



## South Keswick Quarry Community Reference Group

### Meeting #1

#### DATE / TIME

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023

10am

#### LOCATION

Regional Group Boardroom

Sheraton Road, Dubbo

#### ATTENDEES

Garry West (GW)	(Independent Chair)
Fran Schubert (FS)	(Community representative)
David Mineham (DM)	(Community representative)
Paul Arundell (PA)	(Dubbo Christian School)
Scott Morris (SM)	(Dubbo Christian School)
Mark Smith (MS)	(Dubbo regional Council)
Vanessa Creed (VC)	(St Johns College)
Alex Irwin (AI)	(MAAS Group Holdings)
Alasdair Webb (AW)	(Regional Group)
James Hardman (JH)	(Redimix Concrete Operations)

#### APOLOGIES

NIL

- 1 Welcome & Introductions** – GW opened the meeting at 10.05 am and welcomed all attendees and explained the background to the formation of the Community Reference Group (CRG) and the application to the Department of Planning to increase the production rate of the South Keswick hard rock quarry and associated activities. Members introduced themselves and summarised their specific areas of interest. LALC membership will be reviewed when the current CEO returns from maternity leave.  
Traffic issues on Sheraton Road and Boundary Road were high priority.

- 2 Site Inspection** – All members participated in a site inspection of the Redimix Concrete Operations and the South Keswick Quarry. Current activities and future expansions were explained.
  
- 3 Declarations of Conflict of Interest** – No declarations declared.
  
- 4 Meeting & Minutes Procedure** – GW advised he will prepare draft minutes to summarise the issues raised and any specific matters members wished recorded. The draft minutes will be circulated for members comments and possible amendment before being finalised and uploaded to the project website. A final copy and a copy of the company presentation will be circulated to members. Members advised the meeting guidelines had not been circulated.  
**ACTION:** GW to circulate the guidelines.
  
- 5 RHPL Presentation** – see presentation for detail.  
AI gave an overview of the development of MAAS from a small equipment hire company based in Dubbo to a large and diverse ASX listed entity with operations along the east coast of Australia. Regional Group Australia is a supplier of construction materials servicing major infrastructure and development projects.  
South Keswick Quarry – development consent approved in 2017 to extract 250,000 tonnes per annum (tpa) which increased (with consent modifications) to 495,000 tpa. Key challenges include dust, floods, neighbouring land uses and traffic.  
South Keswick Concrete Works – development consent approved in 2021 and currently is approved to produce batched concrete and pre-cast concrete products. Key challenges include supply of raw materials, traffic and neighbouring development.  
Proposed Quarry Extension – increase production up to 750,00 tpa capacity resulting in an increase in daily truck movements. Current Sheraton Road restrictions will be retained with other routes to be investigated. A Scoping Report was submitted to the NSW Department of Planning (DPE) in July 2023 and the Secretary’s Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) were issued in October 2023. Community and Stakeholder Engagement has commenced and the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is planned to be submitted to DPE with the development Application (DA) by mid 2024.

Links to Scoping Report and SEARs for the South Keswick Quarry Extension (SSD) are on the Major Projects Portal. A link is here: <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/south-keswick-quarry-production-increase>

Proposed Concrete Works Production Increase – proposal is to extend the concrete batching and concrete product manufacture to a 24 hours operation, including an extension of haulage hours to 4am to 10pm Monday to Friday and 4am to 6pm Saturday. Initially the proposal identified Boundary Road and Wheelers Lane as the primary haulage route. Following review by Council and further road pavement and traffic investigations, the proposal has been modified such that only local supplies (to Southlakes and surrounds) will use Boundary Road. All other deliveries will use Sheraton Road with restrictions during school pick-up times adhered to. This proposal is currently awaiting determination by Dubbo Regional Council (DRC) along with concurrence from the EPA and Transport for NSW.

## **6 Environmental Monitoring**

Environmental monitoring for the site includes Air Quality (airborne particulate matter continuously and dust monthly); Blasting (every blast covering noise and ground vibration); Water (on discharge for pH, TSS, Oil & Grease, EC); and Noise (annually).

The Regional Group website is in the final stages of update and once completed link will be provided to members to where environmental management and performance monitoring data will be retained.

## **7 General Business**

Members expressed concern about the number of truck movements using Sheraton Road and its condition generally. Boundary Rd should not be used as an alternate route. The question was raised as to the best way to make complaints when necessary.

AI advised that the Regional Group had an advertised complaints telephone number and they investigate all complaints.

Future membership of the CRG was raised as to whether the DRC Traffic Committee should be represented. AI advised that will be reviewed but felt the current traffic engagement procedures should

be maintained with the schools and businesses on Sheraton Rd.

**8 Next Meeting**

It was generally agreed that meeting at 10am on Monday was suitable and the next meeting be considered in March 2024.