

# Deer Park Quarry ERC Meeting Minutes

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

**Date:** Thursday 17 March 2016 - 5pm

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**Chairperson:** Erin Furmanczyk, Stakeholder Relations Advisor (Southern Region) (EF)

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

## **QERC Members (Community and Regulatory):**

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

## **QERC Members (Boral):**

- Paul Hodges – Quarry Manager (Deer park) (PH)

## **Apologies:**

- Cr Nola Dunn – Melton City Council (ND)
- Michael Suddes – Operations Manager Country (MS)
- David Karstens – Plant Manager, Asphalt (Deer Park) (DK)
- Rick Cleary - Department of Justice (RC)
- Sam Muscat – Deer Park resident (SM)
- Kevin White – Metropolitan Remand Centre
- Lorraine Harrison –
- Cassi Sartori – Environmental Co-Ordinator (CS)

*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.*

**Meeting opened at approximately 5.00pm**

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## 1. Welcome, introductions and apologies

Erin Furmanczyk (EF) welcomed everyone to the first QERC meeting for the year.

## 2. Previous Minutes and Actions

Previous minutes were accepted.

### Actions from previous meeting:

No.	Action	Responsibility	Due date
1	Undertake a quarry blast audit.	GG	This meeting

## 3. Business Reports

### Concrete

EF presented on behalf of Michael Suddes who was an apology at this meeting. Business as usual at Deer Park with production remaining steady. Driver Behaviour software (i360) currently being upgraded enabling a more proactive approach to manage fatigue and speed in the agitator fleet. This allows more active monitoring and to produce exemption reports that allow supervisors to feedback to drivers to performance manage, if required. This is part of the National Compliance program to help on the journey to Zero Harm – Today.

### Asphalt

David Karstens was an apology at the meeting so no update provided.

GG asked community members if they have had any issues recently with Quarry trucks. Issues advised by community members were Boral trucks driving on wrong side of road to overtake cars. GG asked EF to send communication out to the Owner/Operator Contractors to remind them of safe driving practices.

### Quarries

PH discussed the monitoring locations and advised the OS2dust monitor has been relocated to the eastern side of the site as per council request. The monitor was relocated on the 4<sup>th</sup> March. The relocation of the monitor caused an increase in dust level for that day as the monitor was trucked through operational areas during the relocation. PH advised alerts are only received when levels are above 60.

PH discussed the blasting, air and ground vibrations which are all within the limits.

GG asked for a status update on the dust baselines. PH advised Dr R would be invited to the next meeting to discuss.

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**WB** commented on the fake monitoring cameras along Hopkins Road. **PH** advised they will be removed. Removal date to be determined.

**PH** advised the speed humps would be re-painted along Riding Boundary Road and fix pot holes around the site.

## 4. Environment

**EF** presented on behalf of **CS** who was an apology.

### Weed Management Plan

Rice flower translocation has been successful with extra germination of plants from the original translocated 19, there are now 20+ in the new pen.

### Animal Management

74 striped legless lizards were successfully captured and released into the Northern Grassland from both the Pioneer land and the paddock surrounding the project upgrade over summer.

The Feral animal Shooting Program was successful. Aus Eco crews were able to eliminate three out of four feral goats, 32 rabbits and two hares. The fourth goat has not been spotted on site since the campaign.

## 5. Quarry Plant Replacement Project

**PH** presented on the replacement project. Concrete foundation work underway. To commence operation ramp up in mid-2017. Production will cease to the old plant by 2018 as per council conditions.

## 6. General business

**EC** asked for clarification that the air vibration monitoring includes sound **PH** confirmed – yes. **GG** queried what happens when blasting – is this picked up in the vibrations? **PH** advised the monitors are all electronic and programmed to pick up when and where the vibrations occur. The equipment is provided by suppliers and is all pre-made.

**EC** asked if there are dust related regulations for earthworks in land subdivisions. **GG** advised that EPA monitors this area and only respond when there is a complaint. The same rules apply with Quarries. **PH** advised the longer the draught, the more dust occurs.

### Cleanaway Newsletter

**EF** raised an inaccuracy in the Cleanaway Newsletter. Point 4 in the newsletter states the Quarry is licenced to operate for 50 years. **EF** advised this is incorrect and the Quarry is licenced to operate for the life of the resource. **GG** also commented that since 1996, Quarries are licenced for the life of the resource i.e. a quarry could close for 20 years but re-open again.

**EF** advised that Luke Brown has offered a site tour before the next meeting – weather dependant.

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**EF** confirmed next meeting on Thursday 14 July, but is subject to change.

**EF** thanked everyone for their attendance and input through the meeting and will be in touch shortly with draft minutes. **EF** also advised of upcoming 12 month maternity leave and will advise of replacement in due course.

**Meeting closed at approximately 5:55pm**

## **ACTION LIST**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Due date</b>
1	Communication to Owner/Operator Contractors regarding safe driving practices	PH/EF	Next meeting
2	Baseline status update by Dr Richard Strauch (Dust monitoring)	PH	Next meeting
3	Fake monitoring cameras along Hopkins Road to be removed	PH	TBA