

Frequently Asked Questions

Beenleigh Quarry, December 2024

Beenleigh Quarry is a long term, key resource supplying construction materials for the Brisbane and Gold Coast regions. It is recognised as a 'Key Resource Area' by the State Government and is reflected in the area zoning.

How long is your permit for quarrying (in years)?

The permits and operating approvals for Beenleigh Quarry do not contain an expiry date or 'sunset clause' for completion of development activities.

What is the expected life of Beenleigh Quarry?

The life of a quarry can vary throughout operations depending on resource quality, product demand, production rates, development approvals and general operational variances. For extractive industry, particularly 'Key Resource Areas', it is important that all available resources are fully utilised to maximise the benefit of having high quality rock resources close to the communities they help build and maintain.

Based on annual outputs from the existing operation to date, the resource availability from the site could conceivably extend well over 100 years within the current approved extraction area.

What are the long term development plans for Beenleigh Quarry?

Holcim is committed to consulting with the local community, Council and other local stakeholders about the long term development of the Beenleigh Quarry.

From time-to-time Holcim will conduct exploratory drilling operations within approved areas associated with the quarry to confirm product quality and geotechnical conditions before extraction commences in an area. This is to provide up-to-date data and information allowing Holcim to operate safely and efficiently during current or future extraction processes.

What will happen to the land when quarrying finishes?

Quarries are restored to forms suitable to their surroundings once they have reached the end of their economic life. Multiple parties are consulted and have input into the final landform at the end of a quarry life, including the state regulator, local government and local community representatives along with the landowner. The restoration process varies, depending upon the location of the site, the statutory zoning and the intended final use.

Rehabilitation is progressive, with overburden material being placed and allowed to settle, followed by the placement of topsoil and generally vegetated. These materials are stockpiled during the initial commencement of quarrying operations so they are available for progressive rehabilitation throughout the life of the quarry.

Our quarries have been, or are being, restored as wildlife parks, wetlands, recreational areas, gardens, residential developments, industrial or commercial estates - even golf courses. One of the best-known examples is the Sydney Olympic rowing course for the 2000 Olympic Games, created by the Penrith Lakes Development Corporation of which Holcim is a major shareholder.

What are quarrying materials used for?

Quarrying products include rail ballast, aggregates, gravels, asphalt, road base and sand. These products are essential raw construction materials necessary for building and maintaining homes, roads, railways, bridges, marinas, hospitals, schools, shopping centres and other infrastructure we are accustomed to within our communities.

Where can I find out more on quarrying?

The Cement, Concrete and Aggregates Australia association has a great website with comprehensive and interesting information on quarrying, including a handy video. To access, [click here](#).

What are the operating hours of Beenleigh Quarry?

Beenleigh quarry currently operates Monday through to Friday from 7am to 6pm for quarrying activities such as extraction, processing and sales, with some maintenance works permissible to 10pm.

Saturday mornings are currently limited from 8am to 12noon to sales, carting and maintenance only.

Approval has been granted for extended operating hours, which will likely come into effect in mid-2025.

Do you store explosives on site?

Blasting at Beenleigh Quarry is carried out by a licensed contractor and no explosive materials are stored on site.

How can I find out when a blast is happening?

Beenleigh Quarry uses an SMS blast notification system to inform local residents of estimated blast times. If you would like to be added to the SMS blast notification system please complete, please email the Beenleigh Quarry Manager at beau.patton@holcim.com. Generally, blasting occurs once a month at Beenleigh Quarry, however this is entirely dependent on market demand and production requirements and is within the approval conditions for the operation.

Can I organise a site tour?

Beenleigh Quarry welcomes the community, including local school classes, to learn more about quarrying and what happens on site. To organise a tour or find out more, please contact the Beenleigh Quarry Manager on 0448 243 591.

Does Beenleigh Quarry support the local community?

Supporting the local community in which we live and operate is core to Holcim's values and sustainable development principles. All of our quarries, including Beenleigh, have a Community Engagement Plan setting out their activities and is updated annually.

Each year, Beenleigh Quarry makes financial donations and in-kind support to a variety of community projects, education and charitable institutions. In addition, our people volunteer their time and/or labour to support local community projects and events.

Holcim will consider all requests for support based on merit and alignment with Holcim's values and community engagement focus areas - education, infrastructure and community development. Please contact the Beenleigh Quarry Manager on 0429 791 403 for further information.

How does Beenleigh Quarry communicate with the local community?

Beenleigh quarry and the Ormeau community established a voluntary Community Consultative Committee (CCC) in 2013 to provide a forum for open discussion between representatives of Holcim, the community, Council and other local stakeholders.

Read more about the Community Consultative Committee (CCC) and find out who your local representatives are [here](#).

How can I find out more?

Our Beenleigh Quarry Community Link website is updated regularly and can be found at www.holcim.com.au/beenleigh.

For further information please contact the Quarry Manager on 0448 243 591.