

#### BRIEFING DETAILS

<b>BRIEFING DATE / TIME</b>	Wednesday, 16 March 2022, 10:15am -12:30pm Site inspection undertaken following briefing
<b>LOCATION</b>	Hilltops Council – 3 East St Harden

#### BRIEFING MATTER(S)

PPSSTH-90 – Hilltops Council – DA02021/0133 – 5423 Hume Highway, Berremangra 2582 – Extractive Industry (Quarry) and associated infrastructure, earthworks, and tree removal.

#### PANEL MEMBERS

<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>	Clare Brown (Acting Chair), Andrew Hutton, Stephen Gow
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	None
<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	None

#### OTHER ATTENDEES

<b>COUNCIL ASSESSMENT STAFF</b>	Andrew Raines
<b>DPE</b>	Amanda Moylan
<b>ON SITE - APPLICANTS</b>	John Wilkinson, Belinda Fourie, Tony Willsallen

#### KEY ISSUES DISCUSSED

##### *Assessment status*

- Council has not undertaken a detailed assessment of the DA at this stage as the issue of owners consent remains outstanding for the Crown Road and Trig station reserve. The Crown Road is not yet closed.
- The Panel noted that if the owners consent issues cannot be resolved, then it is possible that an amended application or fresh DA may be required to be submitted.

##### *Current quarry operations*

- 32 years in operation, with mine commencing in 1980s and land fill commencing in 2002.
- Blasting and Stockpiling.
- Location of existing quarry operations and proposed site.
- Clarification around location of current quarry site.
- Crushing plant to remain with no changes sought in relation to crushing operations.

##### *General*

- Development is both Integrated and Designated Development.

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- Proposed extraction capacity is 4 million tonnes over 20 years.
- Resource is of very high quality.
- Site is in proximity to Murrumbidgee River and Jugiong Water treatment plant.
- Clarification around scope of current Development Application and relationship with existing consent, particularly in regard to crushing activities.
- Concurrence and Referrals. Agency comments have been uploaded to portal.
- Confirmation that no submissions were received from the public during the exhibition.
- Residential receivers (2 dwellings) in immediate site proximity.
- Extent of land ownership, noting surrounding land is in same ownership.
- Proposed remediation of the site is proposed (section 3.5.6 and 7.4.1 of EIS).
- Imposition of bond or time limited consent in relation to end of life and rehabilitation.
- Water management across the site in terms of general arrangements regarding proximity to rivers and creeks, sediment detention etc.
- Water source and use. Water to be sourced on site or via bores. Capacity of 40,000l currently available on the site via bores and existing arrangements.
- Location of bores.
- Location of receptors for noise, dust and vibrations.
- Confirmation of heritage item located on the site.
- Future land fill cell, closure and rehabilitation plan.
- Increase in lifespan of the proposal.
- Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and involvement of Orange LALC.
- Confirmation exhibition did not receive any submissions from the RAPs.
- Fly rock and blasting activities. EPA GTAs issued. Blasting covered by the existing licence.

#### *Ecology and biodiversity.*

- No reduction in credits is sought.
- Assessment of significant impacts.
- Further concurrence is not required from DPE, however specific comments to be sought by Council from relevant DPE Agency regarding removal of habitat trees (105 hollows to be removed).

#### *Traffic and Haulage*

- Traffic in and out of the site to remain the same.
- Haulage roads to be gravel.
- Intersection treatment with Hume Hwy to be detailed.
- Traffic impact assessment and Road Safety Audit undertaken to demonstrate proposed works are appropriate.
- B-Double access not proposed.
- Reliance on existing weighbridge and infrastructure located on site.
- Current quarry proposed to commence upon completion of Northridge quarry operational phase.
- Cessation of Northridge quarry operations planned for 2024.
- Details of cumulative and combined traffic impact during concurrent implementation of closure plan of Northridge quarry and operation of new quarry required.
- The combined traffic during Northridge closure given the long term planning for north ridge quarry.

#### *Outstanding matters*

- The Panel noted that owners consent remains an issue for the former Trigg station and Crown Road reserve as there is an unresolved Aboriginal land claim and native title claim. It is expected this will be resolved in 2022. Potential option for this part of the site to be removed from the application if the consent for crown land is not provided.

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If the applicants are confident that they can resolve the aboriginal land claim and the owners consent over the crown land, there are a number of matters in the SEARS, and matters set out below, that will need to be addressed to confirm that the EIS adequately addresses the SEARs prior to finalisation of the assessment report.

- details around the concept closure plan arrangements.
- Inconsistency in land forms shown in engineering plans and the schematic diagrams in 7.4.1.
- Reliance on box cut for sedimentation retention having regard to staging of the development
- Requirements of the SEARS to provide an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Report (noting the SEARs specify that a due diligence report is insufficient).
- Identification of the reduction of biodiversity credits.
- Clarification around study site or study footprint (Fig 1.4).
- Relationship between the current and proposed operations.

**TENTATIVE DETERMINATION DATE SCHEDULED FOR: TBC**