

Penrice Community Consultation Group



Meeting Summary – 28th October 2025

Location: Barossa Council Chambers

Chair: Piers Gillespie

Prepared by: Hayley Rogers

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Piers Gillespie opened the meeting by reaffirming the PCCG's purpose: to provide a transparent platform for sharing information about Penrice Quarry operations and to gather community feedback. He emphasized the importance of respectful, inclusive, and topical discussion.

2. Attendees

Community Members and Stakeholders:

- Marie Waechter – Light Pass
- Mark Mader – Light Pass
- Andrew Shaw – Stockwell Road
- Phil Slotegraaf – Penrice Road
- Steven Kurtz – Light Pass
- Merv John – Light Pass
- Josie Shaw – Stockwell Road
- Neil Hahn – Stockwell Road
- Tony Hurn – Barossa Council, Penrice
- Hayley Semmler – Waechters Rd
- Nigel Semmler - Waechters Rd
- Sarah Barrett – Penrice
- Tony Craddock – Penrice
- Carol Bray – Penrice
- Alistair Dinnison – Seelanders Road
- Carolyn Herkes – Penrice
- Bruce Colombet – Penrice

Industry and Government Representatives:

- Andrew Cameron, Quarry Manager, Penrice Quarry
- Lauren Heinjus – Stakeholder Relations, Adbri
- James Rowe – SLR Consulting
- Simon Matthews – Department of Energy and Mining (DEM)
- Justin Richardson – Environmental Protection Authority (EPA)
- Mohammad Iqbal – EPA
- Jake McVicar (Barossa Council)
- Hayley Rogers- Penrice Quarry Staff

- Jake Harris- Penrice Quarry Staff
- Graham Spicer- Production Supervisor, Penrice Quarry
- Shireen Pisters- Environmental Business Partner, Adbri
- Ethan Pettiford- General Manager SA/NT, Adbri
- John Revalk – Manager, Government and Stakeholder Engagement SA, Adbri

Apologies:

- Margaret Ratcliffe

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

- The minutes from the July 2025 meeting were approved without objection.

4. Quarry Manager Introduction

- Andrew Cameron (Andy) introduced himself to the PCCG forum as the new Quarry Manager for the site taking over the reigns from Rodd Welsh. Andrew provided a background of his experience in quarrying and mining throughout South Australian and Western Australia spanning 15 years of experience. Andy currently resides in Gawler and looks forward to a long association with the PCCG. Andy has already been out to visit some of the surrounding residents and hopes to meet more people over the coming months.

5. MPLA Briefing – James Rowe (SLR Consulting)

- James Rowe from SLR Consulting presented on the status of the MPLA area. James initially addressed the feedback received from the previous meeting held on 23 July 2025. Concerns raised included Acoustics, Stakeholder Identification, Visual Amenity, Traffic, general unhappiness in the community, land zoning, consultation, respirable silica, groundwater, notification of meetings, operational hours and the community not understanding the acronyms being used at times.
- As a result of the concerns raised by the community, Adbri had provided updates that a site Petrographic Inspection Report has been uploaded to the company website that indicates the source rock has a free silica content of 7% which is considered to be low risk. In addition, Adbri have uploaded an Abbreviations sheet to the website to assist stakeholders understand the various abbreviations used in relation to technical and government related items.
- Further, as a result of the feedback from the MPLA presentation on 23 July, Adbri had paused all sub projects and pivoted their thinking on the proposal. The company explored alternative solutions. An alternate solution was shared with the PCCG whereby the MPLA will cease progressing and offices and amenities would be located to near the entrance / exit gate currently. Penrice own a dwelling called the ‘Managers House’ and Light Vehicles (LV) and offices are conceptually designed for this area. Then a cutting would be excavated into the current pit shell which would host the Heavy Mobile Equipment (HME). The idea of this is that the HME upon start up will be at a lower Relative Level (RL) and therefore mitigate

noise impacts offsite. The area of the new development is on the current Private Mine area and Adbri has liaised with the Department for Energy and Mining (DEM) assessments team regarding the assessment framework required. The outcome would be an update to the Mine Operations Plan / Program for Environment Protection and Rehabilitation (MOP PEPR)

- Challenges and Positives were discussed on the change to the relocation of infrastructure.

- **Challenges included**

- No opportunity to steer LV's away from the troublesome Penrice Road / Stockwell Road intersection
- Sterilisation of reserves with the new design limiting the amount of rock available for the long term of quarry development
- Challenges with stockpiling raw materials for use at the Aggregate Plant
- Effort and dollars spent in the development of the MPLA to date

- **Positives included**

- Early Stakeholder Engagement highlighting the communities concerns on the MPLA design
- Opportunity to alleviate Stakeholder concerns
- Adbri open to pivoting and looking at alternative areas to develop
- Power and Water sources are nearby
- Opportunity to utilise area that is mostly all previously disturbed areas
- Opportunity to improve Acoustic, Surface Water Run Off and Visual Amenity outcomes with the amended design
- The location is on the Private Mine therefore no new application is required and only an update to the MOP PEPR to reflect the changes

6. Quarry Operations Update – Andy Cameron

- Andrew provided an update on the Approved Hours of Operation as per the MOP PEPR 2024. Andrew then also provided a detailed breakdown of operational movements and times itemised at this time (subject to change and market dependant).
- Andrew provided an update to the 5 year Quarry Development Plan. Noting that 2027 is the critical timeframe where all of the offices / amenities / fuel / water infrastructure and workshop items needed to be relocated as 2028 is highlighting that the pit shell will intersect the area where the offices / amenities currently are located.

- At the previous meeting the community wanted an update to how many years of development were left at the quarry. A slide was shared highlighting the currently approved pit shell as per the 2024 MOP PEPR. Volume remaining was 70.5 Million Tonnes of material. The current extraction rate is 1.1MT.
- Slides were provided on the current crushing location on the eastern mound and the intent to when this area is finalised to mobilise the mobile crusher to the northern end of the pit at a lower elevation to assist mitigate noise. The rehabilitation of the eastern face was shared and the company has approximately 160,000m³ of material to rehabilitate this area.
- Shireen from Adbri presented regarding the update to the Dust Management Plan that is currently being undertaken by Senversa and the current Trigger Action Response Plan (TARP) in place to assist in mitigating dust onsite. Dust surveillance cameras are going to be installed onsite to assist staff highlighting problematic areas.
- Adbri discussed how they have been approved \$400,000 in capital expenditure to assist on dust mitigation measures on several fronts including Cool Fog Systems, Mobile Fogging Cannons, Water Supply Trailer, Treatment Binders for Haul Road suppression and upgrades to the current dust extraction unit on the sand plant

7. EPA Air Quality Monitoring Presentation

- Dr Mohammad Iqbal (Senior Scientific Officer, Air Quality, EPA) presented to the community on Air Quality and included:
 - What is Air Quality
 - Where does air pollution come from and sources
 - Why do we monitor air pollution
 - What is the EPA's role
 - Where are air quality monitoring stations around South Australia
 - How can I find out more about air quality
- Dr Mohammad Iqbal discussed Particulate Matter and different sized fractions
- Nuisance Dust was also discussed at length and EPA acknowledged there is currently no legislative way to measure Nuisance Dust. Adbri mentioned that there is a correlation between what is currently measured in the EBAM units and Nuisance Dust.

8. Community feedback and questions

- Andrew Shaw and Marie Waechter both applauded Adbri for taking the concerns of the MPLA seriously and pivoting into a new area of the site.
- It was requested as to whether acoustic modelling will be considered to ensure compliance with the new design, Adbri confirmed that Acoustic aspects will be considered. Andrew Shaw requested that the community is updated when the project progresses, Adbri confirmed they will keep the PCCG updated and will update progress in the February meeting. EPA responded that the new location will be required to still adhere to the EPP Noise Policy requirements in regard to decibels.
- Sarah Barrett asked whether this was the forum to discuss Seelander Quarry. PCCG Chair confirmed that it was the Penrice Community Consultation Group meeting and Seelander is not currently involved. DEM mentioned they will follow up internally regarding this matter.
- Discussion was had around whether the existing surface water drainage pathway previously being Jaeckeli Creek could be reinstated to assist in ongoing surface water flows. SLR concluded this will not be possible due to the vertical height from the current pit floor to where the pre existing landform existed. Discussion was also had regarding Adbri working with Department for Environment and Water (DEW) regarding the possibility to discharge water offsite to the environment, this has been a protracted and long journey with DEW however Adbri would keep members informed of progress.
- Carolyn Hercus raised concerns about dust and asked whether Adbri would compensate residents. Adbri responded that it is unable to provide compensation for dust deposition.
- Rehabilitation was discussed and the lack of rehabilitation of recent times. DEM provided an update that MOP PEPR assessments need to demonstrate ongoing staged rehabilitation to allow the document to be approved. The current MOP PEPR has staged rehabilitation included within. James mentioned that the slope angles that are being shaped on the eastern mounds have criteria that are linked to a historic landscape architecture assessment. Andrew mentioned that Adbri sources native plants from Barossa Bushgardens and that there is a specific species listing in the MOP PEPR that are to be used to demonstrate native plants are being used for rehabilitation purposes onsite.
- Regarding the Air Quality monitoring, the question was asked whether Adbri's current network of monitoring equipment was suitable. EPA responded that they are suitable and rated to US EPA requirements. Additionally, the community asked whether the monitors are

in the correct position. James mentioned that they were installed in agreeance with DEM and EPA. EPA followed with the updated MOP PEPR (and Dust Management Plan) will be reviewed as per the suitability of the current air quality monitoring network.

- Concerns with the amenity of the old Waechter house. Adbri noted that they are gaining quotes for removal of the dwelling that is damaged.

8. Action Items from previous meeting and Ongoing Action Items

- Feedback from last meeting that DEM were to contact Seelander quarry and advise of the request for community engagement meeting. Simon advised that they had discussions internally and it was decided that they would not require Seelanders to hold specific meetings. Having said that, if anyone is having issues directly related to Seelander Quarry please let Simon know. Ethan from Adbri noted that they are currently operating as separate businesses and more will be revealed on the business interactions over time. However, if anybody had any concerns to contact the company by the Contact area on the website.
- Majority of concerns and actions items were addressed from the previous meeting related to the MPLA area. The outcome being that the MPLA area will not proceed and Adbri will progress with the alternate design location near the entrance to the site.
- Importance of minutes of the meeting to be completed as soon as possible. This has been an ongoing item however Adbri have now released the Minutes within one week of the PCCG meeting.
- We acknowledged the concerns regarding the accuracy of the photos, which in turn raises questions about the credibility of the assessments that will inform the MPLA. The MPLA will not go ahead but Adbri will review the photo locations in the upcoming MOP PEPR and report back to the community. If the community want photo locations to be inserted they can inform Adbri of the proposed locations for consideration.
- A requirement that the Silica concerns be included and reach public effectively. This action has included Adbri hosting the Petrographic Analysis on the company website.
- A host of issues with regards to the water runoff that will need to be captured in the MPLA. This historic concern still is being discussed as water is precious, Adbri to update the community on the progress with DEW on the potential to discharge water back to the environment offsite at the next PCCG meeting

10. Closing

- Meeting concluded at 8.35pm. There was a request to have a smaller gap between the next meeting due to the complexity of the information that has been discussed tonight. Piers suggested a 4-month timeline.
- The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday 10th February 2026** at the Barossa Council Chambers.