



Dixon Sand (Penrith) Pty Ltd

MINUTES OF THE BI-ANNUAL COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE 4610 Old Northern Road 1.00pm – 20th November 2018

	NAME	ORGANISATION
PRESENT	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chairperson
	Kristine McKenzie (KM)	The Hills Shire Council Representative
	Pat Schwartz (PS)	Community Representative
	Chris Spraggon (CS)	Bush Regeneration Contractor (Bush-It)
	Robert Buckham (RB)	The Hills Shire Council Representative
	Hunny Churcher (HC)	Environmental Officer, Dixon Sand
	David Dixon (DD)	General Manager, Dixon Sand
APOLOGIES	Lisa Aylward	Maroota Public School Representative
	Farley Roberts	Community Representative
	Jemma Roberts (JR)	Community Representative (alternate)

Lunch was provided for CCC members 12.30pm-1pm.

The CCC meeting was opened at 12.55pm

WELCOME	The chair welcomed all present and thanked them for their attendance.	
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	LA declared that she is approved by the Department of Planning and Environment to chair the meeting and engaged by Dixon Sand.	No changes to previous declarations by members.
BUSINESS ARISING	In accordance with the guidelines, the previous minutes from 8 th May 2018 were finalised and emailed to members on 24 th May 2018.	Action Item: Nil.
CORRESPONDENCE (as emailed with Meeting Notice on 22/10/18)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8/5/18 - Email from HC with a list of Old Northern Road's management plans, now available on the project website. Forwarded on to members. 8/6/18 – Email from HC advising that the Old Northern Road Soil and Water Management Plan (SWMP) had been approved by the Department of Planning and Environment on 7th June 2018. Forwarded on to members. 29/9/18 – Email from HC with the annual review link for the Old Northern Road and Haerses Road quarries. Forwarded on to members. 22/10/18 – Email to CCC members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda and Correspondence Report for this meeting. 24/10/18 – Email from Lisa Aylward with an apology for this meeting. 29/10/18 - Email from HC to Lisa Aylward asking if there is anything that she wishes to raise at the CCC on behalf of the school and/or parents. 	

<p>PROJECT REPORT</p>	<p>HC provided the CCC with a comprehensive presentation (see separate addendum).</p> <p>Operations & Progress</p> <p>Production/Sales – DD advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That production is slightly down this year, which was deliberate to enable repairs and maintenance to be undertaken. • This year sales were 440kt, with last year being 483kt. • They are currently preparing 4 further siltation ponds. • The siltation ponds and reclamation of ponds is ongoing. • The product is at a fixed rate in the market. • Hope to commission a new processing plant at Hearses Road. <p>DRE Improvement Notification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Resource Regulator visited the site in May and provided ‘improvement notices’ on some safety issues (hand rails, etc), new staff training. <p>Old Northern Road Quarry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sampling at SW19 has recommenced. <p>Hearses Road Quarry MOD 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-commencement actions have occurred: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Road Intersection upgrade – at tender stage. ○ Groundwater bores in the MTSGS 100m buffer have been installed. ○ Data loggers for groundwater levels have been put in. ○ Fencing and survey works. A lot of time has been spent in undertaking these works. <p>Environmental Monitoring Results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location maps were provided to all attendees to show new locations of noise, groundwater, TEOMs and different receivers (R6, R8, R4, R3 & R1). • These plans have been extracted from the relevant Management Plans. • TEOMs are calibrated every three months throughout the year. • Dust Deposition -There are 6 depositional dust gauges plus 2 additional ones at Hearses Road. • D10 was high due to some clearing working being undertaken from another property. • Noise – all monitoring results demonstrated compliance. • Groundwater & Surface water – 2 years of data is required for groundwater monitoring interaction between the bores representing different aquifers within the 100m buffer zone to the MTSGS. • KM enquired how much water was taken out to sample. The process was explained, including the removal of stagnant water to get the recharge correct rate. For example, approximately 48 litres of water is required to be pumped out to achieve a constant flow for recharged water for sampling in BH06A • There have been no discharges from the site for 2 years due to drought conditions. 	<p>Questions were asked and answered throughout the presentation.</p>
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REHABILITATION	<p>CS provided a briefing of activities occurring on site:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Native Vegetation Corridor works: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rapid rehabilitation is occurring with many species flowering. ○ Doing very well, especially where soil was moved in, which has accelerated growth. ○ The water cart has been modified to allow for spraying out of the care to reach the plants. ○ Not all planted seeds, some have blown in. ○ A few canopy trees were lost due to being root bound in nursery pots. ○ Lantana has been removed. ○ There is Whiskey Grass and Crofton Weed closer to the creek lines, but this is being kept under control. • Before and after photographs were shown of the Western Vegetation and Eastern Woodland as well as Hearses Road Rehabilitation and the Embankment Rehabilitation. • The Embankment work at the entrance to the quarry has been rehabilitated from seed stock contained in the materials used to dress the embankment and supplementary plantings from taking cuttings from the nursery. • The new area and Hearses Road – Biobanking plan is still with OEH at the negotiation and finalisation stage. Hopefully this will be available for presentation at the next meeting. 	
GENERAL BUSINESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HC advised of the proposed Community Relations Plan early next year. An advertisement will be placed in the paper for the public's information. Information will also be provided to the school. • Hoping to arrange site tours (no children) to invite people to see the operations on "Quarry Open Day" • DD distributed a Community Information Sheet to all attendees, informing members of Dixon Sand's proposal to seek development consent to establish a new sand quarry on an area of land immediately adjacent to its Old Northern Road Quarry in Maroota. DD advised that he wanted the CCC to know prior to this information being distributed to the community. • DD further advised that agreements have been reached with the land owners. • The proposed quarry will be a "stand-alone" site and not integrated with the current operations. • Umwelt have been engaged to carry out the Ecological Assessment. • PS raised concern with Council's LEP process for rezoning properties to allow subdivision of land in the area, stating that it should be recognised for its resource (REP9). By subdividing the properties it puts pressure on power, water, traffic, etc. • KM advised the CCC that new contributions have come into place two weeks ago. The 	<p>LA thanked DD for advising the CCC.</p>

	<p>contributions plans will be updated every five years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been no real changes, just updates to incorporate new sections of the Act and the new works programs inserted. 	
MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2019	<p>It was agreed that the meeting schedule would remain bi-annually as per 2018, <u>Tuesday 14th May</u> and <u>Tuesday 19th November 2019</u> commencing at 1pm (on site). (Luncheon from 12.30pm.)</p>	

Meeting closed at 2.24pm with LA thanking all CCC members for their attendance and contribution through 2018 and wishing them a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

ACTION ITEMS - NIL



Community Information Sheet

Nov 2018

Dixon Sand Pty Ltd - Old Northern Road Quarry 2 (ONR-2) Proposal, Maroota NSW

Dixon Sand is a family owned and operated business since 1955. Dixon Sand has extensive local quarrying experience, having quarried speciality sand, concrete sand and sandstone products from the Old Northern Road Quarry and Haerses Road Quarry for over two decades.

Dixon Sand recognises that genuine partnerships with our local communities are an essential part of our business success. We are committed to developing and maintaining long-term relationships with all stakeholders by communicating openly, honestly and in a transparent manner.

What is Proposed?

To meet increasing demand for construction sand in the Sydney region, Dixon Sand intends to seek development consent to establish a new sand quarry (the Project) on an area of land immediately adjacent to its Old Northern Road Quarry in Maroota NSW (refer to **Figure 1**).

The Project, while still in the planning stages, is proposed to produce up to 350,000 tonnes per annum of sand products. New processing plant will be established at the Quarry and sand will be dispatched by truck via the existing Old Northern Road Quarry access road and intersection. The Project will generate approximately 30 laden truck movements (60 truck movements) per day.

The following are the key components of the Site. The locations of each are to be determined as part of the environmental assessment process.

- An extraction area.
- Internal haul roads.
- Mobile processing plant.
- Product, topsoil and overburden stockpiling areas.
- Ancillary facilities including weighbridge, workshop, office and staff amenities.
- Progressive re-filling and rehabilitation of the quarry void consistent with the surrounding landform.

The hours of operation will be the same as for Old Northern Road Quarry, with quarrying and processing to occur between 7.00am and 6.00pm Monday to Saturday, and truck loading and dispatch to occur between 6.00am and 6.00pm Monday to Saturday.

The rural residences and agricultural activities located on the eastern portion of the Site will be retained by the existing landowners. A significant portion of vegetated areas of the Site are to be retained as a biodiversity offset. The quarry void will be progressively backfilled and rehabilitated to create a landform sympathetic to the surrounding environment and returned to grazing land.



Alternatives Considered

Dixon Sand has considered a number of alternatives in response to growing market demand for specialty sand products.

An increase in production at the existing Old Northern Road Quarry has been considered, however, this quarry is currently operating at capacity and therefore unable to increase production.

Doing nothing was not considered desirable as it would not allow Dixon Sand to increase the supply of sand products to meet the current and projected future demand. The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will aim to demonstrate that through appropriate site selection and careful project design, the Project can be developed with an acceptable level of impact and is consistent with the principles of ecologically sustainable development.

Strategic Planning Context

The Project is classed as State Significant Development under the *State Environmental Planning Policy (State and Regional Development) 2011*. The Project is permissible with development consent under the current land zoning and therefore approval under Part 4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* is required. An application will be made to the NSW Minister for Planning, who is the consent authority for the Project.

Matters for Consideration in the EIS

Based on initial scoping of the Project, key matters for assessment have been identified as follows:

- Impacts of air and noise emissions.
- Increased traffic on local roads.
- Vegetation clearing and impacts on biodiversity and heritage matters.
- Visual amenity impacts.
- Changes to surface and groundwater systems.
- Modifications to local landforms and land uses.
- Socio-economic factors.

Stakeholder Feedback

Dixon Sand is seeking community and stakeholder perspectives on matters to be addressed in the EIS. This could include environmental, economic or social matters you consider important and relevant to the assessment of the Project. We welcome your input on any relevant matters or local knowledge that you believe should be considered.

Information gathered through this process will be collated in a Scoping Report which will be submitted to the Department of Planning and Environment and will guide the department's preparation of Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements for the Project. A comprehensive EIS and Community and Stakeholder Engagement Plan will then be prepared and there will be further opportunities for community and stakeholder comment prior to the department's determination of the Project.



How to Provide your Feedback

Dixon Sand invites you to provide feedback via email or phone to David Dixon (Dixon Sand) or Alex Irwin (Umwelt) on the contact details provided below. Alternatively, if you would like to meet with Dixon Sand to discuss the Project in more detail, please contact David Dixon or Hunny Churcher.

We look forward to your input.

Further Information

David Dixon

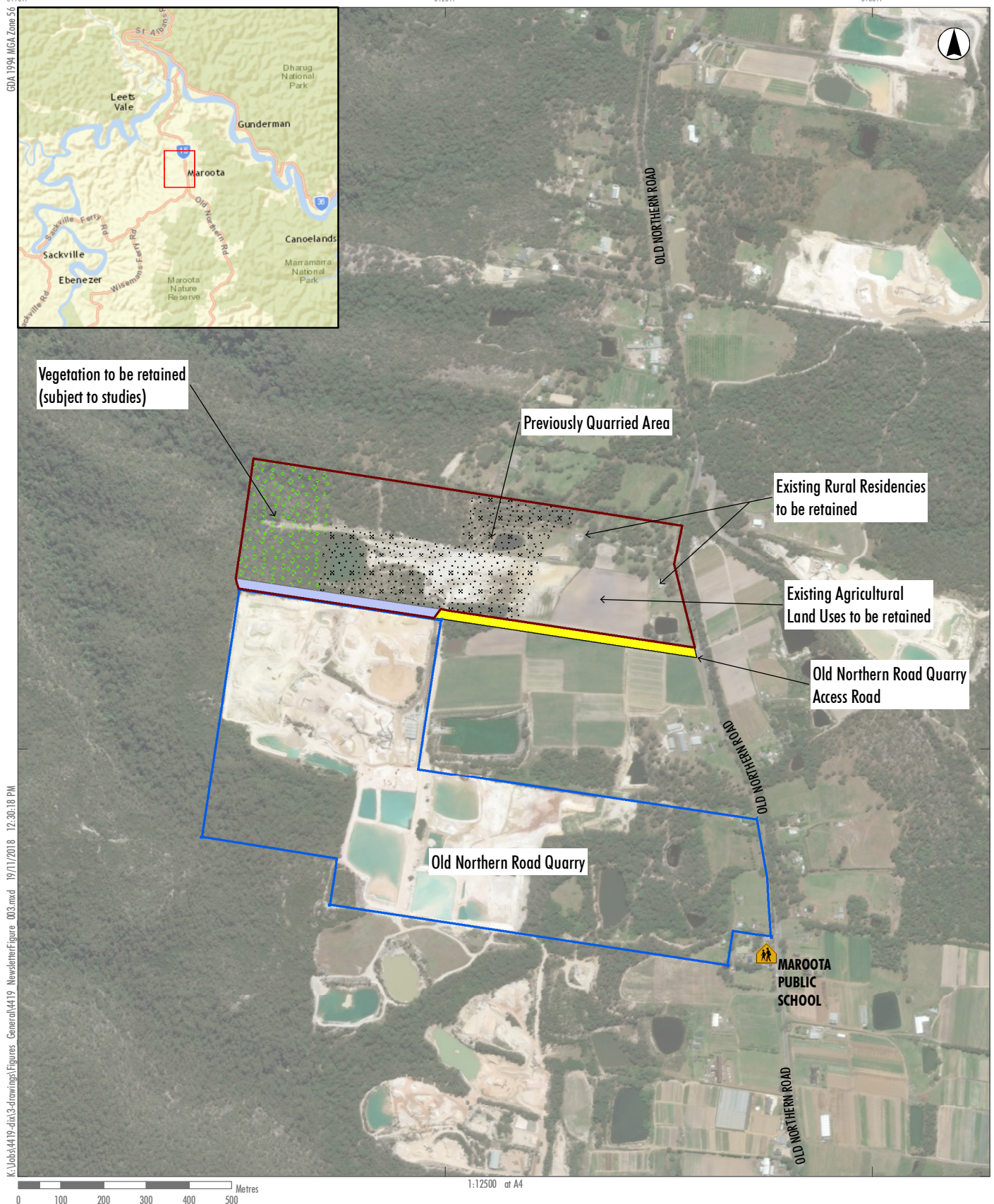
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Legend

- Marootas Public School
- Project Site (layout to be confirmed as part of Environmental Assessment process)
- Project Access (shared with existing Old Northern Road Quarry)
- Crown Land
- Existing Old Northern Road Quarry
- Retained Vegetation (Subject to Studies)
- Previously Quarried Area

Note:

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FIGURE 1
The Project Site