

Boral Linwood Community Working Group

Meeting notes

Wednesday 16 February 2005, 5:30pm at the Holdfast Bay Community Centre

Attendance:

Beryl Hall
June Blackwell
David Parsons
Gerard Hocking
Olando Puccini
Adam Betterman
Alistair Kelsh
Paul Whiffen
Ann Shaw Rungie

Apologies:

1. Welcome, introductions and overview

Adam opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. Adam discussed environmental management at the quarry generally including blasting and dust results, 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

Adam discussed the difference between the types of dust monitoring that are undertaken at the quarry site which includes both static dust monitors and real time Dustrak monitoring. He presented data from the five static dust monitors covering the period from 1999 to the present. The location of the monitors was discussed with the aid of an aerial photograph. There are some gaps in data, particularly due to vandalism of the monitors. Number 2 monitor is continually being vandalised. The possibility of locating it on a property nearby to provide more security was discussed.

Adam tabled three months of data from the Dustrak real time monitors, one inside the quarry and another at Allan Street, Marino. This data covered the period November 2004 to January 2005, and part of February. Continuous readings are taken and presented on a daily basis. The data from these monitors will form the basis of a long term reliable data set to be collected over the next few years.

Adam asked whether residents had noticed less dust in the period since the last meeting. All agreed that there seemed to be less dust than last year.

It was noted that the Bureau of Meteorology had removed the weather station from the Boral site because it had been vandalised a number of times.

As previously discussed, spray systems were completed on the hoppers before Christmas to reduce dust.

3. On site water management

As part of the company commitment to environmental improvement a new water recycling system has been set up at the quarry. This will enable the majority of the site's water requirements to be met through stormwater collection. On-site water reuse and recycling procedures have been established, which provide for reduced mains water use. The site is designed to capture as much runoff water as possible in the ponds, and along with the truck washout and truck wash water it is allowed to settle and then pumped up to two tanks with over 500,000 litres of capacity.

4. Blasting results

Adam tabled graphs of blasting vibration and airblast results which included the latest results in February. Generally over 2003 and 2004 the quarry has met the required standards for both noise and maximum vibration readings and this was shown in the graphs. Adam indicated that there had been an incident recently however, where one blast had higher readings. June also asked about blasting noise, which she had noticed on that day.

Olando asked for copies of earlier results, which Adam undertook to provide.

5. General discussion

Beryl asked which direction the quarry would proceed in in the future. The Sheidow family has not yet decided on future uses on its land and there is a Hills Face Zone moratorium on development at present.

Following appeals, the Adelaide Development Company (ADC) has withdrawn its application for development of its land east of Tumara Rd at Marino which abuts the quarry.

There was discussion about starting a similar meeting to this one to cater for residents of Hallett Cove as the quarry moved in that direction. Orlando felt this was necessary as he receives a number of queries about blasting. Selected residents could be invited to attend this meeting to observe the way it works, or a separate meeting could be set up. Adam and Alistair will consider how to involve these residents before the next meeting.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held Wednesday 17 August 2005 at 5:30pm at the Seacliff Surf Lifesaving Club rooms. In the meantime Adam can be contacted with any feedback residents may wish to give on 8298 8810 or email Adam.Betterman@boral.com.au.