



**BORAL QUARRIES – WOLLERT
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW
COMMITTEE (ERC)**

**Meeting Minutes
4 April 2017
5:00pm – 7:00pm**

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In Attendance: Lauren Trewin (Boral), Christian McMahon (Boral), Julia Preston (Boral), Patrick Boyce (Boral), Luke Maruff (Boral), Rodney Krins (Boral), Andrew Bondini (Boral), Geoff Gilbert (DEDJTR), Marco Ciavarella (Community), David Freeman (Community), Anna Balakas (Community), Pasquale & Rena (Community)

Apologies: Chris Vogiatzis (Community), Hedeel Gorgees (Community)

Not in Attendance: Ken and Glenda Jeffrey, Tony Grech, Rocco Grillo, Lorna Brooks, Pam Mcleod, Agnes Oltavi, Peter Papworth, Joe Surace

Item	Item Description	Discussion	Action
1	Introduction	Introduction and welcome Meeting agenda outline slideshow presented by Lauren Trewin	
2	Review of Minutes & Actions from last minutes.	Actions to be followed up from previous meeting Geoff Gilbert to follow up with local council regarding lack of attendance Lauren to provide information relating to silica levels in dust Geoff to provide studies around blasting and structural damage Lauren to take David on site to see the progress Lauren to review access points into Boral land and ensure all is secure	GG LT GG LT LT
3	Weed Management	The following works have been undertaken since October 2016. Work Authority (WA) markers – Replacing WA posts around the property	

		<p>The ongoing “housekeeping” of the site such as spraying around buildings and amenities, crushing plants, drains, etc. along haul roads</p> <p>Fire Breaks slashed in November & December around the perimeter.</p> <p>Surrounding Buffer Paddocks: Gorse patch on Nth East boundary sprayed, now waiting for re-growth to slash. Blackberries & serrated tussock has been spot sprayed as required in the buffer paddocks and around the Darebin creek area.</p> <p>Upcoming: Focus on Patersons Curse in the North paddock around dams, Gorse slashing and spot spraying of noxious weeds as required. Fencing – tree limbs overhanging trimmed and removed</p> <p>Concerns raised about weed spraying and notification to anyone walking along that land. Lauren advised private property, and all fenced off, so nobody should be accessing the land.</p> <p>Action: Lauren to review access points into Boral land and ensure all is secure</p>	LT
4	<p>Ambient Air results</p>	<p>An exceedance was recorded in December/January due to the monitor not being collected, so the data includes two months’ worth of dust, as opposed to just one.</p> <p>In February one monitor was vandalised, and no result was recorded. Discussion around the amount of dust coming into properties on Lauren Court.</p> <p>Provided an update on the dust suppression on site, including the relocation of dust stockpiles which is now complete. The next plan for the site is the relocation of the next finest product to assist in dust reduction.</p> <p>Addressed concerns that dust was being stockpiled and not processed. Also advised the group that there was a truck tipping in the wrong spot, which had been rectified.</p> <p>Sprays have been added on the site where they haven’t been used before. At the moment the raw feed is being wet down before it gets to the plant which is significantly reducing the amount of dust produced on site.</p> <p>The site is looking at an alternative form of dust monitoring, potentially going to live monitoring as opposed to monthly, to help determine problem areas.</p> <p>If there is a very windy day, or the site is emitting more dust than usual, production will be shut down. Production has been stopped 4 times in the past 6 weeks.</p> <p>Action: Lauren to provide information relating to silica levels in dust</p>	LT
5	<p>Blast results</p>	<p>Concerns raised around damage to consecutive homes along Lauren Court, and the potential likelihood that this is caused by Boral’s blasting practices.</p> <p>Rodney Krins provided a presentation on Boral’s blasting practices,</p>	

		<p>including whether blasting can cause damage to homes.</p> <p>As Boral are within the limits for ground and air vibration, it is unlikely that blasting is causing structural damage to homes. Studies have shown that blasting over long periods of time (decades) has no effect on the structure of a home. (See attached presentation for more information).</p> <p>Blast results since the last meeting were reviewed and were below the environmental limits for Ground Vibration and Air Overpressure.</p> <p>Action: Geoff to provide studies around blasting and structural damage</p>	GG
6	Operational Activities	<p>Current crushing hours: 6am – 6pm daily (subject to change depending upon demand)</p> <p>Maintenance hours: 6pm – 12am</p> <p>Working benches are progressing back towards the Northern boundary</p> <p>Currently improving front entrance traffic management</p> <p>Contract crushing campaign up on our ROM pad will conclude this week</p> <p>Campaign of crushing concrete to commence in late April 2017</p> <p>Upgrade to automated weighbridge system – 10th of April</p> <p>Expected steady sales volumes to continue throughout year</p> <p>Newsletter drop to local residents completed in March 2017</p>	
7	General Business / Community Concerns	<p>Overburden height – Concerns expressed around overburden height. Advised that the overburden is currently being processed and removed. It is a slow process, but the site is working through it.</p> <p>Action: Lauren to take David on site to see the progress</p> <p>Geoff provided an update on complaints received directly, regarding the site’s operating hours. Advised that any complaints need to go directly to quarry management first, and if unresolved, contact the ERR for action.</p> <p>Various discussions around the eventual closure of the quarry, and how long the quarry will operate for. Advised that the quarry will operate until the resource is exhausted. The Work Authority granted to the site allows operations until this point. The pit can continue to be quarried down, however any expansion to the boundaries would need to go through an application process.</p>	LT
	Next Meeting	Wednesday 19 July, 7pm	