



Notes of meeting from Council

This meeting is part of the determination process	
Meeting note taken by: Jorge Van Den Brande	
Date: 09/08/2018	Time: 09:00 am
Project: Tweed Sand Quarry Mod 1	
Meeting Place: Tweed Shire Council 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)	
Tweed Shire Council Councillors Mayor – Cr Katie Milne Cr Chris Cherry (arrived 9:20am) Cr Ron Cooper Council Staff Vince Connell (Director Planning & Regulation) Colleen Forbes (Team Leader Development Assessment) Danny Roads (Manager Roads & Stormwater) Ray Clark (Traffic Engineer) Scott Hetherington (Senior Program Leader – Biodiversity)	
Meeting Purpose: The purpose of the meeting was for Council to present and explain its outstanding matters and concerns in relation to the modification proposal, and comment on the Department's assessment report.	
Council briefed the Commission on the matters below: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council has been working with the Department to resolve its traffic concerns and the timing of the upgrades of the Tweed Coast Road / Crescent Street and Crescent Street / Altona road intersections. Council wants these upgrades to occur prior to the beginning of operation of the modification, if approved.• On planning matters, Council was satisfied with the outcome of discussions with the Department over the conditions and emphasised that outstanding concerns referred to in item 7 of its 8 June 2018 submission, contains the Councillors' reasons for objection to the modification.• Councillors concerns related to:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ mining operations are not appropriate in the area owing to increasing residential and tourist traffic, and tourists driving in the locality would not expect mining trucks operating during their stay;○ traffic impacts from the modification and other impacts from the operating mines would become an issue after new residential developments were completed in the area;○ an alternate road be used for the modification's mining trucks. However, Council officers and	



the Department concluded that alternate routes would require consent from private owners and that Council does not have control over private roads;

- if the modification was approved, it would allow the mining operations to increase the total extraction volume, therefore disturbing the surrounding area with additional environmental impacts;
 - the biodiversity 10-metres buffer was inappropriate and that further consideration should be given to expanding this due to the area's unique ecology diversity, including marine ecology monitoring;
 - two proposed conditions of consent should be amended for better clarity. Condition 10 should be amended to reflect compliance with the EPL 'and' (instead of 'or') the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997. Condition 8 should also be amended to reflect methodologies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions;
 - mosquito management should be included in the proponent's Environmental Management Plan; and
 - information on trucks movement should be made publicly available.
- The Mayor presented a study that looked at sand and gravel mining operations on the Goulburn River floodplain and suggested that its conclusion should be taken under considerations before approving this modification.
 - Councilors summarised that their objection was based on amenity and traffic impacts and that regardless that conditions of consent may address their issues, additional trucks on roads was not wanted.

Documents: Council provided a copy of the Review of floodplain mining and risks, November 2014, prepared by Jacobs and Moroka.

Outcomes/Agreed Actions: None agreed.

Meeting closed at: 09:30 am