



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: 11:00 am
Project: Dunloe Sand Quarry Mod 2	
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 status of 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.• The modification involves increasing the maximum number of allowable truck movements to and from the site, from 8 to 24 movements per hour. There will be no change to the total amount of sand extracted over the life of the quarry.• Only one public submission was received which raised amenity issues in relation to road noise and behaviour of truck drivers.• Council raised various concerns in relation to the information presented during the notification of the modification, discrepancies in the S94 contributions, ecology impacts and clearing of vegetation which is koala habitat; and amenity impacts.• Although the Department and Tweed Shire Council worked together to resolve Council's concerns, including the quantum of contributions, there are still outstanding concerns in relation to potential Koala strikes and concerns over the information presented to the community during the notification period. Therefore, Council still objects to the modification.• The Department advised that the Proponent has agreed to not clear vegetation on Pottsville Road, but instead to manage the effect of additional truck movements by other means, and that it was satisfied with the agreed contributions.	
Documents: No documents were provided.	
Outcomes/Agreed Actions: No actions agreed.	
Meeting closed at: 11:30 am	