



SITE INSPECTION & LOCALITY TOUR NOTES

Project: Dunmore Lakes Sand Extraction Project - Modification 2
Meeting Location: Project Site and surrounding area
Date: Monday, 28 September 2020
Time: 11:00am - 1:45pm

ATTENDANCE

Commission Members: Dianne Leeson (Chair)
Peter Cochrane

Commission Secretariat: Brad James Principal Case Manager
Alison Hill Student Planning Intern

Applicant: Kate Jackson Regional Manager BLPG
Ben Williams Environmental Coordinator
Chris Brown DSS Quarry Production Manager
James Collings Metropolitan Operations Manager
Adnan Voloder Planning & Development Manager BLPG

Community: Howard Jones Gerroa Environment Protection Society
Paul Knight Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council
Richard Maitland Friends of Minnamurra River

LOCATIONS & KEY FEATURES

1) Dunmore Office and Current Operating Processing Facility

Opening Statement and introductions. The Applicant provided a site induction, safety briefing and an overview of the dredging process. The Panel observed the processing facility and existing equipment.

2) Stage 2 Rehabilitation Site

The Panel observed the operation of the dredge and the function of the dredge pond. The Applicant pointed out the topsoil that is used during rehabilitation. The Panel observed the Stage 2 spill-over areas and the Applicant confirmed that the water quality and water levels are consistently monitored during high rainfall events.

3) Stage 3 Dredge Pond

The Panel observed the operation of the dredge and the function of the dredge pond. The Applicant clarified the location of the Stage 4 Pond and the access site for Stages 5A and 5B.

4) Primary Discharge Point

The Panel observed the primary water discharge point for the project. The Applicant clarified that the Stage 2 water depth was dependent on groundwater and rainfall levels.

5) Stage 5A

The Panel observed Dunmore House from Fig Hill Lane. The Applicant pointed out the Stage 5A boundaries, the existing Stage 1 pond and the Site of the proposed pipeline. The Applicant confirmed that the Stage 1 pond was approximately 12m deep and that water quality was monitored through the use of surface samples and groundwater monitoring. The Applicant pointed out the groundwater bores and clarified the rehabilitation plans for Stage 5A. The Gerroa Environment Protection Society representative identified the vegetation of the Stage 5A area as being groundwater dependent and non-hollow-bearing.

6) Stage 5B

The Panel observed the location of Stage 5B and the Applicant pointed out the Stage 5B boundary. The Applicant identified the proposed access point and the site of the proposed infrastructure.

7) Stage 5B Extremity

The Panel visited the southern extremity of the 5B site and noted the open Bangalay sand forest community at the southern end of the site. The Gerroa Environment Protection Society Representative noted that wetland species in the area were migrating inland and also noted the likely proximity of the Stage 5B Site to a historically significant site. The Aboriginal Land Council Representative highlighted the obligation to protect the connection and cultural value of landscapes within the Project Site. On the return trip to the Project Office the Panel observed the Stage 1 dredging ponds and the interface with Dunmore Lakes Estate. The Panel returned to the Dunmore Office and the Site Inspection concluded.

SITE INSPECTION MAP

