Draft Meeting Minutes
Macka's Sand Community Consultative Committee Meeting
Macka's Sand Office, Salt Ash
Wednesday 30th September 2026

Attendees:

Margaret MacDonald-Hill	MMH	Chairperson
Bret Jenkins	BJ	Mackas Sand Representative
Jack MacKenzie	JM	Mackas Sand Representative
Ryan Falkenmire	RF	Port Stephens Shire Council
Stephen Hufnagl	SH	Community Representative
Kent Sansom	KS	Community Representative
Darren Anderson	DA	Williamtown Sands invited guest

Welcome and Apologies:

The Chair opened the meeting at 9.35 am and welcomed all and noted Andrew Smith, CEO of Worimi Aboriginal Land Council was not present and she would follow up with him.

Declarations of Interest:

MMH declared that she is the Independent Chair, appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure. Having being paused with Departmental approval in August 2023, the committee was being reconvened in regard to the proposed Modification 4.

Presentation by Bret Jenkins:

BJ outlined the existing approval, modification history to-date, and detailed the components of the proposed Modification 4 as indicated in the attached presentation.

Key aspects include:

- Extend operations until December 2049
- No change to sand extraction areas and no removal of vegetation
- Maintain extraction from Lot 218 (Williamtown) at 1Mtpa
- Reduce extraction at Lot 220 (Salt Ash) to 500,000tpa (from 1Mtpa)
- Same ongoing extraction methods
- Ongoing road truck transport of product
- Potential rationalisation of truck limits at 24 loaded trucks per hour

Studies to include:

- Traffic study to include changes to M1 and Nelson Bay Rd
- Noise study

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- No study of biodiversity as no clearing is required
- Groundwater model update

Further details are provided in the attached presentation.

General discussion on timing of proposed lodgement by end of 2026, and anticipated Public Exhibition by the Department.

Action BJ to advise Committee when this is known.

Next Meeting:

MMH asked the committee when they next wished to meet, given the timing of the lodgement of the modification and consultation with relevant agencies prior to public exhibition. It was agreed it was unlikely to occur until late January, early February 2027 with the Christmas Season fast approaching. BJ will confirm details of Modification 4 when finalised.

In view of this, MMH suggested the next meeting to be advised in 2027 and reminded all that should the need arise, any member could request an Extraordinary Meeting by contacting her in the interim.

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