

Meeting Minutes

- Cudgen Lakes Community Consultative Committee

21 February 2025

Project	Cudgen Lakes Sand Quarry
Subject	Cudgen Lakes Quarry CCC (Kingscliff Sands – KS)
Date/Time	21 February 2025 1:35pm
Venue	Tweed Shire Sustainable Living Centre, Altona Rd, Chinderah New South Wales 2487
Attendees	Independent Chair Michael Ulph (MU) Cudgen Lakes / Kingscliff Sands Quarry Nick Gould – Quarry Manager (NG) Community Members James Owen – Representing Business Kingscliff (LM) Felicia Cecil – community representative (FC) Council Members: Colleen Forbes – Tweed Shire Council - Team Leader Development Assessment (CF) Other Gavin Johnson - Johnson Planning & Development (observer for Gales Kingscliff) (GJ)
Apologies	Lloyd Goddard – community representative Barrie Green – community representative Stephen Segal – Gales Kingscliff Lisa Peled – Gales Kingscliff Matt Holloway – Cudgen Lakes Quarry Brad Holloway – Cudgen Lakes Quarry Ray Clark – Tweed Shire Council (alternate)

Agenda item	Action/Notes	Who
Welcome/Introductions	- Meeting opened 2:35pm - Welcome - Acknowledgement of Country - Representatives introduced themselves	MU
Apologies	As above	
Declaration of pecuniary interests	- None - Members were provided declarations of interest to sign (annually)	
Acceptance of previous minutes	Moved (FC) and seconded (CF) that meeting minutes 9 February 2024 are true and correct.	MU
Business arising from previous minutes	None	MU
Correspondence	Emails to plan for this CCC meeting.	MU
Business operations	Progress at the quarry Nothing changed in the last 12 months.	NG

	Sand production and sales. Wheel wash has been installed to reduce the sand being left on Altona Road.	
	Flooding and Drainage ▪ Work has been done to increase the bunded area to the north of Altona Road to drain more of the land back to the dredge pond to help dry paddock faster than relying on standard drainage. Topsoil has been stripped to facilitate that. ▪ Altona Road widening has been undertaken between Crescent St and the northern entry. This has seen increased truck movements from the fill site. ▪ The Wash Plant has been upgraded with an extra 50% capacity. Now only planning to operate the dredge 3 days per week instead of 4 or 5, which provides more time for maintenance. ▪ Lots of rain over the last 6 months. Trying to keep the water in. Because we are dredging from one pond to the other we are losing water from our northern pond and have to pump it back to retain as much as we can.	NG
	On flooding and drainage, there is a larger scale drainage and flooding assessment being undertaken at the moment. That analysis is almost complete and will be with council for review in the next few weeks or month. The work done in 2020 for the planning proposal regarding cumulative fill assessment associated with the DCP and its Masterplan has similar results to what is being shown now. The preliminary results are that the filling can occur in accordance with the DCP without adverse impact on existing residents with some minor mitigation. There is also a potential benefit to flooding east of the Tweed Coast Road as some of the filling will hold some of the water back and impact the rural lands to the west and reduce the impacts to Kingscliff. CF – are you talking about the Master Plan area? GJ – Yes. So typically that would flow through into Kingscliff but it would be held back in the west and reduce the flood impact to the east.	GJ
	Sand processing and sales Pretty average, no spikes of anything. If it rains, we are quiet instantly. Processing has come down to three days per week and we used to dredge six days per week, so that's increased our maintenance on our equipment. Sales – the increased truck limit on Altona crescent intersection has also been a benefit of the road widening at Altona Road at Crescent.	NG
	Monitoring	NG

	▪ Standard Groundwater monitoring ▪ We did have a level of blue-green algae appear. Our monitoring there is always considered red alert, because most dams and lakes in the areas have a blue-green algae. You'll see our signs along the road to try to keep people out. It's weather-dependent, you can't fight it, you just have to let it run its course.	
	PASS Recovery Order and Exemption and Application We have got an approval to some extent to accept PASS (Potential Acid Sulfate Soils) into the quarry and use it for filling above the water table, and then it has to be capped in appropriate material as well. It's only a temporary approval for a few areas. We currently don't have any short term plans to utilise this approval. CF – Was that through the EPA? NG – It was. It's a stepping stone.	NG
	Works North of Altona Rd NG - Just dredging and topsoil stripping. Nothing really extreme quarry-related there. There's a bit going on in the fill DA, but that's a separate topic. NG – The relocation of Altona Road is another subject to be dealt with through Council NG - We are looking at moving the lake further west but this is still in the draft stages. GJ – A Modification is being prepared to the current quarry approval which will move the extraction a little bit further north-west, to allow for Gales to do sports fields at the eastern end of the Altona land. We are aware that the CCC needs to be advised of modification so we are assuming that everyone in this room will want to receive some information on that, and we'll send that out separately. MU – What the timeframe for that? GJ – Probably in the next month. There will be some other minor variation. CF – Is that in relation to the offset as well? GJ – There will be a proposal to relocate the offset area that's in the DCP in the north-west corner down to the southern end of the quarry. There will be a minor change in the area of the lake and the total quantity of extraction, they will both be reduced slightly because of this change, but there is a proposal to increase the amount of extraction that can be transported by road arising from the widening of the eastern end of Altona road, which has allowed for 30 trucks per hour to use that section of road. There is a limit of 12 on the rest of Altona Road because of the single land formation, but when the widening at the eastern end occurs it will allow trucks to come out, more than 12 and up to 30.	NG

	NG – From the quarry-related perspective it's the big move of the lake further west and a slightly larger processing area to the south of the quarry to allow room to move all of the topsoil. An area to process that to get rid of it. There's no major quarry-related things operationally there.	
	Altona Road & Crescent St Relocation Spoken about above.	NG
	Workplace Health & Safety ▪ We were audited by the Resource Regulator which went well. Paperwork approaches seem to change regularly. ▪ No health or safety items apart from that.	NG
	Compliance and reporting obligations All required compliance and reporting is undertaken and audited, as required by the license conditions. ▪ Noise monitoring annually, water testing monthly. ▪ Truck movements are updated monthly and on the website. All the monitoring data is also online. MU – Our Terms of Reference now include that the committee reviews the results of any monitoring, annual reviews or independent audits. This should include tables of the guidelines and results and any exceedances. MU - can send through examples from other CCCs for guidance. There will be particular items relevant to this kind of operation. If the CCC sees that the organization is regularly compliant against the guidelines, then if something does go astray they know it is an outlier, compared to the last few years. NG - I can print a few things out and provide them next time, in a spreadsheet. MU – You might like to show where dust deposition gauges are and so on. NG – I can absolutely do that. NG – We just had a silica monitoring round and we were way below the guideline. Most of this comes from the road as opposed to our operations.	NG
	Community complaints No community complaints in the last 12 months. Putting the wheel wash in has reduced the likelihood of complaints, and the dredge is very quiet. MU asked the CCC if they had heard any complaints. NO.	NG
	Operations expected over the next six months February-June 2025 A few more upgrades to the dredge are being planned. It is the first of its kind in Australia and this brings teething	BH

	problems. We are keen to keep it as efficient as possible. We are flying a team from Italy to work on it. There is a lot of R&D being done. We think that sales may reduce as the light rail project is due to finish around September. JO - Are you supplying a lot to the light rail? NG – A lot to that area. Boral etc. We supply to a number of plants that provide concrete for government projects in that area. GJ – One thing I didn't mention was that SS is keen to backfill this area as early as possible to move the location for the sports fields or enable expansion to create a regional scale sporting facility as soon as possible. The upgrade of Tweed Coast Road is planned for the next years or so with changes to Crescent Street. Trucks turning in from the south have a 'funny' angle to turn into. A roundabout perpendicular to tweed Coast Road is planned. MU – Is council looking for more playing fields in the area? CF – Yes, I this area yes. CF – Is it possible to have copies of those maps? GJ – Not just yet, they are in draft form. We will provide a copy to the committee when they are finalised, which is probably about a month away. The plans showing the upgrade to Crescent Street, I think the council has something on their website. Council needs to acquire land from Gales to progress that. The Master Plan has been on hold due to the flood assessment that is now being finalised. We should have some certainty in the next couple of months and council will likely exhibit due to variations to the Development Control Plan. https://www.yoursaytweed.com.au/tweed-coast-road-eis	
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Updated Terms of Reference	MU explained to review of the Terms of Reference document that is to be revisited annually and passed around some hard copies. The Terms of Reference document for the next 12 months was reviewed in consultation with the CCC and agreed, with no changes, apart from Nick replacing Matt, Brad as an alternate for Nick. Ray Clark as an alternate for CF, and Lachlan as an alternate for JO from the Business Chamber. NG – In relation to Community Initiative we do sponsor some events such as speed boat racing, rodeos and shows by way of sand sponsorship. A number of these events have been brought to us by trucking contractors. Potential for site visit once upgrades are completed. MU mentioned that an extraordinary meeting could be called if consultation was desired in relation to the Mods.	MU
General business	No additional general business.	All
Next meeting / site inspection	The next meeting is planned for mid-end of February 2026.	MU
Close	The meeting was closed at 2:20pm by MU.	MU
Meeting minutes	Minutes were recreated from the audio recording by Michael Ulph	