



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: 09:30 am
Project: Dunloe Sand Quarry Mod 2	
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 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.	
Council briefed the Commission on the matters below: <ul style="list-style-type: none">On planning matters, Council was satisfied that all of its concerns had been resolved, including the outcome of discussions in relation to the section 94 contributions. However, condition 35A warranted reconsideration and there are still ecological concerns that need further consideration by the Department.In relation to condition 35A, Council explained that it would prefer its original proposed condition and to delete references to the Bitzios report.Issues raised by the Senior Program Leader – Biodiversity and Councillors of the Council's Planning Committee, specified that the area has a Koala species listed as endangered, and that strikes on Koalas as a result of the increase in truck movement has not been considered on the mine's internal road nor on Pottsville Road. Council argued that increase in Koala signage may not adequately address the potential strikes on Koalas.Councillors also raised concerns that the notification for the proposed modification contained inaccurate information. Specifically, that the proposed truck movements are double what was advertised during the notification period. Due to the inaccurate notification, the Department may not have fully understood the community's concerns on the proposed modification. Council recommended the modification application be re-notified.	



- Councilors raised additional issues including:
 - Koalas breeding season has not been considered;
 - acid sulphate soils would need to be adequately managed to the increase in extraction rate;
 - noise assessment should be based on the rural noise criteria;
 - the speed reduction from 80km to 60km will not address the safety issues;
 - the mine's compliance on tonnage will be an issue as a result of the modification;
 - increased traffic movement could allow to increase extraction rate in the future, therefore the mine's life might be extended; and
 - a new school in the area will have issues with the development's traffic increase.
- Councilors recommended that a traffic counter be put at the mine's gate and that the recorded data 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 possible threats to koalas (a threatened species with habitat in the area), amenity and traffic impacts and that regardless that conditions of consent may address their issues, additional trucks on roads was undesirable.

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: 10:15 am