

Wollert Quarry Environmental Review Committee

Minutes October 2018

Location: Meeting Room, Boral Wollert Quarry

Date and time: Tuesday 30 October, 2018

Attendees:

Glenda Jeffery – Neighbour (GJ)

Luke Maruff – Boral (LM)

Ken Jeffery – Neighbour (KJ)

Lauren Trewin – Boral (LT)

Anna Balakas – Neighbour – (AB)

Wendy Xia – Boral (WX)

Geoff Gilbert DEDJTR-ERR – (GG)

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.

Item 1: Welcome, introductions and apologies	
Notes: Apologies received from Hedell Gorgees (neighbour), Marco Ciavarella (neighbour), and Christian McMahon (Boral).	Actions: N/A
Item 2: Previous minutes and actions	
Notes: WX: Boral confirms follow-up with Council on attendance. No response received to date GG: Commented that there was a new planning officer at Whittlesea, may have interest in attending if Boral reaches out again. GG: Data on blasting and structural damage not yet sent, confirmed will email through to AB.	Actions: WX to reach out to council again to request attendance at Wollert ERC. GG to email AB ERR data on blasting and structural



<p>them.</p>	
<p>Item 4: Ambient Air results</p>	
<p>Notes:</p> <p>LT: All recent results well under. May/June was a double month, as they weren't able to be picked up., so records displayed were dust gathered across two months – numbers were still under the 4mm gm particle limit.</p> <p>LT: February recorded a high reading on station F due to frequent vehicle access to water tower on Northern boundary Station is located next to a dirt road where a lot of workers were going up and down the road.</p> <p>LT: Spoke to slide on daily dust control matters. A lot of the dust is caused by truck movements, particularly at the exit/entry. Boral are looking to install road spraying equipment. aiming to better target dust picked up from road truck movements.</p> <p>AB: Query around whether the asphalt road can be widened, concerns that trucks are overhanging into the dirt.</p> <p>LT: Commented that Boral were hoping that the new sprayers would help.</p>	<p>Actions:</p> <p>N/A</p>
<p>Item 5: Blast results</p>	
<p>Notes:</p> <p>LT: Spoke to blast results presentation. Remarked that the highest reading was at 3.6mm/s on 14 September. While still significantly under the maximums, would prefer maintain lower figures. Boral have opened a new area in the quarry in March and as such is utilising more frequent small blasts at the moment.</p> <p>KJ: Question around how often blasts occur.</p> <p>LT: Advises that it was about two to three a month on average. That having been said, have recently being doing more smaller blasts.</p> <p>LT: Comments that the 14 September blast was 420m away from</p>	<p>Actions:</p> <p>N/A</p>



<p>AB: While it's under the limit, it concerned residents at the time of occurrence. Quarry received around 6 phone calls after the blast. Blast impacts are normally negligible to Southern residents, as the quarry hasn't worked with South West for many years neighbours have been a bit more unaware. Working to reduce air blast and ground vibration in future blasts in the South West area to minimise impacts to local residents</p> <p>AB: Question around if historical figures, last time that section of the quarry was blasted, were higher.</p> <p>LT: Confirmed figures used to be higher, technology has minimised blasts.</p> <p>LT: After the September event, Boral worked with Orica to review the blast. Orica made a few recommendations. Boral's next blast in the area saw a big reduction. This was 584 metres away from AB.</p> <p>LT: Confirmed that this area in the quarry is an area that Boral will be working in in the next few years, so we want to ensure that impacts are minimised.</p>	
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<p>Item 6: Operational update</p>	
<p>Notes:</p> <p>LT: Advises that 6am-6pm daily crushing, though Saturdays usually finish 2-4pm.</p> <p>LT: Advises that stripping campaign in south west is nearly done. In the upper levels at the moment, will work downwards in the next 12 months.</p> <p>LT: Advises that sales have been busy, last financial year hit record sales. In 2019, expect that the beginning of the O'Herns Road and Plenty Road upgrades will mean that high sales levels will continue.</p> <p>LT: Advises that contractors are currently on site reprocessing some of the overburden.</p>	<p>Actions:</p> <p>N/A</p>



<p>LT: Advises that Boral employees recently volunteered at Epping Views Primary School – landscaping and vegetation work.</p>	
<p>Item 7: General Business</p>	
<p>Notes:</p> <p>AB: Wanted to thank LT and Boral for the tour of the site. Commented that she appreciated the dust mitigation measures currently being taken by Boral.</p> <p>KJ: Question to GG about his role at the ERC.</p> <p>GG: Advises that ERR comes along to ensure what the quarry is reporting is accurate. Enforce work plans that were endorsed. Ensure that the information is correct as best we know, and to create a reference point for all members of ERC to raise issues. Trying to keep a balance between all members of the ERC.</p> <p>KJ: Question around what actions Boral takes when a dust complaint is received.</p> <p>LT: Advises that she first confirms if this was a complaint on a historical issue, or if it is current. If a current dust issue, she advises that she checks where the wind is coming from. If it's an operational issue, e.g. if it's a pump failure or water sprayers aren't working, then the plant is shut down. If the dust is coming from the ground, it's a bit trickier; we have a large stock yard and even if we shut the plant the dust issue can continue. Comments that strong Northerlies impact KJ the most and they are the driest days. They're the trickiest, even if the plant shuts down, the impact still happens.</p> <p>LT: Confirms that a bid for a larger water truck has been submitted. Advises if KJ has other suggestions, happy to take them on board.</p> <p>KJ: Comments that on windy days, particularly hot Northerlies, Flindon Road from east or west, you can see dust going across the</p>	<p>Actions:</p>



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LT: Confirms that Boral are aware of the issue, advises that she monitors it personally. Have also received a call from another neighbour on that issue, and it is being looked at.

KJ: Comments that dust has been an ongoing problem for years, the issue used to be raised in the Whittlesea Post, the local paper.

LT: Remarks that Boral admit that its' operations not perfect in terms of impact on neighbours. Boral try our hardest, but are not perfect. Example, recently received queries from AB on silica levels in dust, were able to get consultants in for monitoring. Can send report to KJ

AB: Confirms that this was a concern she had.

KJ: Moved a motion, to request that Boral would send a letter from the quarry to the Minister for Local Government to request Council representation on ERC. To also CC in the Municipal Association of Victoria in the letter.

Next meeting: Tentatively book in 2 May, 2019.

LT to send dust report to KJ.

WX to draft a letter for the Minister for Local Government for Quarry Manager to sign.

WX to update KJ on progress of letter if response is received. Otherwise update ERC at next meeting on results.