

Boral Linwood Community Working Group

Meeting notes

Wednesday 12 May 2004, 5:30pm at the Seacliff Surf Lifesaving Club rooms

Attendance:

Beryl Hall
June Blackwell
Dean McGinty

Adam Betterman
Alistair Kelsh

Gerard Hocking

Max Dewdney

Apologies: David Parsons

1. Welcome, introductions and overview

Adam opened the meeting and welcomed attendees, suggesting that in light of the current dust issues dust should form the main topic for the meeting. Adam gave a brief presentation on recent events and dust management at the quarry, the key points of which are summarised below. This was followed by a general discussion between residents, EPA, PIRSA and Quarry staff present.

2. Dust Management

The quarry received several calls from residents about dust from late December 2003 through to mid February 2004. These calls helped identify areas that required improved dust containment procedures. Many of these have now been addressed. Increased dust leaving the quarry during this period was due to a number of new activities including a rapid increase in rehandling of sand and rubble due to a major contract with the Adelaide Airport. In addition this resulted in a 30% increase in vehicle movement on site further contributing to dust.

Quarry management has since addressed these issues with increased wetting of stock and road surfaces. In many cases this creates a less than ideal product but is currently the most efficient way to reduce dust leaving the site.

The current contract for Adelaide Airport has required a lot of sand, which is typically a by-product of the crushing process. This is being moved from existing stockpiles that had not been disturbed for some time and consequently were initially dry and dusty. These stockpiles have now been fitted with sprinklers and are largely saturated. This creates an increased energy cost to asphalt plants and other users who need dry materials but Boral has committed to supply only moist product to reduce dust.

Further improvements to dust monitoring are also being made with the addition of a third real time monitor. This will enable one monitor to remain on site in the quarry. The remaining two will be placed in long term strategic positions in Marino and Hallett Cove communities. Long

term monitoring stations will allow Boral to establish better trends and provide more accurate indicators of their performance over time in dust control.

3. General discussion

Residents expressed some concern over noise generated by reversing beepers. Alistair indicated that new beepers would be installed. These have been developed to reduce the distance the beeper noise travels to the immediate vicinity of the vehicle. This process would be initiated in the coming fortnight.

Residents reported that some trucks continue to use horns late into the evening, Adam is going to follow this up as they are aware of some drivers causing a problem and will take steps to see this behaviour is changed.

In relation to blasting issues Adam emphasised the need for feed back from residents. The new procedures that have been put in place since last December should be reducing the perception of blast vibration felt in the community.

There was a brief discussion about Air blast and Ground Vibration, Serge explained the guidelines in terms of allowable vibration and indicated that Boral were consistently under the guidelines for this.

Residents expressed an interest in the proposed easterly development of the quarry. Adam indicated that this was still in the approval process. Residents asked if they would be able to provide input into this process and what such a licence may look like.

Serge discussed the sort of conditions that PIRSA usually put on new licences including operating under current conditions and ensuring appropriate rehabilitation measures are in place. Alistair noted that a rehabilitation levy is already in place set at twenty cents per ton of extracted material.

Gerard Hocking from the EPA was asked weather the EPA had a role in the mining lease. He indicated that their role related more to the operating licence and ensuring that environmental standards were maintained.

4. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held Wednesday 11 August 2004, 5:30pm at the Seacliff Surf Lifesaving Club rooms. Meanwhile Adam may be contacted with any feedback residents may wish to give on 8298 8810 or email Adam.Betterman@boral.com.au.