

# Minutes

## Community Consultative Committee Meeting – Holcim Dunloe Quarry

- Date:** Thursday 20 July 2023
- Location:** The Board Room - Pottsville Sports – 61 Tweed Coast Rd, Pottsville NSW 2489
- Start time:** 9.36am
- Attendees:** Michael Ulph (MU) – CCC Independent Chair  
Matt Kelly (MK) – Quarry Manager  
Jade O'Brien (JO) – Quarry Supervisor  
Chris Hamilton (CH) – Area Manager, North NSW Aggregates (online)  
Steve Peterson (SP) as delegate for Kim Jackson – Community member and landowner representing Ramtech  
David Norris (DN) – Community Member  
Graham McWilliam (GM) – Representing Ramtech  
Lindsay McGaven – Manager, Development Assessment and Compliance - Tweed Shire Council (arrived approx. 9:40am)  
Dozie Egeonu (DE) – online from around 10:00am
- Apologies:** Bianca Hamilton (BH) – Community Member  
Bill Hamilton (BiH) – Community Member  
Kim Jackson – Community member and landowner
- Not present:** Peter Coram - Community Member  
Sasha Peterson – Community Member

Item	Discussion Point	Person Responsible
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## 1.0 Welcome

### 1.1 Introductions

MU / All

- Acknowledgement of Country
- Welcome and introduction of CCC members
- Declaration of pecuniary interests, being that Kim Jackson (representing RAMTECH) as landowner receives revenue from Holcim via a lease agreement. Today represented by Steve Peterson.

### 1.2 Apologies

Mr Bill and Ms Bianca Hamilton and Ms Kim Jackson have tendered their apologies for this meeting.

## 2.0 Previous minutes

MU

- Previous report accepted by GM, seconded by MK.

## 3.0 Business Arising

MU

- Agenda item for this meeting was to have the DA on hand - focus on the end of life use/plan for the site.
- Documents were shown with the Project Approval stating rehabilitation objectives as below.

Rehabilitation and Revegetation	
25.	The Proponent must rehabilitate the site to the satisfaction of the Secretary. This rehabilitation must be generally consistent with the proposed rehabilitation activities described in the documents listed in condition 2 of Schedule 2 and comply with the objectives in Table 5.
<b>Table 5: Rehabilitation Objectives</b>	
Feature	Objective
All areas of the site affected by the project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe</li> <li>• Hydraulically and geotechnically stable</li> <li>• Non-polluting</li> <li>• Fit for the intended post-quarrying land use/s</li> <li>• Final landform integrated with surrounding natural landforms as far as is reasonable and feasible, and minimising visual impacts when viewed from surrounding land</li> </ul>
Surface infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decommissioned and removed, unless otherwise agreed by the Planning Secretary</li> </ul>
Void lake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water retained on the site maintains long-term water quality objectives fit for the intended post-mining purpose</li> <li>• Water discharged from the site is suitable for receiving waters, aquatic ecology and riparian vegetation</li> </ul>
26.	<p>The Proponent <b>must</b>:</p> <p>(a) rehabilitate and revegetate the 15 ha hectares of land identified in the EA (see the revegetation plan in Appendix 2); and</p> <p>(b) within 12 months of the commencement of quarrying operations, make suitable arrangements to provide appropriate long term security for the revegetation area to ensure it is managed for conservation purposes, to the satisfaction of the Secretary.</p>

- Bill & Bianca Hamilton have been appointed as CCC Community Members by the Department of Planning..

#### **4.0 Correspondence**

MU

- Previous minutes. Emails to establish a meeting date/time and to set up this meeting.

#### **5.0 Business Operations**

MK

MK provided an overview and update of the operations:

##### **Company Reports/Overview of Activities/Progress at the Site:**

- Production has continued within the approved extraction limits
- New site supervisor (Jade) and new operator. In process of hiring second operator
- The dredge had two catastrophic failures since previous CCC meeting
- Wash plant had a catastrophic failure and a replacement wash plant has been hired
- Sales have been strong
- Entrance road in poor condition, some minor patching and filling has been undertaken since previous CCC meeting; however significant pothole repairs are planned next week
- Longer term road rectification is still planned; however awaiting insurance and/or capital fund allocation
- Larger mobile screen acquired for the site to increase screening capabilities
- New KIA screw wash plant – keeps moisture content low
- New mobile screen.

##### **Site Inspections**

- No regulator visits since the last meeting. DPIE representatives attending tomorrow.

##### **Monitoring and Environmental Performance**

- There have been no exceedances of truck movements and no new contracts since the previous meeting.
- Holcim NSW environment manager has been pushing the approval pathway for the Soil and Water Management plan with DPIE as it has been held up for a significant amount of time.
- It is now with NSW Water for review and hopefully final sign off.
- EPA annual return has been completed and will shortly be uploaded to the website

##### **Community Complaints and Responses to complaints**

- No complaints have been received about the quarry operations

##### **Information provided to the community and any feedback.**

- Available on Holcim website [www.holcim.com.au](http://www.holcim.com.au)

## 6.0 General Business

MU/All

SP: Was the underwater survey completed?

MK: Yes – prior to the last meeting

SP: Solar cells were placed by Ramtech prior to the quarry management being taken over by Holcim. Interested to know if the solar array will be repaired and used instead of relying on diesel power?

MK: Holcim considering the future use of that equipment.

CH: There is a detailed report on the major failure that occurred with the plant. The sand has also been changing since we moved northeast, which plays a part in the plant's performance. Part of our review is a repair methodology, and we have to look at it in a transparent way. The plans have to be long-term as this isn't a short, easy, low-cost fix. It is something quite major. It needs everyone's input.

LM: If you're not using the solar panels to run the equipment, what happens to the energy that it produces?

MK: It goes back to the grid.

CH: It's a 20 kilowatt array that offsets the energy we use, and that goes into the grid.

GW: There are good storage batteries now – that may be worth looking into?

CH: Absolutely. They are getting better from a cost point of view and number of cycles.

MU: No doubt there is a sustainability report on your website that describes your aspirations for the future. Maybe we can discuss that at the next meeting?

MK: It is one of the good things about Holcim – we have set 2030, 2040 and 2050 based targets and are investing to achieve them. As a European based company we mainly operate in a very climate-change focused market. We have started a green transition and there is much being done.

MU: CCC Guidelines: A new June 2023 CCC Guideline with some changes after feedback from various stakeholders. Changes to recruitment of CCC members. Requirement to advertise is reduced. Changes to Conflicts of interest declaration, etc. These new guidelines will be distributed in coming months.

DE: Dialed in approx. 10:00am

SP: We understand that approval was given to plant trees along the riparian zone along the creek. Submitted in 2015.

MK: Asked DE to check the Landscape Management Plan.

MU: Will provide the response to CCC membership when it is available.

SP: With El Nino coming into play, it may not be the best time to start planting.

MK: Let us know if you need any support as our ecologist can assist. We also have a water truck.

MK: We are starting to focus on sponsorships and donations. Any CCC members with ideas are welcome to put them forward to me directly.

SP: Any problems around the driveway? I picked up rubbish.

MK: Yes, it is an ongoing problem. Waste, burnout marks, etc. CH: If you think having a light or something would help, we could do something?

SP: It might attract them more. Maybe a fake camera, signage. Etc.

MK: Seeking to place a Facebook post to recruit new CCC members.

CH: To discuss with MK.

MU: Membership of the committee should be:

- An Independent Chair;
- A Council Representative;
- Up to three representatives appointed by the proponent, including the person responsible for environmental management on the project. Depending on how you define who the proponent is (as we have Holcim and Ramtech represented) we may be over-represented;
- Up to seven community and stakeholder representatives.

There may well be room in relation to Ramtech as they are a neighbour and a landowner, and no-longer running the operation. We may be out of balance to a degree. It is good to have more people to ask questions and even if things are going well, - plain sailing - to be informed as such.

SP: Bruce was very pro-active. He has gone travelling.

LM: To provide contact details for Pottsville Progress Association.

MU: Described more information around new CCC guidelines including membership of the CCC.

MU: Are you aware of the local Aboriginal group, to see if we can encourage membership?

SP: We worked with many groups during the approval process. The Tweed/Byron group are probably the best chance.

MU: It is hard sometimes because active people are often in high demand and have to prioritise their time.

MU: Suggest we discuss a way forward with regards to recruitment of new CCC members.

## **7.0 Next meeting / site inspection**

MU

Tabled as February, with the date to be confirmed.

## **8.0 Meeting closed 10:25 am**

MU