



COOMA ROAD QUARRY

Ref: SSD 5109

COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT 2019 and 20



Background

Holcim (Australia) Pty Ltd (Holcim Australia) operates Cooma Road Quarry, an existing hard rock quarry located approximately 6 km south of Queanbeyan. Cooma Road Quarry has been operating at the site since 1959.

The rural residential area of Googong is located approximately 0.5 km to the east of the quarry. The residential area of Jerrabomberra is located approximately 1 km to the west, and Karabar is located approximately 2 km to the north. The undulating slopes of the quarry provide topographical shielding for the quarry including a ridgeline separating Cooma Road Quarry from the residential area of Jerrabomberra.

The new township of Googong is located approximately 3 km south east of the Quarry. The overall development over 20-25 years will accommodate 16,000 people.

The quarry has a maximum production capacity of 1 Mtpa and is a significant local supplier of granite and dacite hard rock aggregates within the region.

Key components of the quarry include:

- A quarry pit providing granite and dacite resources;
- Overburden and excess product emplacement areas;
- Fixed crushing and screening plant and associated product stockpiles and materials handling facilities;
- A truck loading facility and access point (Cooma Road);
- Road transport of quarry product;
- Ancillary infrastructure including workshop, office and amenities buildings, wheel wash station, weighbridge and other minor infrastructure.

Cooma Road Quarry currently operates under a State Significant Development Consent (SSD-5109) determined 27 September 2013.

The quarry has approval to operate between 6.00am and 6.00pm Monday to Saturday, excluding public holidays, with general maintenance permitted until 10.00pm and truck movements associated with delivery vehicles returning to site permitted until 8.00pm on these days.

All blasting occurs between the hours of 9.00am and 3.00pm Monday to Friday in accordance with the existing consent.

No operations are permitted on Sundays and Public Holidays.



Source: Google Earth (2011)



Legend

- ▬ Proposed Project Area
- ▬ Approved Extraction Area
- ▬ Approved Disturbance Area - Workshop Boundary
- ▬ Approved Disturbance Area - Overburden Employment

Cooma Road Quarry Existing Operations

Committee Establishment

A condition of the development consent was to establish and operate a Community Consultative Committee (CCC) for the development.

On 1 February 2018 the Department of Planning Environment and Industry advised that the process for appointing an Independent Chair and/or community representatives has changed under the Department's new CCC Guidelines (November 2016).

Sections 3.4 to 3.6 of the guideline outline the new process for the selection and nomination of community representatives. This process must be overseen by the Independent Chair, and there are specific requirements for seeking expressions of interest etc. So the new chairperson will need to be in place to facilitate this process.

Peter Gordon was appointed the Independent chairperson for the Cooma Road Quarry Community Consultative Committee in February 2018.

Peter Gordon is experienced in working with institutions and community organisations and believes in placing a strong emphasis on networking and community engagement. He is currently the CCC Chair of Crookwell 2 and 3 Wind farms, Gullen Range Wind Farm, Granite Hills Wind Farm and prospectively Capital 2 Wind Farm. He chairs the Patons Lane Resource Recovery Centre's Community Liaison Committee. Mr Gordon believes the role of an Independent CCC Chair is to find a way for companies and local communities to work together for mutually beneficial outcomes.



Members of Committee

There have been a number of changes in members of the committee during the year.

An update of members can be summarised as follows:

Name	May 2018	December 2018
Peter Gordon	New Independent Chair	Independent Chair
Cnr Brian Brown	QPRC Councilor delegated to committee.	QPRC Councilor delegated to committee. To May 2020
Cnr Trevor Hicks	QPRC Councilor delegated to committee	From May 2020

Natasha Abbott Jessica Perkins QPRC	Secretary Regional Council Observer	Ongoing Secretary to June 2020 From June 2020
Tom Baker	Community Representative	Ongoing Community Representative on behalf of Queanbeyan Landcare
Michael Ziebell	Community Representative	Ongoing Community Representative on behalf of Jerrabomberra Residents Association
Sarah Niall	Representative on behalf of the Googong Residents Association	
Carolyn Larcombe	Community Representative - Owner of adjoining property designated as Wandiyali Restoration Trust Conservation area.	Absent from November meeting
Peter Hewson	Holcim Representative	Ongoing Holcim Representative ACT Aggregates Manager for Holcim (Australia) Pty Ltd
Adam Bertram	Holcim Representative	Ongoing Holcim Representative Cooma Road Quarry Manager for Holcim (Australia) Pty Ltd

Committee Meetings

During 2019 and 2020 there were two meetings of this committee:

- Meeting No 11. was held on Monday 6 May 2019
- Meeting No 12. was held on Monday 15 June 2020

Copies of the minutes are available on the Quarry website

Location of Meetings

Meetings have been held in the Holcim training room at Old Cooma Road Quarry, 505 Cooma Road, Queanbeyan.

Conduct of Members

Members have followed the code of conduct for Consultative Committees as provided in the Guidelines. No breach to requirements has been identified or reported.

Committee Training

Members of the Committee have undertaken a site induction and been provided with a tour of the site.

Committee Funding and Remuneration

The committee has not requested nor received any funding or payment.

Responsibilities of the Company

The company responds in a timely manner to committee requests. Including website linkages for monitoring data and approvals.

Communication with Community

The committee has discussed information to be released on the company Website. Such as minutes to meetings. Extracted monitoring data of the webpage attached as Appendix 1. The annual reports and minutes of meetings of this committee are provided here for community information.

This year the Quarry has been involved with a community planting organised by the Molonglo Catchment Group (MCG) as part of the Federal Government funding to re-establish green corridors. A link to the project website is provided as follows:
<http://molonglocatchment.org.au/node/79>

This property borders the Quarry and was once owned by the company as part of the buffer requirements. Council acquired the land in 2013 for the purpose a land offset, as required by the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage to allow for the duplication and re-alignment of Old Cooma Road, between Karabar and Googong, south of Queanbeyan. There is a Conservation Property Vegetation Plan (PVP) for management of the site. The property has an easement to allow for the Quarry, Holcim Pty Ltd, to access Lot 1 for maintenance of air monitoring equipment. The Easement burdens Lot 1 (owned by Council) and benefits Lot 2 (Holcim).

Community Open Day

There has been no Community Open Day this year. The quarry manager has stated that residents or groups can contact the Quarry for tours. Other opportunities were suggested including the Jerrabomberra Community Newsletter and Jerrabomberra Residents Association Facebook.

Complaints

Holcim continue to operate a Community contact line (02 62972211). There have been no complaints registered.



Appendix 3 – Environmental Monitoring Results