

Gunlake Quarry Community Consultative Committee

Chairman's report for 2020

At the commencement of the year, the Community Consultative Committee (CCC) comprised three Company representatives, one representative from Goulburn Mulwaree Council and six Community representatives – Ron Switzer, Ken Wray, David Humphreys, Cheryl Bell, Tony Muvihill and Denis Isbister – with Don Elder as the Independent Chairman.

Denis Isbister resigned from the CCC in February 2020 and this led to disagreements with DPIE as to the interpretation of the CCC Guidelines. These disagreements continued over ten months and involved considerable correspondence. To my way of thinking, DPIE adopted an interpretation of the guidelines that was, at best, doubtful, and the CCC attempted unsuccessfully to point this out and have DPIE change its attitude. I hope that the Guidelines will be revised in the next year or two and I request that I be placed on the revision committee, or at least invited to make a submission on changes. It is very difficult for a CCC to operate where there are possibly different interpretations of the Guidelines.

The CCC met on four occasions during the year. Following one meeting the Company arranged a Community meeting to discuss modifications to its development approval. The proposed modifications created a deal of discussion within the CCC, and I have no doubt there will be submissions from individual members against the proposed modifications. To its credit, the Company has been very open in its discussions and dissemination of information. This aspect of the Company's attitude to the CCC has certainly improved over the last couple of years.

CCC meetings are robust but respectful of everyone's point of view. They are a pleasure to chair and I hope the existing cooperation and openness will continue.

Some years ago, I was advised that a proforma annual report would be made available. I am still awaiting this.



D J Elder

Chairman