

Meeting Notes

Holcim – Dubbo Quarry Community Consultative Committee

Project	Dubbo Quarry Continuation Project - Community Consultative Committee	Date	12 February 2024
Time	1:00pm – 2:30pm		
Chair	Brendan Blakeley	Recorder	Brendan Blakeley
Attendees	Fred Adams, Holcim Joey Nichols, Holcim Marian Higgins, Holcim Steven Jennings, Dubbo Regional Council Mark Smith, Dubbo Regional Council Paul Scott, Dubbo Christian School		
	Apologies	Vanessa Creed, St John’s College	

Item	Discussion Point
1.	<p>Welcome and introductions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">» The meeting commenced at 1:00pm.» Brendan Blakeley welcomed participants and introduced himself as the Chair.» He acknowledged Country and thanked all CCC members for taking the time to participate.» The group members introduced themselves.» Brendan noted apologies from Vanessa Creed.» Joey introduced Marian Higgins in a new role as Planning Approvals Manager and noted Dozie Egeonu as Environment Manager. <p>Previous meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">» The CCC members requested no changes to the May 2023 minutes.» Brendan reviewed an action from the previous CCC meeting for Holcim to meet with the schools on a regular basis.» Joey noted contact details were shared and communication has occurred and there is a standing invitation for Holcim to attend meetings that take place between the schools.
2.	<p>Quarry operations update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">» Joey talked through operational matters over the past few months. Items covered included:<ul style="list-style-type: none">> Dubbo Quarry is continuing to operate in the existing footprint.> Preparation of the Western Extraction Area is underway in accordance with environmental and operational commitments.> Holcim expects to extract in the Western Area in Q1 or Q2 2023.> Site management has undertaken regular reviews on Sheraton Road to ensure our drivers are operating according to what is required and our traffic management plan.
3.	<p>Project Update: Timeframes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">» The last meeting was held in May 2023. Since then:<ul style="list-style-type: none">> Management plans have been submitted and were approved by DPE on 31 January 2024.> The plans are available on the quarry website.> Noise and dust monitoring devices were installed in accordance with consent conditions.

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- > Extractive and disturbance areas have been surveyed and marked out.
 - > Vegetation clearing and relocation was completed under the supervision of ecologists from Dubbo.
 - > Culturally sensitive artefacts were collected by Traditional Owners and returned.
 - > Holcim issued a revised notice to DPE for Project Commencement of SSD-10417.
 - > Modification 1 was prepared and is almost ready to lodge.

Project Update: Management Plans

- » Holcim provided a list of Management Plans and their publishing date:
 - > Transport Management Plan – September 2023
 - > Noise Management Plan – October 2023
 - > Rehabilitation Management Plan – ongoing/continuous
 - > Soil and Water Management Plan – January 2024
 - > Biodiversity and Offsetting Management Plan – October 2023
 - > EMS Management Plan – February 2024
 - > Cultural Heritage Management Plan – August 2023. This was noted as voluntary.
- » For CCC members interested in the Management Plans, they are available on the Holcim website along with CCC meeting information and Environmental Protections License reporting: <https://www.holcim.com.au/dubbo-quarry>.
- » The consent is available on the DPE website <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/dubbo-quarry-continuation-project>.
- » Holcim has begun stripping operations on time.

Modification 1

- » Holcim is lodging a modification to the existing approval that will include:
 - > A minor change to surface water diversion.
 - > An adjustment in height of South East Area bunds from 4 metres to 3 metres
 - > An increase in fly ash and concrete washouts for a greener footprint. Holcim noted this will not impact trucks on Sheraton Road as there is no increase in overall traffic movements as fly ash will be in back fill. Current purchasing is from Lithgow Power Station, and we pick up back loads of ash when we deliver materials down that way. Trucks that would otherwise be returning to the quarry empty are coming back fully loaded.
 - > An adjustment to the wording in conditions B5, B39 and A8.
 - » *Steven asked whether there had been any consultation as part of the modification.*
 - > Marian explained this is the beginning of that consultation process and is a reason why the modification is yet to be lodged. Marian emphasised that there is an existing approval that was subject to extensive consultation and these changes are relatively minor.
 - » *Steven suggested it would be good for Council to see the modification in full before it is lodged, as Council may have questions and do not want to slow the process. Council will want to understand any transport issue in its entirety, for example, how many of the movements are coming back fully loaded and the impact that has on the road.*
 - » **ACTION: Steven, Joey and Marian to liaise and set up a meeting with relevant team members to provide a broader briefing of the modification, particularly any changes to the existing approval around traffic and other areas of particular interest.**
 - » *Paul noted that without being able to read the specific conditions, it is difficult to provide feedback.*
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- > Joey expanded on each element of the modification to provide more information to the group, as outlined below.
 - > The Chair highlighted that Holcim already has consent for the extension of operations and this is about modifying a few aspects of the existing approval.
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4. **General Discussion**

- » Joey expanded on the modification regarding surface water diversion:
 - > When Holcim was issued their water management plan, there was a view from DPE to place the diversion drain around the outside of the quarry to avoid intake of water from particular water courses, and due to the influx of water the site has historically experienced.
 - > The discharge point will be adjusted to go out directly south, rather than through the middle, which will help with operations of the site. Validity of this modification was proven by engineers.
 - > The water will be placed straight back into Eulomogo Creek
 - > *Paul noted the modification won't have a significant impact and expressed he felt comfortable with it.*
 - » Joey and Marian expanded on the modification to adjust the height in the Southern Extraction Area.
 - > Holcim is using the top soil on site for material to build the perimeter for rehabilitation purposes.
 - > It became clear there was not enough material to implement a four metre bund, and furthermore, noise assessments did not indicate a need for four metres.
 - > A quick assessment showed a three metre western side bund and a 1.5 metre bund on the other three sides would be suitable.
 - > The three metre bund provides visual protection for neighbouring properties on the western side, and 1.5 metres suffices on the other sides as there are no properties able to see the quarry in those directions.
 - » Joey expanded on the modification to adjust the wording in condition B5 to remove 'real-time' monitoring.
 - > Holcim has a noise monitor onsite to ensure adherence to noise limits for neighbouring properties. Noise monitoring at night while the quarry is not active is picking up external noises as proven by the camera on the device.
 - > The modification will take exchange 'real-time' monitoring for a more targeted approach that will be undertaken in consultation with residents.
 - » Joey and Marian expanded on the modification to adjust the wording in condition B39 associated with geomorphic processes.
 - > Holcim explained the adjustment is regarding monitoring of geomorphic processes at the discharge point. Monitoring will still be undertaken; however time elements will be adjusted to reduce the burden of reporting as much of the noise out of typical operating hours is coming from source such as cattle in close proximity to the monitor.
 - » Joey and Marian expanded on the modification to replace the wording in condition A8 from "must be" to "being".
 - > Holcim explained the condition regards the depth extraction limit.
 - > This change is only due to interpretation of the wording, and Holcim ensured the depth of extraction will stay the same.
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- » The Chair mentioned that in the last CCC meeting, there was discussion around the eventual timing and provision of new roads around the school area that would alleviate pressure on the Sheraton Road.
 - > The CCC members discussed progression of roads and projects related to relieving pressures on Sheraton Road.
 - > The request from Joey in the last meeting for Paul or Vanessa to report any problems they see related to vehicles immediately still stands.
 - » Brendan confirmed CCC members felt as through two meetings per year and use of day-to-day channels for operational issues was suitable.
 - > All CCC members agreed.
 - > Next meeting was agreed to be held around October 2024.
 - » The quarry is at a steady state with some works starting and some modifications going in.
 - » Extraction is expected to begin in Q1 or Q2 of 2024 pending requirements. Joey or the Chair will let the CCC members know when this occurs.
 - » **ACTION: Notification to CCC members when extraction works begin.**
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5. **Meeting close – 1.45 pm**

- » Brendan thanks attendees for their time and let members know to contact him if there is a matter they'd like to discuss or if there is an urgent issue and they would like a meeting to be called.
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Attachment 1 – Meeting Presentation