



**MINUTES OF THE BI-ANNUAL
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2025
HAERSES ROAD QUARRY, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

	NAME	ORGANISATION
PRESENT	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chairperson
	Hunny Churcher (HC)	Environmental Officer, Dixon Quarry Group
	Jamie Baker (JB)	Dixon Quarry Group – Business Development Manager
	Melissa Mass (MM)	Dixon Quarry Group - Ecologist
	Farley Roberts (FR)	Community Representative
	Lisa Aylward (LAy)	Maroota Public School Representative
	Kristine McKenzie (KM)	The Hills Shire Council Representative
	Pat Schwartz (PS)	Community Representative
	Pat Walsh (PW)	Bush-It representative
APOLOGIES	Timothy Baker (TB)	Bush Regeneration Contractor (Bush-It)
	Jemma Roberts (JR)	Community Representative (alternate)
	David Dixon (DD)	Dixon Quarry Group – Managing Director

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION	LA opened the meeting at 1.09pm following a light luncheon. All members were welcomed.		
APOLOGIES	As listed above.		
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	LA declared that she is approved by the Department of Planning to chair the meeting and engaged by Dixon Quarry Group. LA advised that PW had completed the necessary governance forms.		
BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING (6/11/24)	NO.	ITEM	RESPONSIBILITY
	1	Bring Dural Land Snail sample to next CCC.	MM
	2	Confirm site inspection requirements.	LA
	No other business arising.		1 – Complete 2 – Complete
CORRESPONDENCE (as emailed with Meeting Notice on 7/10/25 with 1 additional item)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 14/5/25 - Email to members with draft minutes for review. ▪ 26/5/25 – Email to members with the finalised minutes. ▪ 2/10/25 – Email from HC advising of Old Northern Road and Haerses Road Quarries: 2024-2025 Annual Reviews being submitted to DPHI on 30/9/25 and providing link. ▪ 7/10/25 – Email to members with meeting notice & agenda for 5/11/25. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 20/10/25 – Email to members advising of IEA & requesting any feedback for inclusion by 27/10/25. ▪ 29/10/25 – Email to IEA with response. ▪ 29/10/25 – Email from IEA confirming receipt of Hills Council response. ▪ 5/11/25 - Email to members with the reminder for this meeting. 																			
Operation/Progress	Site operations and current project progress was presented by JB and HC, including an extraction overview.	Slides 6-8																		
ONR – Proposed DA Mod 6 - Extraction within existing cells to maximise resource	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the depth of extraction within Lot 196 DP752025 to within 2m of the highest recorded regional wet weather groundwater level; • Import up to 250,000 tonnes per annum of virgin excavated natural material (VENM) and excavated natural material (ENM) within existing incoming trucks; and • Extend the quarry life for 30 years from the date of Mod 6 being approved. <p>Timeline</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Milestone</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>January 2023</td> <td>Scoping Letter lodged with DPHI</td> </tr> <tr> <td>March 2023</td> <td>DPHI confirmed pathway and requests additional traffic assessment and rehabilitation and final landform assessment to be updated</td> </tr> <tr> <td>September 2023</td> <td>Consultation with Agencies</td> </tr> <tr> <td>November 2023</td> <td>Modification Report submitted to DPHI</td> </tr> <tr> <td>November 2023 – April 2024</td> <td>Public Exhibition, received submissions from the community and agencies, submissions report submitted to DPHI</td> </tr> <tr> <td>May 2024</td> <td>Received further comments from DCCEEW-Water. Submission report being prepared.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>July 2024</td> <td>DPHI issued an RFI</td> </tr> <tr> <td>October 2025</td> <td>Response to RFI submitted to DPHI</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Additional ground water data has been provided to DPHI.</p> <p>PS enquired on the type of resource to be extracted. JB responded sandstone & sand.</p> <p>PS suggested that photographs be taken to document the geology of the site, ie showing layers to record the different strata as extraction occurs. JB confirmed that photos and drone footage are taken for Dixon's records.</p>	Date	Milestone	January 2023	Scoping Letter lodged with DPHI	March 2023	DPHI confirmed pathway and requests additional traffic assessment and rehabilitation and final landform assessment to be updated	September 2023	Consultation with Agencies	November 2023	Modification Report submitted to DPHI	November 2023 – April 2024	Public Exhibition, received submissions from the community and agencies, submissions report submitted to DPHI	May 2024	Received further comments from DCCEEW-Water. Submission report being prepared.	July 2024	DPHI issued an RFI	October 2025	Response to RFI submitted to DPHI	Sides: 9 & 10
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ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING RESULTS	HC commenced the environmental monitoring results, by showing the locations of monitoring devices and explaining/quantifying the outcomes. Data explained.	Slides: 12 to 16													
TEOM DATA	HC explained the TEOM data and measurement criteria. Commenting on the major dust storm that had occurred, causing a spike. Site operations were modified during this event in accordance with the EPA EPL requirement	Slide: 17													
DEPOSITIONAL DUST DATA	<p>Dust data for this monitoring period: May 2025 – October 2025:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="544 454 1114 969"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="544 454 770 506">Date</th> <th data-bbox="770 454 1114 506">Milestone</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="544 506 770 770" rowspan="5">Old Northern Road</td> <td data-bbox="770 506 1114 557">D1A Access road</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="770 557 1114 609">D4 Rehab area</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="770 609 1114 660">D5 Bundwall</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="770 660 1114 712">D6 School</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="770 712 1114 770">D7 Mullock Heap</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="544 770 770 969" rowspan="4">Haerses Road</td> <td data-bbox="770 770 1114 822">D8 Olive Grove</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="770 822 1114 873">D10 Haerses Road (EPL Point 3)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="770 873 1114 925">D11 Receiver R6</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="770 925 1114 969">D12 Receiver R8</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Bush fire mitigation works were undertaken by the Department of Education’s contractor, causing elevated results.</p> <p>Whilst there were some higher readings, the site was still compliant.</p>	Date	Milestone	Old Northern Road	D1A Access road	D4 Rehab area	D5 Bundwall	D6 School	D7 Mullock Heap	Haerses Road	D8 Olive Grove	D10 Haerses Road (EPL Point 3)	D11 Receiver R6	D12 Receiver R8	See graphs for results. Slides: 18 - 23
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NOISE MONITORING	<p>ONR & Haerses Rd:</p> <p>Tables of noise monitoring locations indicating: Receivers, property addresses, descriptions and extrapolated monitoring results.</p> <p>No noise complaints have been received for quite some time.</p>	See Slides 24-34 For location of monitoring sites and summary of data.													
GROUND WATER MONITORING	<p>GW Monitoring wells</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ONR 11 x BH • HR 16 x BH <p>GW levels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly + continuous data loggers <p>GW quality sampling & lab analysis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 monthly sampling and testing. 	Graphs explained - See Slides 35-43 (maps)													
COMPLAINT 23/10/25	<p>The EPA received a complaint from the public regarding significant levels of dust and sand tracked from local quarries onto ONR and WFR in Maroota. Specifically, the length of ONR between the intersection of WFR and Old Telegraph Road.</p> <p>HC advised that this was investigated and was not specific to Dixon Quarry, however, quarries aren’t the only</p>														

	<p>contributors, given the rural area and inadequate drainage of road shoulders and gutter.</p> <p>LAY advised that she had emailed Transport for NSW (TfNSW), who advised that they will be cleaning road shoulders and drains on ONR.</p> <p>LA commented that the local quarries pay S94 contributions towards the upkeep and maintenance of local roads including Wisemans Ferry Rd and Old Northern Rd.</p> <p>KM advised that these roads were the responsibility of TfNSW.</p> <p>Discussions regarding payments made to Council and the distribution of funds from S94 plan. Link: Development Contributions The Hills Shire Council</p> <p>KM explained there is a 5 year works program between Council and TfNSW for certain works to be undertaken. These works are decided by the Traffic Team.</p> <p>KM advised that she would take question on notice to confirm where the funds go, whether given to TfNSW or Council retain to undertaken works. Action.</p> <p>FR stated that some roads would be the responsibility of Hornsby Shire Council. KM explained the boundary – see link: https://www.thehills.nsw.gov.au/Council/Mayor-Councillors-Elections/Ward-Boundary-Maps</p>	
<p>BIODIVERSITY SITE – HAERSES ROAD (Passive Management)</p>	<p>BCT have offered fixed price credit purchase for Dixon Quarry Group in order to satisfy 80% of the Total Fund Deposit and to commence Active Management of the biobank site. Accordingly, weed management and other management actions can commence. The site is managed in accordance with the Biobanking agreement and management plans which span over a 20 year period.</p>	<p>Slide 45</p>
<p>BIOBANK SITE – PORTERS ROAD (Active Management)</p>	<p>Local Land Services have been consulted regarding the best practice for feral species control program, including signing up to the Cattai deer control program, fox baiting and ground shooting (instead of baiting). Discussion with RFS to carry out an ecological burn in the near future.</p> <p>PS asked where information is available on bio bank sites. HC advised that the information is on the website, under Legal. Link: Legal Dixon Quarry Group</p>	<p>Slide 46</p>
	<p>MM commenced the presentation by advising that the site rehabilitation is progressing well and they are getting on top of weed management. Monitoring of fauna & flora on the site continues.</p>	<p>See Slides 47 – 63 including photographs</p>

Biodiversity and Rehabilitation Annual Report 2025 (AR)

- ✚ The Biodiversity and Rehabilitation Annual Report identifies native flora and fauna within the Native Vegetation Corridor and the Haerses Road Biodiversity Offset Area, it monitors the success of the rehabilitation area within the NVC and describes the current condition of threatened flora and fauna and their habitats within the Old Northern Road site and the HRBOA.
- ✚ The 2025 Biodiversity and Rehabilitation Annual Report was completed in August 2025 and submitted with the Annual Review on the 30th of September 2025. The data for the 2026 Biodiversity and Rehabilitation Annual Report is currently being collected.
- ✚ The results of the 2025 report found the rehabilitation areas are stabilizing following the past 4 years of ideal growing conditions. Vegetation diversity and density have likely peaked and is now settling into average climatic conditions.

Native Vegetation Corridor – Old Northern Road explained.

Biodiversity Offset Area – Haerses Road explained.

Monitoring Fauna

Fauna monitoring is undertaken in the summer months when activity is at the highest and more likely to be observed. Fauna monitoring includes:

- Recording bat calls via an Anabat sound recorder;
- The use of unbaited infra-red motion detection cameras on animal trails;
- Looking for scats, prints and other signs such as diggings, scratches, feed scars;
- Aural survey for birds; and
- Visual observation.

Long-nosed Bandicoot *Perameles nasuta* tracks and digs HR.

Observations at ONR:

- Swamp Wallaby *Wallabia bicolor*
- Laughing Kookaburra *Dacelo novaeguineae*

Monitoring flora

- Flora monitoring is undertaken in the winter months as many of the threatened species are flowering or budding up preparing for early spring flowering

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vegetation quadrats are repeated annually in monitoring locations. Quadrats are 20m x 50m, 20m x 20m and 1m x 1m which record the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Species present and percentage of cover; ○ Stem class including recruitments present or absent; ○ Number of hollow bearing trees; ○ Total length of coarse woody debris; ○ Litter cover, rock surface area, bare ground. <p>BCT Reporting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Annual Passive Management Report for Haerses Road site for year 6 was completed in March 2025 ○ Active Management at Porters Road has commenced with the first annual report completed and submitted in September 2025. 	
<p>BUSH REGENERATION WORKS</p>	<p>Summary of Assisted Bush Regeneration Work for the period June 2025 to October 2025- presented by PW.</p> <p>Rehabilitation of Lot 196</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Continued suppression of Whisky Grass (<i>Andropogon virginicus</i>) from spreading seed. Achieved through slashing and hand weeding around native groundcover before the species flowered. ➤ Supplementary planting undertaken in May 2025 when conditions were favourable. 210 fast growing shrub species were planted among original plantings with guards preventing herbivore activity. ➤ Owing to the harsh conditions towards the end to spring, the plantings have received additional watering <p>Assisted Regeneration - Native Vegetation Corridor (NVC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Competing shrubs and vines were thinned out around threatened species <i>Melaleuca deaneii</i>. ➤ Continued maintenance of Whisky grass in and around translocation area achieved through periodic sweeps through the area. ➤ Maintenance of stock pile mounds in preparation for new NVC area. This included general sweeps targeting exotic grasses and a follow-up spot-spray of common couch using Glyphosate 360. <p>Rehabilitation of Lot 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Continued maintenance of exotic perennial grasses African Lovegrass and Paspalum. Methods included brush-cutting to prevent seeding and spot-spraying. 	<p>See photographs in Slides: 64 - 84</p>

- Continued primary and maintenance works on Lantana. We have largely eradicated Lantana from the western portion of Lot 2. We have observed small birds such as the White-browed Scrubwren and Red-browed Finch frequent the area following the removal of Bell Minor habitat.
- Pellaea Fern is largely eradicated from the area following the new incursion of the species in April 2025. The area is continually monitored. ■
- Plantings undertaken in 2024 are continued to be maintained. They have received supplementary watering this month owing to the harsh conditions

Rehabilitation of Haerses Rd – Old Dam Area

- Undertaking secondary and maintenance works of area following primary Lantana works from last year.
- Whisky grass along access road near the old dam is largely under control and will be continued to be monitored to ensure it does not proliferate

Assisted Regeneration - Haerses Road Biodiversity Offset

- Is in good condition.
- Focus on monitoring edges for highly mobile weed species. Slashing of Whisky Grass in addition to occasional scans through edge was undertaken.
- Managing Pellaea fern and Crofton weed along edges and drainage line.

Haerses Rd - Translocation

- Continued management of exotic perennial grasses Whisky grass and African Lovegrass. We are observing a reduction in exotic grass cover, especially on the north and west sides where native grass cover is outcompeting the exotic grasses. This has been achieved through brush-cutting, spot-spraying and manual removal.
- Continued selectively culled *Kunzea ambigua* specimens that were growing above high-value Proteaceae species, such as *Banksia serrata*, *Lambertia formosa* or *Persoonia linearis*.

Haerses Rd – Visual buffer along Wisemans Ferry Rd

- Maintenance of Fleabane and perennial grasses was the focus during the summer months, undertaking slashing periodically.
- Maintenance of common couch continued, spot spray of the incursion was undertaken in September 2025 using Glyphosate 360.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A further 70 tube stock of <i>Syncarpia glomulifera</i> and <i>Banksia ericifolia</i> were planted in May 2025 among the plantings from last year in the uncapped area. ➤ Supplementary watering of the plantings was undertaken this month to aid with the dry conditions. <p>Haerses Rd – Marks Dam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 36 native shrub and canopy species were planted into the cleared area of Mark’s Dam, guard installation and watering of tube stock followed the plantings. ➤ Supplementary watering was undertaken this month. <p>Porters Road Biobank Site</p> <p>Undertook primary works of Lantana in specific areas identified as high value.</p>	
GENERAL BUSINESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ LAy thanked Dixon Quarry for the donation to the school. ✚ PS advised that monitoring has shown koalas are in the area. One was seen crossing the road at the South Maroota Hall. Have picked up scats from a disease free female. Information is being provided to the Queensland University of Technology. ✚ PS provided information on the Hills-Hornsby Rural Koala Project, which has a Facebook page – Link: (5) Facebook, as well as Flora & Fauna of the Hills/Hornsby/Hawkesbury, Link: (5) Flora and fauna of Hills/Hornsby/Hawkesbury Facebook. <p>Links</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ JB advised that the Christmas tree is up and donations of presents are being received. They will deliver to the Salvation Army on 5/12/25. Parents will be able to pick presents for their children. 	
MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2026	<p>It was agreed that the meeting schedule for 2026 will be the same as previous years. Two meetings a year - in May & November. Accordingly,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Wednesday 6th May 2026 and ✚ Wednesday 4th November 2026. <p>Commencing at 12.30pm with lunch prior to the 1pm start.</p>	Agreed.

The meeting was closed at 2:49pm with the chair thanking all members for their attendance and contribution throughout 2026. Wishing all a merry Christmas.

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY
1	Confirm how S94 contributions for road maintenance are managed.	KM