ARDMORE PARK COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT Community Hall, BUNGONIA ON Friday March 16th, 2018 AT 2.30 pm

PRESENT: Don Elder (Chairman)

Jason Mikosic (MQ Representative)

Mike Rogers (MQ Representative – Community Liaison)
Alexander Cox (MQ Representative – Environmental Officer)

Phil Broadhead (Committee Member)
Mick Heppleston (Committee Member)
Mike Ireland (Committee Member)

Scott Martin (Goulburn Mulwaree Council)

OBSERVERS: Michael Cox (MQ Notetaker)

APOLOGIES: Damien Cole

An attendance sheet was circulated and attendees were recorded.

Meeting was declared open by the Chair.

In accordance with the process agreed during the May 2017 CCC meeting the Chair asked if there were any objections to the meeting being recorded. There being no objections, Mr. A Cox recorded the meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on December 1, 2017 were confirmed and signed by Chairman.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

No Committee Member reported a new pecuniary interest and the financial interest of MQ representatives and employees were noted.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Sealing of the Driveway

It was advised by the Company that the priority at present were the road works at Jerrara Road and Oallen Ford Road. Sealing on internal roads will be reviewed as the road works are finalised.

Bore Pressure

Phil Broadhead continues to have concern as to the flow rate from his bore.

At this stage, MQA has offered to provide additional water for stock should it be required and is continuing to investigate the situation.

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An external consultant has been engaged (Mr L. Cook – Hydrogeologist) and the company is seeking to obtain further information on the ground water dynamics.

The fluctuations in sand bore water levels and the Bore reports were discussed. Issue to remain on the agenda for future meetings.

Road Works

The Company reported that Road Works on Jerrara Road are ongoing, with 4 km completed and sealed, a further 3 km completed and awaiting sealing. Progress is approximately 200 metres per day.

Structural work on the bridges is completed.

Following a complaint, the Council responded by confirming the works are compliant with the relevant standards and that the Council continues to communicate with the Company, including a final inspection at the conclusion of works.

(Email correspondence is attached to these Minutes)

Moving of Crusher

Mick Heppleston and Phil Broadhead raised the concern that the noise levels exceed 50db at their premises every time the machines are switched on and exceed the permitted noise levels.

A noise test was completed on the 7-8 March, with all the equipment being used included in the test. The Company is awaiting a final report.

The Company advised that it is going to expand the Bund Wall between the Quarry and Mick Heppleston's property. Part of the crusher train (scalper and Jaw Crusher) is to be moved lower and a further belt utilised to move product from the jaw crusher to the cone crusher.

An additional complaint was about dust. A question was raised as to whether it was dust passing the property boundary or visual dust. Comment was "Dust must go somewhere", rather than anything specific. It was commented on that the Dust and Noise was highly weather (in particular wind) dependent.

Mr. Heppleston and Mr. Broadhead advised that they were going to complain about each incident in the future.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

Nil

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COMPANY REPORT:

Quarry is still in development, and not at commercial production levels, so some of the noise issues such as the use of rock hammer, is a function of the work required to construct the work areas rather than ongoing operations issues.

Road Construction is ongoing and a high priority. This work requires ongoing crushing operations.

Modification 3 has finalized the exhibition period and the Company is reviewing the submissions made by the public and relevant authorities. Once this review is completed, the Company will respond and the application will be proceed to the next stage of the assessment process.

A public hearing organized by the DPI was held. The Company was in attendance and will consider the issues raised as part of its process of review.

The Company reported that it had raised with Council, one being a turning lane into Tickner Valley Road. Council did not support the proposal, but was prepared to install additional signage.

A previous request was made by a resident about whether the back of the rail guard can be painted with a non-reflective colour paint as the reflection shine back into his house. Council has advised that the back of the guard rail may be painted. The regulations deal with the side facing the road, which may not be painted.

The Chairman raised the issue of whether the Company Report in the future can include a listing and detailing of Complaints and major incidents that have occurred at the quarry since the previous CCC meeting.

As these issues are on the public record, the Environmental Officer who maintains the register, will action this recommendation.

GENERAL BUSINESS

No further general business.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on June 22nd, 2018 at 2.30 pm, at the Community Hall

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 3.15 pm.

SIGNED AS A CORRECT RECORD:	
	(CHAIRMAN)