

MINUTES

Boral Dunnstown Community Reference Group – December 2023

Date: 6 December 2023

Time: 4.00pm – 5.30pm

Venue: Dunnstown Quarry site office

Attendees:	Dina Jones, Chairperson	Premier Strategy
	Simone Bellears, Secretariat	Premier Strategy
	Blair Mather, Project Manager – Quarries Development	Boral
	Liam Riordan	Boral
	Craig Tanner – Quarry Manager	Boral
	Rick Stephens	Community Member
	Shane Murphy	Community Member
	Mike Stephens	Community member
	Glen Kilburn	Earth Resource Regulation
Apologies:	Dominic Hanrahan	Community Member
	James O’May	Community Member
	Andrew Radajkovic	Earth Resource Regulation
	Rohan Bryan	Community Member
	Moorabool Shire Council	

Agenda item	Discussion	Actions
1. Apologies & Minutes of Previous Meeting	Apologies noted. Rohan Bryan has been confirmed as new committee member, as Jane’s replacement. No concerns noted with previous meeting minutes.	

2. Action items from previous meeting	<p>See separate action items table attached.</p> <p>Update from Blair: Boral has installed telematics in all Boral dedicated trucks, including contractor trucks (90% of all fleet) limited to 100km/h and real time monitoring of speed 3km over speed limit for more than 30secs. Check the E-Road website for demonstrations. Repeat non-compliances will result in disciplinary action up to and including instant dismissal. CRG commented on the speedy response to this concern from Boral.</p> <p>CBF - circulated a framework. Committed to minimum of \$20k per annum but flexible around projects.</p> <p>Rick will submit a request for funding for the Navigators Hub.</p>	Boral to check whether the reporting of speed exceedances covers speeds under 100km/h.
3. Conflict of interest	None noted	
4. Upgrade to the planning Approval Pathway	<p>Liam explained changes to planning approval process.</p> <p>Extractive Industry projects with a value of more than \$30mil are considered to be 'state significant' and will be determined by the Minister for Planning. There are no third-party appeal rights.</p> <p>An applicant for a permit may still apply to the Tribunal for review of a decision by Minister for Planning to refuse to grant the permit.</p> <p>The planning application will be referred to Council for comment only (reduced role - no longer the decision maker).</p> <p>The application will still be subject to public notice and any submissions will be considered by the Minister for Planning before deciding on the application.</p> <p>New timeline explained by Liam with Boral expecting their process to be from early 2024 - end of 2025 (2 years process).</p> <p>Questions:</p> <p>Q. Has this halved the process time?</p> <p>A. The purpose of the Planning Scheme Amendment is to prioritise and facilitate the planning, assessment and delivery of projects that will make a significant</p>	Liam to circulate fact sheets on process from presentation.

contribution to Victoria's economy and provide substantial public benefit, including jobs for Victorians. As a consequence, the planning process is expected to be significantly reduced, however, exact timeframes are difficult to predict.

Q. Is there a website with active projects listed?

A. Yes, see the link below:

<https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/planning-approvals/ministerial-permits-register>

Q What is Boral's attitude to the CRG after this change?

A. Intention is to keep meeting as there are many good achievements being made through the group for the community. Continue to engage as per its commitment to the TOR.

CRG hopes that Boral will make a commitment to engage with CRG, listen to concerns, and continue to address the concerns. CRG acknowledges this has been demonstrated in a number of recent actions.

**5.
Rehabilitation
Concept Plan**

Blair took the group through the rehabilitation design.

Boral to source photos of other rehabilitated sites.

Primary objective: making it safe, sustainable and using materials on site to backfill.

Ideas around what the community would like to see - including what they don't want to see (ie clean fill waste site). Likely looking to restore it back to its agricultural use as per the Moorabool Council land strategy. Issue with any other use is maintenance and public liability costs to be carried by council.

Q. Do they have sites where rehabilitation has occurred? Something the community can visualise at the end.

A. Boral doesn't have any comparable examples of single bench rehabilitated quarries as proposed at Dunnstown. Most Boral quarries are either early in the development phase or multi-bench with high walls.

6. Air Quality Impact Assessment	<p>Assessment over 12 months (1 Aug 22 - 31 July 23).</p> <p>Crushing plant and heavy mobile plant are the biggest contributors with wind erosion the next biggest.</p> <p>Threshold limit is 50gm (EPA) findings showed under this all year, except for one day (Feb 23).</p> <p>Boral's objective is to not to have any dust leaving the site.</p> <p>Actions to mitigate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water cart runs all the time. • Sprinklers on the roads. • Enclosing the crushing plants. 	<p>Boral to share rock sample analysis report.</p> <p>Geochempet Services provide petrographic reports of the aggregate samples at Dunnstown Quarry. A copy of the most recent report is attached. The report confirms that the free silica content is essentially nil.</p>
Q. Is there Silica in dust content?	A. There is no silica in the rock (independently tested).	
Q. Who tests this?	A. An independent lab, WorkSafe is the responsible authority regarding silica exposure of Boral workers. CRG would like to see the data.	
7. Ground Water Investigation	Looking at level of rebound. Recharge rates and water balance being investigated to understand this for pit expansion. Considering distribution to neighbours and also onsite for dust suppression. Any surplus water will either be stored on site or discharged under an EPA licence.	
8. General Business	<p>Howards Road closure - paused until planning permit has been approved to extend. Timeline end of 2024, for work to commence on Howards Road.</p> <p>Site tours open invitation for CRG members.</p> <p>Boral is also considering an open day for community members.</p>	
9. Next meeting: Confirm next meeting date and venue	<p>14 February 2024 - TBC, taking on board council feedback to avoid Wednesdays for future meetings so they can attend.</p> <p>Meeting closed 5.20pm – Merry Christmas</p>	Boral to confirm new date in 2024

Action items

Item	Action	Who	Status
15/11/2022_03	Noise Trial Boral to review existing bunds and location of potential new bunds. <i>Craig has done some work to investigate this. Cannot get trucks there at the moment (January progression expected)</i>	Blair/Boral	Closed
15/07/2022_07	That Traffic impacts be an agenda item at a future CRG meeting.	Secretariat	Pending
15/07/2022_08	Community Benefit Fund That a Community Benefit Fund be an agenda item at a future CRG meeting. <i>CBF - circulated a framework. Committed to minimum of \$20k per annum but flexible around projects.</i>	Secretariat	Ongoing
15/07/2022_09	Rehab and Closure That a Rehab and Closure Strategy will be an agenda item at a future CRG meeting.	Secretariat	Pending