

Montrose Quarry ERC Meeting Minutes

Location: Montrose Quarry Meeting Room, Fussell Road, Montrose

Date: Wednesday 22 February 2017 - 5pm

Chairperson: Andrew Rankin, Boral Montrose Quarry Manager

Minutes: Julia Preston, Bora Stakeholder Relations Advisor

ERC Members (Community and Regulatory):

- Ian Reynolds – Community member
- David Sinsheimer – Community member
- David Dobson – Community member

ERC Members (Boral):

- Andrew Rankin – Quarry Manager

Apologies:

- Geoff Gilbert (Earth Resources Regulation)
- Christian McMahon – Metropolitan Operations Manager – Quarries
- Patrick Boyce – HSE Advisor – Quarries Vic/Tas
- Teena - Community member
- Kim – Community member
- Max – Community member

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.

Meeting opened at approximately 5.00pm

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies

2. Complaints

Two complaints received in the past 7 months regarding truck speeds; some work was done to change asphalt truck routes

3. Blasting

One exceedance was recorded, in early December; this was from the Ash Grove monitor, as blasting was undertaken on the eastern side of the quarry, within a shorter distance to residences. This was reported to the DED-JTR

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The result was unexpected, as blasting practices are now much more technologically advanced, to assist in avoiding any exceedances

4. Ambient air results

Explained dust catchment areas

5. Weed management

'Wild passionfruit' weed has been identified on site, currently looking at how to remove it from site

Previous weed management has been successful

6. Current works

Discussed current 'east face' works on site, including the removal of previously rehabilitated benches

Discussion regarding the concerns from the community about potential expansions; advised Boral is working within current Work Authority

Possibility for Boral to enhance their communication with neighbours, by engaging more frequently

7. General business

Request for more updated images of the pit, to compare the changes over the years

ACTION: Andrew to provide further images at the next meeting, including the use of a program to show 3D view of the pit

Potential for ERC membership to be reviewed

ACTION: Julia to look into conducting a review of ERC membership, and gauge interest of more community members

Interest in a quarry/plant tour

ACTION: Andrew to determine a date for a tour, either in conjunction with the next meeting, or during the day, while operations running

Meeting closed at approximately 6.15pm

Date of meetings for 2017*:

Wednesday 21 June, commencing at 5pm

Wednesday 25 October, commencing at 5pm

*Please note that all meetings will now be held in the portable meeting room located past the weighbridge