

ITEM 8.1.2

ATTACHMENT D

Response from Applicant

Updated Site Plan

Photos

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Dear Chris

Response to Community Comments in relation to Proposed Gravel Pit Application – Lot 7 (No 5954) Harvey-Quindanning Road, Lower Hotham

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the comments received in relation to the above project, we provide the following responses to assist the Shire of Boddington in proceeding with the application:-

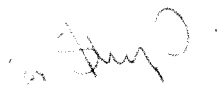
1. COMMENTS BY M & J A'COURT, D & V MARWICK, JESSICA NOONAN, S MCIVOR & L HOWLETT	
KEY POINTS	RESPONSE FROM US
1a. The dust and noise from the running of Semi-trailers, even with a water truck	<p>- There was no water cart watering down Boundary Rd last year when the Harvey-Quindanning Rd was getting upgraded (I can see the issue with dust last year), we will not be using Boundary Rd to access the gravel pit as we can get direct access past the property shearing shed and house and onto the bitumen road, 580m from Boundary Rd entrance.</p> <p>As we will be entering the Harvey-Quindanning Rd 580m from the A'Court's house, it will be no noisier than a car going past the house as we have late model European trucks (Volvo & Scania) and they will be in top gear by the time they drive past the house.</p> <p>- In regards to dust, the water cart can start ½ an hour before the trucks to make sure the driveways on my property and the pit is thoroughly wet and continue watering the pit and driveway throughout the day. I drive up and down Boundary Rd with one of my prime movers regularly each week at any time of the day or night and have not had any complaints from anyone in this area, to</p>

		<p>this date.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This property is situated in Rural Farming Land, not Semi-Rural. - In regards to noise - We have just completed a job with RCR Water in Laithlain/Burswood with new installation of new water main throughout the streets, with semi-trailers, bobcats, 6 wheels tippers, excavators and loaders operating from 7am till 5pm in the afternoon, for 5 months. No objections nor complaints were raised from any residents in this urban area which is far closer to homes than the Harvey-Quindanning Rd property. - The duration of these works out of our gravel pit will be approx. 4 weeks per year on our property.
1b.	Unsightly views on farming land, with gravel pit directly visible from houses	The gravel pit will have approx. a 5 year lifespan and is a relatively small area. When the pit is complete the top soil will be pushed back over and be suitable for pasture to grow.
1c.	The school bus often met with a truck flying down Boundary Road where the only turnabout for the bus is.	We will not be accessing Boundary Road and will have only possible interaction with the school bus for a distance of 580m on the Harvey-Quindanning Rd. We will find out the school bus times and will not be accessing Harvey-Quindanning Road for approx 10 mins in the morning and afternoon to avoid the school bus.
1d.	Concerns about the existing gravel pit on Lower Hotham Rd	The gravel pit is actually 9.5km from Boundary Rd (not 5km). If the Shire was to use Lower Hotham Rd it would have 9.5km in the morning and afternoon to have school bus interaction. The road is narrow, hilly and very windy and there is a lot of blind corners and hillcrests. As I travel this road regularly in my 3 prime movers I have issues with motor bikes and cars coming around corners on wrong side of the road, and we travel at approx 70kms an hour to avoid any accidents. I think by using the pit at our property will be more cost effective for ratepayers, as it is a shorter distance, and safer route.
1e.	Impact to water ways	The dam is spring fed and overflows for approx. 1 month per year, in the middle

		of winter. The catchment for this dam runs out of the bush behind our property, which is gravel. Water also flows into the dam from Boundary Rd, which is also gravel. There is a bank above the dam which separates the gravel pit, not allowing water to run off into the dam. Photos attached.
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Authority responses received from Peel-Harvey Catchment Council, Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, Shire of Collie and Friends of the Reserves Boddington that don't require any responses, and all information given has been duly noted.

Kind Regards



Russell Reynolds







