

## **Rolleston Quarry**

### **Community Liaison Group Meeting**

Held at the Rolleston Quarry - Wards Road

Thursday 6 July 2017

**Present:** Murray Francis (Road Metals), Lindsay Forbes (Road Metals), Clayton Fairbairn, John Roux, Norm Marsh (ECan), Jane Griffiths (SDC).

**Apologies:** Jonny Francis (Road Metals), Mark Alexander.

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Meeting commenced at 7:30 pm.

Minutes from the previous meeting were confirmed as true and correct.

Murray apologised that the last meeting had been cancelled, but explained to the group that there had been a death in their family.

Mark Alexander by way of email had raised the issue of reports that Road Metals trucks had been reported to be exceeding the speed limit. The report stated that a driver of a car was doing 100kmh and a Road Metals truck was pulling away from the person's vehicle. This was unverified but Mark sent the email to Murray for explanation.

Murray forwarded this email to Road Metals Operation Manager and also their Transport Manager for comment. Both replied back very promptly with basically the same answer, "that the Road Metals trucks are speed limited and all have GPS tracking, so the reports of speeding are highly unlikely, especially to the extent that was alleged. It was however mentioned that if this was to be reported again, that in the future, a rego, location, date and time would be handy to check this out. It could then be easily verified or dispelled. It was however mentioned by Clayton, that he personally had found the Road Metals trucks to be courteous and not a problem on the road, but he did mention another company that he thought was a bit naughty with speed.

Clayton then wanted confirmation that all consents were being adhered to. Norman (ECan) said this would be checked but to his knowledge there were no non-compliances.

Jane (SDC) stated that there had been talk on social media about dirt on the road and blaming the quarry, but on checking found that the likely cause was a field day of agricultural equipment being transported on the same road. However, when this had been brought to Road Metals attention, they moved quickly and swept and cleaned the road.

Clayton then asked Norman whether the residents were being exposed to Crystalline Silica and what was being done about it. Norman explained that a comprehensive air quality monitoring programme was being established in response to concerns about the

health effects and also added that there was a strict set of conditions to prevent dust beyond the boundaries.

Murray then added, that his company and others did annual health checks on all their staff, and that only a couple had failed the lung function test in all his time, and they were heavy smokers, nothing to do with dust. No one in the history of Road Metals (60 years) had ever contracted Silicosis and he hadn't heard of anyone in the quarry industry who had. Murray also added that he believed the whole crystalline silica has been blown out of proportion by the "Yaldhurst Rural Residents Association" and the monitoring by ECan should prove this. It was also stated that Rolleston Quarry was the only quarry in Christchurch that had Live Dust Monitors and that these had never exceeded their trigger limits.

It was generally agreed by all, that the spot light was on Road Metals with the Rolleston Quarry and that all conditions were presently being met and there were no complaints.

It was proposed that the next meeting would be held on site at the Rolleston Quarry on the 12th October at 7.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 8.35pm