

## BORAL PEPPERTREE & MARULAN SOUTH LIMESTONE COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

### Minutes

**Meeting Date:** 13 December 2023

**Location:** Peppertree Quarry Office

### CCC Members

**Attendees:** Gordon Kirkby (JBA Urban Planning – Independent Chairperson); Geoff Clark (representing Tallong Community Focus Group); Russell Montgomery (community representative) Peter Walker (Mayor – representing Goulburn Mulwaree Council)

**Boral attendees:** IJ Ehighibe (PTQ), Therese Hadjia (MSL), Les Longhurst (MSL) Frank Lourey (PTQ).

**Apologies:** Charles Mendel (community representative)

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**Subject:** 13 December 2023 Meeting of Boral Peppertree Quarry & Marulan South Limestone Mine CCC

Item	Description
<b>Welcome and Introduction</b>	Gordon opened the meeting at 3:05 pm.
<b>Apologies</b>	as above
<b>Site Inspection</b>	A site inspection was held from Peppertree viewing platform.
<b>Confirmation of minutes from previous meeting</b>	The Committee accept that the minutes from last meeting were an accurate record of the meeting.
<b>Business arising</b>	Brief discussion regarding a copy of a submission circulating in Tallong community regarding dam proposal. Agreed that the submission is dated and relates to previous Limestone EIS process and is of no relevant moving forward.
<b>CORRESPONDENCE IN AND OUT</b>	<p><b>PEPPERTREE Quarry:</b></p> <p><b>Department of Planning and Environment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update of Environmental Management Plans</li> </ul> <p><b>EPA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nil</li> </ul> <p><b>Resource Regulator</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regulator Targeted education program – roads and other operating areas</li> </ul> <p><b>Goulburn Mulwaree Council</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nil</li> </ul> <p><b>Geoff Clark</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weather data reviews – weather station monthly reviews.</li> </ul>

	<p><b>MARULAN SOUTH LIMESTONE:</b></p> <p><b>Department of Planning and Environment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Endorsement of Independent Auditor</li> <li>• Update to Environmental Management Plans</li> </ul> <p><b>EPA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nil</li> </ul> <p><b>Resource Regulator</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rehabilitation Management Plan being finalised – Forward Program submitted</li> <li>• Planned Structural Integrity Inspection as part of RR targeted intervention program</li> </ul> <p><b>Goulburn Mulwaree Council</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work ongoing on designs of upgrade for Marulan South Road. Road upgrade scheduled for Mid 2025</li> <li>• 7.11 Contributions – heavier pavement</li> </ul> <p><b>Geoff Clark</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weather data reviews – weather station monthly reviews.</li> </ul>
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<p><b>PROGRESS OF OPERATIONS TO DATE</b></p>	<p><b>PEPPERTREE QUARRY</b></p> <p><b>Safety</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No LTI/MTI over the last three months. Hazard reporting has improved. Safety training for Mental health and Emergency Response for Bush fire Preparedness training.</li> <li>• Peppertree celebrated one year of zero MTI.</li> <li>• One minor injury due to slip and fall.</li> </ul> <p><b>Overburden</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overburden is being stripped focusing in a Southerly direction circa 1.5 million m<sup>3</sup> has been moved. Boral moved into the next stage in September 2023 there will be a further 1.2 million m<sup>3</sup> in this phase.</li> </ul> <p><b>Pit Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contract crushing on the RL525, in pit crushing will continue in a southerly direction directly following stripping.</li> </ul> <p><b>Processing (STQ)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Production on target</li> </ul> <p><b>People</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Maintenance Superintendent.</li> </ul> <p><b>MARULAN SOUTH LIMESTONE</b></p> <p><b>Safety</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No LTI since last meeting and 0.00 TRIFR. Mental health first aid training and Men’s mental health ‘Are You Bugged’ Presentation.</li> <li>• Ongoing commitment to maintain currency of employee skills including various trades and high-risk activities such as confined space, working at heights. Hazardous materials risk assessment and local RFS site visit.</li> </ul> <p><b>Overburden</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overburden stripping has been progressing at a steady 375,000t/month</li> </ul> <p><b>Limestone Extraction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extracting at a rate of 250,000t/month.</li> </ul> <p><b>People</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total of 98 employees on site.</li> <li>• New production operator, Mechanical Fitter promoted to Maintenance Superintendent. Two 10- year anniversaries celebrated.</li> </ul>
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ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE	PEPPERTREE QUARRY
<b>Environmental Incidents</b>	<p><b>Environmental Incidents</b> (September 2023- November 2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nil</li> </ul>
<b>Complaints</b>	<p><b>Complaints</b> (September 2023- November 2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 relating to noise</li> </ul>
<b>Air Quality</b>	<p><b>Air Quality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dust Deposition Gauges - All results are below the criteria as per the approval</li> <li>• PM10, Annual average in compliance at the boundary. All samples in compliance over 24-hour criteria at boundary.</li> <li>• TSP in compliance.</li> <li>• PM2.5 In compliance for the past 3 months. Exceedance in October due to westerly wind and wind speed conditions but extrapolated data to the nearest boundary was below the threshold.</li> </ul>
<b>Blasting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All blasts complied with overpressure and vibration measurement requirements.</li> </ul>
<b>Noise</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitoring was undertaken over the 27th and 28th September 2023.</li> <li>• Results for the September round are in compliance.</li> <li>• Next round due October-December with monitoring on 11th-13th December</li> </ul>
<b>Surface water</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No issues with water supply or quality over the last 3 months. Quarterly monitoring round undertaken in July-September 2023 with sampling on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023.</li> <li>• Total pH was within guideline for samples</li> <li>• Total dissolved solids below guideline for samples with exception of Marulan South Creek and main dam</li> <li>• Turbidity- Below guideline for samples</li> <li>• Total phosphorus - Below guideline for samples</li> <li>• Total Nitrogen – below guidelines for samples</li> <li>• Environmental Flow - 10% environmental flow required – in compliance.</li> </ul>



<p><b>Noise</b></p> <p><b>Blasting</b></p> <p><b>Surface water</b></p> <p><b>Ground water</b></p> <p><b>Ecology</b></p> <p><b>Heritage</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitoring was undertaken on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023 with results in compliance.</li> <li>Next round due December 2023.</li> <li>All blasts complied with overpressure and vibration measurements requirements.</li> <li>Quarterly monitoring round undertaken 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2023</li> <li>No issues with water supply or quality over the last 3 months</li> <li>pH with guidelines limits</li> <li>TSP within guideline limits</li> <li>Nitrogen within guideline limits</li> <li>Phosphorus within guideline limits</li> </ul> <p>Within guideline limits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4Ha hydromulching and 1300 trees deferred to Autumn due to forecasted hot, dry summer.</li> <li>Weed Control: Control undertaken on Tussock, Pampas and Thistle</li> <li>Pest Control: Aerial cull in conjunction with NPWS</li> <li>Historic Heritage works completed across the site with excavation and archiving of the old kiln group</li> <li>Second round of Aboriginal Artefact collection to commence March 2024</li> </ul>
<p><b>Community engagement</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>900 copies of the Marulan Newsletter printed on a monthly basis for the Marulan Community</li> <li>Goulburn Community Bike Day Sponsored</li> <li>Tallong Public School Presentation Day- Sponsored the Boral Numeracy Award.</li> <li>Purchased Ngunnawal Plant Use Books from the Bungonia Focus Group after attending Bungonia Bush Tucker Garden Tour</li> </ul>
<p><b>Plans for next three months</b></p>	<p><b><u>PEPPERTREE QUARRY</u></b></p> <p><b>Safety</b></p> <p>Focus on the "life saving commitments"-particular focus for the year is "Injury free in 2023" focus on particular focus for the year is "Injury free in 2023" focus on hot weather and hazard reporting which will help reduce incidents.</p> <p><b>Overburden</b></p> <p>Continue to strip in a Southerly direction.</p> <p><b>Pit Update</b></p> <p>Metso has been realigned to follow overburden stripping in a Southerly direction</p> <p><b>Processing(STQ)</b></p> <p>Continue to supply aggregates and sand to Sydney metro.</p> <p><b>Transport</b></p> <p>Commence product despatches by truck from shared road sales stockpile area as per Marulan South Limestone development consent.</p> <p><b>People</b></p> <p>New Maintenance Admin role.</p>

	<p><b><u>MARULAN SOUTH LIMESTONE</u></b></p> <p><b>Safety</b></p> <p>Focus on VOC renewal and new apprentice training. Implementation of new Employee Assistance Program (EAP), Sonder.</p> <p><b>Overburden</b></p> <p>Work ongoing to replace some of the ageing process infrastructure. Overburden from the North-East and West of pit continues to be placed in the South and Western overburden emplacements.</p> <p><b>Pit Update</b></p> <p>Limestone extraction will continue in the North and Central areas of the pit. Finalising the RMP in order to move to new emplacement areas as defined in the EIS.</p> <p><b>People</b></p> <p>As part of commitment to the local community, three apprentices from the local catchment area will be engaged in 2024; mechanical fitter, electrical and welder/fabrication along with the recruitment of a new Maintenance Manager and Technical Manager.</p>
<p><b>General Business</b></p>	<p>Geoff Clark – raised concern regarding a train billowing dust through Tallong on Monday 11 December. The train appeared to be from the Limestone operations. Geoff requested that the issue of loads in dry conditions be looked at. Limestone operations to look into the incident. Therese Thomas requested that she be notified in the future if this happens again.</p> <p>Peter Walker – commented that Council has been active in engaging with Minister Whan regarding tailoring TAFE college courses to provide skills particular to local areas which for Goulburn includes transport companies and quarry operations. He will ask the PTQ and SML for support and suggestions.</p> <p>Peter Walker also advised that the Mayors Golf Day has been outsourced to Rotary to make the 6 organisation more arm’s length.</p>
<p><b>Actions</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MSL to look into incident of dust from train in Tallong in December.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>March 2023</b></p>
<p><b>Meeting Close</b></p>	<p>3:50pm</p>