



**Minutes of MEETING
21 August 2023 CCC Meeting
HOLCIM QUARRY**

Minutes of the Meeting of the CCC of 21 August 2023.

Attendance

CCC MEMBERS: Peter Gordon (PG), Independent Chair; Carolyn Larcombe (CL), Michael Ziebel (MZ), Tom Baker (TB) and Ian Grimmer (IG) community representatives; Cr. Katrina Willis QPRC; Kurt Bridges (KB) and David Manning (DM) representing Holcim

Apologies: Nil

Introduction:

Kurt and David took the members on a well-received and informative site visit before the meeting.

PG confirmed that he had been in touch with Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council regarding Council attendance at CCC meetings. Cr Willis attended the meeting and Melinda Corey was an apology and advised that she will also attend future meetings on behalf of the Council).

Declaration of Interests

Members advised that no new interests had been established since the last meeting.

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed out of session and are available on the Quarry website.

Presentation by Holcim

Kurt and David presented an update on the activities of the quarry for 2023.

The quarry is expected to return to past levels in 2023 of about 800,000 to 900,000 tonnes per year which is in keeping with the conditions of approval. This is slightly less than extracted in 2021. Kurt and David briefed the committee on the expansion of dacite quarrying and the importing of recycled concrete to be blended with natural materials. The quarry has approval to 2035 and the site has an operational 5-year pit plan which is in its first year. The extension of the pit will be to the limit approved.

The quarry has employed three new staff and farewelled a staff member after an incredible 46 years of service.

The terms of the facility, the crushers continue to be subject to regular maintenance and the new maintenance shed is complete and operational.

There had been no reportable incidents.

David also mentioned that the quarry was tracking embodied carbon emissions. TB asked if the facility had a carbon emissions management plan and David took the question on notice.

Monitoring Results

DM noted that there had been one exceedance at monitoring stations for dust (on high pollen days) and none for noise and water as monitored by the independent contractor.

Complaints

DM noted that there had been a complaint from the community about blasting. DM visited the house during a subsequent blast and the impact was negligible. DM briefed the committee on improvements in blasting and it is hoped that the benefits would be well received.

Issues Raised by Community Members

MZ confirmed that the community was interested in a community open day as had been offered some years previously. KB was very happy to consider such an initiative and the meeting asked the representatives of Googong and Jerrabomberra to consult their members to ascertain what they would like to see at an open day, including a guided tour of the site and reporting on environmental monitoring.

TB noted that the Queanbeyan Landcare group was preparing a paper on biodiversity and that is intended to help future planning. Climate changes is also relevant.

CL discussed the presence of goats on the property.

Following a query from TB, David confirmed that the company was using a contractor to keep on top of any weed outbreaks.

Next Meeting

26 February 2024 for the next meeting of the CCC

Peter Gordon
Chair, Cooma Road Quarry CCC

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