

# **MINUTES OF THE WESTERN REGION JOINT REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL MEETING HELD AT COWRA SHIRE COUNCIL ON TUESDAY, 25 OCTOBER 2011 AT 12:00 PM**

## **PRESENT:**

Gabrielle Kibble	Chair
Ruth Fagan	Panel Member
Mark Grayson	Panel Member
Cr William (Bill) West	Panel Member (Cowra Shire Council Representative)
Cr Ian Brown	Panel Member (Cowra Shire Council Representative)

## **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Cr Peter Wright	Councillor, Cowra Shire Council
Cr Ray Walsh	Councillor, Cowra Shire Council
Graham Apthorpe	Director – Corporate Services, Cowra Shire Council
George Ridley	Director – Infrastructure & Operations, Cowra Shire Council
Michael Carter	Director – Environmental Services, Cowra Shire Council
Glenn Oakley	Manager – Planning Services, Cowra Shire Council
Annalise Cummings	Development Planner, Cowra Shire Council
Lydia Wittmann	Planning Services Assistant, Cowra Shire Council (minutes)

## **APOLOGY: NIL**

The meeting commenced at 12:38 pm. The Chair welcomed all to the meeting of the Western Region Joint Regional Planning Panel.

### **1. Declarations of Interest:**

It was noted by Bill West that Gospel Oak Quarry is a Cowra Shire Council quarry.

### **2. Business Items:**

#### ***ITEM 1 - 2010WES008 Cowra 86/2010 - Extractive Industry (Gospel Oak Quarry) as Existing and Proposed Extension; 2003 George Russell Drive, Canowindra***

The Chair noted that a site inspection of Gospel Oak Quarry was conducted by the Panel this morning. The Chair advised she was unable to attend the inspection due to flight delays, however has a reasonable understanding of the site through the report and aerial maps.

Annalise Cummings provided an overview of the Gospel Oak Quarry application.

Ruth Fagan asked how Ozark qualified to do the Species Impact Statement. Bill West advised the decision was made by Council's Project Manager in consultation with R W Corkery & Co Pty Ltd. The Chair noted that they were well respected consultants.

### 3. Public Submission:

The Chair noted that two public submissions were received in relation to the application, neither of whom wished to present at the meeting today.

George Ridley, Director – Cowra Infrastructure & Operations addressed the Panel, raising concerns with Condition Numbers 39, 55, 60 and 61 in an effort to ensure quarry operations were balanced with environmental concerns.

Mr Ridley thanked the Panel for the opportunity of raising his concerns. He noted that upon further consideration of Conditions 39, 60 and 61 he believed his concerns could be addressed upon application of the Environmental Protection Licence with the NSW Department of Environment & Heritage. Mr Ridley proposed that Condition 55 be amended to read:

*“55. Blasting and/or rock crushing may only be undertaken between 1 February and 31 August each year, unless otherwise approved by the EPA.”*

The Chair requested advice from the Council Assessment Officer. Both Council's Assessment Officer and Director – Infrastructure & Operations were happy with the suggested change.

### 4. Business Item Recommendations:

***2010WES008 Cowra 86/2010 - Extractive Industry (Gospel Oak Quarry) as Existing and Proposed Extension; 2003 George Russell Drive, Canowindra***

**MOTION:** That the Application 2010WES008 Cowra 86/2010 be approved as recommended, subject to the alteration of Clause 55. as noted.

Moved: Cr Bill West Seconded: Cr Ian Brown

**CARRIED**

The Chair thanked all for their attendance and closed the meeting at 12:55 pm.

Endorsed by

Gabrielle Kibble  
Chair, Western Region  
Joint Regional Planning Panels  
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