



Notes of meeting with Department

This meeting is part of the determination process	
Meeting note taken by: Jorge Van Den Brande	
Date: 03/08/2018	Time: 10:30 am
Project: Tweed Sand Quarry Mod 1	
Meeting Place: Commission's Offices	
Attendees: Commission Members: Peter Williams (Chair); and Prof Richard Mackay, AM Commission Secretariat: David Koppers (Team Leader) and Jorge Van Den Brande (Planning Officer)	
The Department Howard Reed – Director Resources Assessment Gen Seed – Senior Environmental Assessment Officer	
Meeting Purpose: The purpose of the meeting was for the Department to explain the modification application and brief the Commission on the Department's assessment report.	
The Department briefed the Commission on the matters below: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Department explained that Council's submission was received after the public exhibition period and that there is no statutory power for the DPE to determine the modification application under this circumstance. Therefore, the Minister's delegation to the Commission of 14 September 2011 is still applicable, requiring the Commission to determine the application as Council has made an objection.• Proponent received a penalty notice for exceeding its allowable extraction rate, hence the reason for seeking the modification.• The modification involves increasing the annual extraction rate and the number of allowable truck movements to and from the site. There will be no change to the total amount of sand extracted over the life of the quarry.• Although the Department and Tweed Shire Council worked together to resolve Council's concerns, Councilors provided a final submission objecting to the modification.• No public submissions were received, however Cudgen Lakes Sand, a neighboring quarry raised concerns in relation to the inconsistencies between the Tweed Sand's Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) and its own TIA, in relation to the maintenance and upgrades of nearby roads.• This concern related to the TIA findings for Tweed Sands, which would put the cost for upgrades and maintenance of the Tweed Coast Road / Crescent Street and Crescent Street / Altona road intersections, on Cudgen Lakes Sand Quarry.• The TIA for Tweed Sands was revised and found that upgrades were not necessary until 2027.• The Department revised the conditions and recommended the sharing between the two quarries of costs for the maintenance and upgrades of these intersections.• The Commission suggested amendments to conditions 21 and 22 of Schedule 3 to reflect upgrades to be undertaken regardless of the agreements between both mining operations.	
Documents: No documents were provided.	
Outcomes/Agreed Actions: DPE will amend conditions 21 and 22 of Schedule 3, an error in condition 9 of Schedule 2 and will clarify that condition 3 of Schedule 3 related to the proposed increase in extraction rates, not to current operations.	
Meeting closed at: 11:00 am	