

# **Newnes Kaolin Sand quarry & Kaolin mine**

## **Community Consultative Committee**

**Minutes of the twenty second meeting - 17<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

**Meeting held by Zoom at 4:00pm**

Chair – Ms Sue Graves

### **Attendees**

Kevin McCosker – Dargan Trust – community

Clr Stephen Lesslie – Lithgow CC

Lauren Stevens – Lithgow CC

Ron Goldbery – Newnes Kaolin General Manager

Tony Proust – Newnes Kaolin – Environmental Manager

### **1) Welcome and apologies and minutes of previous meeting**

**Apologies** - Col Hunter

### **2) Declaration of pecuniary interests**

### **3) term of reference & membership – note above and action item below**

### **4) Minutes of previous meeting - Meeting accepted the minutes as a true record**

### **5) Business arising from previous minutes**

#### **Action items**

- Tony P to email draft Bushfire MP to Kevin Mc and David P for comments
- Need to re-mark the 10 flora monitoring site - ongoing
- Latest AEMR & monitoring results – will be on project website in due course.
- Site monitoring continues in accord with DA consent - ongoing
- David Peters will consult with Jane to identify 8 species locations in regard to future bushfire - ongoing
- Evacuation routes to be included in PIRMP - ongoing
- Ron G advised need to mark edge of wetlands prior to commencement - on-going
- NK to secure meteorological station from vandalism- ongoing

### **6) Progress at the mine - Company reports and overview of activities**

- Kevin suggested the draft Bushfire MP needs more detail prior to the opening of the mining operation. TP advised that will happen once final planning for the construction of the mine is underway.
- TP confirmed that the Annual Environmental Management Report was submitted in March 2021 as required.

- Progress at Glenlee - Ron G advised that NK needs to convert the existing royalty agreement to a rental agreement before our investor is prepared to fund the EIS. Once the exploratory rental agreement is in place the funding for the EIS will follow.
  - RG also mentioned that the State govt is talking about importing sand because of the Sydney wide shortage of sand. Further he talked about the prospect of using kaolin to make meta kaolin which can be a substitute for Portland cement which is driven by the requirements of the European Union. Our kaolin will be suitable for the production of metakaolin.
  - TP advised that the SEARs for the Glenlee EIS will expire on 31 Dec 2021. Preparation for a new appln is underway.
  - ALS Lithgow have continued with the air quality and groundwater and surface water monitoring.
    - a. Nil to report
    - b. Projected timeline.  
Everything depends on progress of EIS at Glenlee site.
    - c. Operational issues  
Tony confirmed that the Met stn has been repaired and operating on site.
    - d. Glenlee – see above
    - e. Issues from site inspections. Nothing to report
    - f. Complaints - No complaints received.
- 7) General business –
- a. TP asked Kevin and David Peters for additional comments /suggestions for the Bushfire MP in due course.
  - b. Kevin referred to the proposal to fill the old Rocla quarry with waste. The DA was refused and an appeal is underway.
- 8) next meeting  
December 2021 – TBC
- meeting closed at 4:30pm approx