

# Meeting Notes

## Holcim – Dubbo Quarry Continuation Community Consultative Committee

<b>Project</b>	Dubbo Quarry Continuation Community Consultative Committee	<b>Date</b>	1 May 2023
<b>Time</b>	1:00pm - 3:00pm		
<b>Chair</b>	Brendan Blakeley	<b>Recorder</b>	Brendan Blakeley
<b>Attendees</b>	Vanessa Creed, St Johns College Paul Scott, Dubbo Christian School Jane Sullivan, Dubbo Regional Council Helen Eyre, Dubbo Regional Council Fred Adams, Holcim Joey Nicholls, Holcim Chris Hamilton, Holcim (Online)		
<b>Apologies</b>			

Item	Discussion Point
1.	<b>Welcome and introductions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>» The meeting commenced at 1:00pm.</li><li>» Brendan Blakeley welcomed participants and introduced himself as the group's independent Chair.</li><li>» He acknowledged country and thanked all CCC members for taking the time to participate.</li><li>» Joey provided a safety briefing.</li></ul>
2.	<b>Quarry update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>» For the benefit of new members Joey provided an orientation to the quarry site including the expansion area.</li><li>» Key operational changes include:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; Demolition of the old, fixed crushing plant which was at the end of its working life.</li><li>&gt; Establishment of a new diesel hydraulic crushing unit within the pit near the site entrance.</li><li>&gt; The position in the pit allows for better control of impacts and more efficient operations</li><li>&gt; Quarrying is still occurring in the Eastern Pit.</li><li>&gt; Operations will transition to the new Western Pit (approved in March 2023) over the next few months</li><li>&gt; New dust control technology (coating rocks with foam) has been implemented and dust levels are well below what is required for compliance.</li></ul></li><li>» Staff at quarry:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; 11 full time staff in quarry operations</li><li>&gt; A number of truck drivers including the Holcim fleet and contractors</li><li>&gt; Council trucks access the site for supplies as do some of the contractors working for RMS/ TfNSW.</li><li>&gt; On average between 8-12 trucks are loaded each hour</li><li>&gt; There are several service and maintenance contractors visiting the site on a regular basis.</li></ul></li><li>» Approved hours for different activities from Mondays to Saturday are:</li></ul>

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- > Loading can occur from 4.00 am -6.00 pm
  - > Quarrying from 7.00 am -5.00 pm
  - » The Quarry Continuation project is ongoing. Staff include:
    - > Hamish Beattie has been appointed Project Manager.
    - > Lisa Honan is still Planning Approvals Director.
    - > Rob Townsend is Acting Environmental Manager
    - > EMM – planning and environmental consultants

*Jane Sullivan noted Lisa's professionalism in working with council.*

- » Holcim undertook a Performance Efficiency Review (PER) which reviewed the entire operations of the site. The PER resulted in minor amendments to the project including reduced visual impacts and reduced noise due to lowering the plant within the pit.
  - » A Response to Submissions Report and Amendment was submitted to DPE in October 2022.
  - » DPE undertook additional consultation with agencies and subsequently issued a consent on 2 March 2023.
  - » Holcim has not yet commenced activities under the consent.
  - » With the approval granted, Holcim is now preparing Management Plans to respond to various conditions within the approval.
  - » Some of the management plans have already been submitted, others are still being finalized.
  - » Holcim is still operating under the old consent. Once the Management plans are in place Holcim will transition to the new consent and apply for a new Environmental Protection Licence reflecting the new consent conditions. This will require the 1950s extraction license is surrendered.
  - » There were no surprises in the conditions which addressed many aspects of operations including:
    - > Noise and vibration
    - > Dust controls
    - > Traffic – with truck movements to a maximum of 20 trucks per hour, speed limits on Sheraton Rd, and restrictions around using Sheraton Rd during school pick up and drop off times.
  - » The quarry is still operating under current conditions but is working towards following new conditions for traffic.
  - » *There was an extensive discussion about trucks using Sheraton Rd. Key points included:*
    - > *There are four schools, a training college and a preschool in a concentrated area and present conditions aren't safe.*
    - > *Speed limits were not being observed, particularly empty trucks travelling to the quarry.*
    - > *Could trucks use Boundary Rd as an alternative access route during school pick up and drop off.*
    - > *It was suggested that the speed limit be lowered even further.*
    - > *It should be a priority for Council to reclassify Boundary Rd and look at building a new access off the roundabout at Blueridge Rd.*
    - > *The present problems could be compounded now TfNSW has designated a 24-hour bus zone in the area*
    - > *Trucks need to be permanently diverted off Sheraton Rd during peak school times.*
    - > *The afternoon school zone comes into effect at 2.00 pm (not the typical 2.30-4.00 pm)*
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- > Skillset and the preschool have different operating hours to the schools, and this also needs to be considered in the traffic response
  - > The schools meet with Council each quarter to talk through issues relating to the schools. Councils' data shows an increase of 150% in truck movements.
  - > More needs to be done to maintain Sheraton Rd.
  - > It was understood that as trucks on Sheraton Rd have to obey the road rules but enforcing the use of the road under the development consent is more complex.
  - » Jane Sullivan noted:
    - > Holcim and Council are in discussions regarding a voluntary contribution to fund road infrastructure and improvements and negotiations are progressing well.
    - > The quarries also pay a haulage levy to contribute to maintaining roads.
    - > Council recognises the issues with Sheraton Rd.
    - > Along with Vanessa she suggested Holcim could come along to the quarterly meetings with council to get a better understanding of traffic matters.
    - > She would come back to the group with an update on the timing of the new road off Blueridge Rd and how the conditions of consent applying to Sheraton Rd could be better enforced.
  - » Fred and Joey noted:
    - > Holcim understand the traffic issue and will continue to work with council and the schools to address these concerns.
    - > Safety was a priority for Holcim.
    - > Holcim is seeking technical advice on access routes. They are currently doing traffic counts to understand the issues and look at alternative options for peak school times.
    - > Boundary Rd could be option but currently it isn't classified for heavy vehicle through traffic. He emphasised that this option was only being investigated at this point.
    - > Boundary Rd wouldn't be a workable option for vehicles heading east, in the direction of Wellington
    - > Hearing about speeding trucks is a concern. Holcim will ramp up communications with all our drivers about the conditions of use of these roads.
    - > If Vanessa or Paul saw anything that wasn't right to get the number plates of the truck and call Joey or the weighbridge. The closer the report is to the offense the higher the likelihood we can identify who it is and take action.
    - > Fred noted that he and Joey would communicate with customers as well as Holcim's contractors about what is appropriate on Sheraton Rd.

### **Actions**

**Vanessa, Paul and Joey to share numbers including the weighbridge number.**

**Joey to be added to the invite list that the schools have with council about traffic related issues.**

**Jane to update the CCC on the timeframe of the proposed new road off Blueridge Rd, the status of Boundary Rd and what the rangers could do if they saw vehicles operating outside of the conditions of consent.**

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### **3. General Discussion**

- » Draft minutes would be distributed for review within two weeks.
  - » Members stated a preference for in person meetings. Though online would be acceptable if required.
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- » It was agreed the next CCC meeting would occur in October or November 2023.
  - » If there are any immediate operations related matters, members are encouraged to contact Joey.
  - » Brendan can be reached by email at [Brendan@elumni.au](mailto:Brendan@elumni.au) and phone 0412 686 026
  - » Links to previous minutes can be accessed by going to <https://www.holcim.com.au/dubbo-quarry> and expand the CCC minutes tab.
  - » Brendan thanked members for their involvement
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4. **Meeting close - 2.45 pm**

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