

Appendix A

Summary of notes from Public Meeting held in Paterson 16 August 2007, re Martins Creek Quarry.

- Meeting was attended by approximately 80 people
- 90% of attendees did not receive RailCorp(RC) survey on the quarry
- Flora and fauna issues in surrounding properties and within quarry boundaries
 - Have RailCorp(RC) listed the endangered species in the area
 - How will they minimise the impact
 - What steps are in place to rehabilitate the site now and in the future
 - Is a list of species from the January study available? – 2nd study planned for October '07 should complete the study and lists should become available.
- Community representation on the Community reference group (CRG) needs to be discussed as the affected area is much wider than Paterson and Martins Creek local communities
- Communication to the community is obviously lacking, Paterson PSST was suggested as a definite means of distribution
- Question regarding how the meeting was going to measure feedback from the floor.
- How will RC measure the effects of blasting on the surrounding properties?
 - What compensation is available?
- Complaints re the truck drivers must be reported as the transport companies are on notice to improve performance and perceptions.
- Question re dust measurement on nearby properties. Process was explained in relation to the 6 day sampling procedure.
- When will these figures be available for comparison?
- Who will really police the dust levels and other dust related issues?
- Community updates and surveys should be distributed in which way?
 - By postcode
 - Local newsletter
 - Publications such as Chronicle
- Is there a simple way to communicate to the community?
- Previous information sheets are to be distributed.
- Trucks / Dust / Blasting – something needs to be done
- Tonnages, 1 train per week vs. 400 outward truck movements per week
- Blasting concerns – are controlled and monitored; only Tuesday to Friday, records are kept for all events.
- 2 Distinct stakeholders in this process; 1) nearby properties to the quarry, and 2) the trucks and their harm to a 1920's Heritage Village
- Solutions are being sought through this process
- Issues re trucks driving in convoy, especially early in the morning, this should be included in a code of conduct for drivers.
- Road repair issues are along the entire route and should not have to be worn by the local councils.

- Comments re the use of rail vs. road transport. Response was that transport economics is a major issue (there should be a full cost/benefit analysis presented to the community). Unloading point in the Newcastle area is also an extra problem for RC.
- When will a map of the full proposal be available for the community? Response – in a future newsletter with an explanation of the details.
- What are the operating hours of the operation? Response – Mon-Fri 6.00am – 5.30pm, Sat 6.00am – noon.
- There could be a curfew on operating hours to reduce truck movements, especially early mornings.
- Enforcement of speed limits through the village (and elsewhere) is an issue. Should be covered in Code of Conduct.
- What is RC going to do for the citizens of Paterson? There has been a reduction in rail movements from 70% to 7%.
- There is a fear for the Heritage Buildings being destroyed by the vibrations of the traffic.
- Who polices the correct covering of loads, large rocks constantly in Martins Creek properties? Danger for residents! Who covers the cost of damage caused by this problem? Response – guidelines are in place and should be adhered to. Ring the quarry with complaints immediately.
- Who is taking actions on complaints? Who is going to care? Response – there is a commitment to answer these concerns.
- Community Reference Group (CRG) should include local emergency services. Response – would it be better to ensure that emergency services are prepared and trained on the quarry operations?
- Motion moved: The meeting opposes any expansion of the quarry. CARRIED
- CRG – should include reps from Upper Allyn Valley and Vacy. Response – can be done.
- Cash contribution for road works? 3A process will tackle this issue. \$'s per truck movement.
- Please don't assume that everyone has mail delivered to home or has internet access.
- What is the maximum tonnage in the proposal for the quarry? Response – related to spare capacity, limited expenditure for improvements, transport issues, community contributions, movement in the Sydney and Central coast markets. RC needs more information to determine its application.
- Quarry affects the entire Shire and therefore s94 contributions for the development should be significant. "Dungog's pain is NSW gain"
- What's in it for Dungog Shire? Jobs – 3, financial gain – undecided (in dispute)
- Dungog District Chamber of Commerce should be involved in CRG.
- Why did the production in the quarry in 05/06 of 570,000 tonnes exceed the approval of 459,000? This approval level is being disputed and the new process will sort this issue out once and for all.

- Truck movements were an average over several years, how many in the peak year of 05/06? Response – cannot be sure, would have been higher than 20,000.
- Did RC realise that 1 truck movement is equivalent to 10,000 car movements in terms of road damage and wear. Therefore the reported truck movements represent and equivalent 400 million car movements on roads that receive no direct state government funding.
- Is there a proposal for a dedicated road to be built to by pass Paterson?
- Who is going to correct the loss of property values in the main street?
- Who will check dust & grime levels associated with trucks? Only quarry levels are currently checked.
- How many completed surveys were there? Response 65(?)
- When did trucks start to include “dogs” as this represents much more significant road damage and much higher volumes being moved on the roads?
- Parking of trucks in no parking zones or in the small strip in front of shops should be included in the Code of Conduct, and should be enforced by the local police.
- Speed control in the village should in Code of Conduct as well.
- How many representations has DSC made to State government on the issue of a dedicated road, especially given the announcement of a tunnel in Sydney to take trucks off the road?

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- RAILWAY ALTERNATIVES
- HERITAGE OF THE VILLAGE
- REAL ESTATE VALUATIONS
- SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES ARE ALSO SUFFERING
- CURFEWS
- WILDLIFE ISSUES
- GEOLOGY OF THE SITE
- \$ PER TRUCK
- SUPPLY ROUTES, DESTINATION OF PRODUCT

Phone numbers for complaints

Quarry – 49385261, for quarry and truck issues

Department of Environment and Climate Change (Formally EPA) – 131555.

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