facility. More information at can be found at [metrotunnel.vic.gov.au](http://metrotunnel.vic.gov.au) and their Project Information Line is 1800 105 105.

SHT: Question around if CYP will attend Deer Park QERC meetings.

WX: Confirms that they were invited, but declined. Will invite them to 2019 meetings once dates are confirmed.

**ACTION 2:** WX to invite CYP to 2019 meetings.

EC: Question around volumes Boral is looking to deliver.

RF: Around 90,000m over two years.

GG: Will there be additional truck movements?

RF: No additional truck movements in delivery from Boral. Boral will pipe the concrete directly



into the new facility.

GG: Questioned if that was similar to the new brick facility in the area.

RF and CM: Confirmed that there was not a new brick facility, that facility is the CYP TLMF facility that is being discussed.

## 6. Environment

KS: Boral is developing a Northern Grassland Reserve on a 95 hectares block located on the north-eastern corner of the Deer Park site. The area is identified as Western (Basalt) Plains Grasslands and Natural Temperate Grasslands of the Victorian Volcanic Plain, and is habitat for threatened species including Striped Legless Lizard and the Spiny Rice-Flower. Boral has taken actions to revegetate, control weeds and pests, and mitigate fire risks. There has also been presence testing of monitoring sites in the Northern Grassland for previously relocated Striped Legless Lizards.

KS: Boral is looking to do a burn soon to encourage growth of the Spiny Rice-Flower.

WB: Question around if the Spiny Rice-Flowers are dying.

KS: Some areas are doing very well, other areas have been other species pop up, and the Spiny Rice-Flower can go dormant. Burning and heat will be used to rediscover them. One of the areas identified is near the train station. When they were initially planted, they may not have had weed matting and barriers. Boral has hopes that they will come back after the burn.

KS: There are two management plans that Boral is finalising, they are the *Northern Grassland Management Plan* and the *EPBC Management Plan for the Northern Grassland*. They are being reviewed as they have a five year review cycle. They will be submitted to the relevant authorities for endorsement / approval shortly.

## 7. General business and next meeting

WB: Raised concerns that the Melway street directory has mislabelled the Deer Park precinct. It refers to a Boral Western Landfill that does not exist. Also there is reference to a Ravenhall Waste Centre. Question around whether Boral can reach out to Melway to advise them of the inaccuracy.



CM: Commented that potentially data from Melway was pulled from the title data, and might have a lag. Boral can make enquiries.

**ACTION 3:** WX to advise Melway that Deer Park precinct labelling may be incorrect.

**Next meeting dates:** Thursday 11 April, 2019 and Thursday 24 October, 2019.

**Close of meeting.**