

Final Meeting Minutes

Holcim – Dubbo Quarry Community Consultative Committee

Project	Dubbo Quarry Continuation Project - Community Consultative Committee	Date	26 November 2024
Time	12:30 pm – 1:30 pm		
Chair	Brendan Blakeley	Recorder	Brendan Blakeley
Attendees	Fred Adams, Holcim Leeroy Wall, Holcim Mark Smith, Dubbo Regional Council Vanessa Creed, St John’s College		
	Apologies	Paul Scott, Dubbo Christian School	

Item	Discussion Point
1.	<p>Welcome and introductions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">» The meeting commenced at 12:30 pm.» Brendan Blakeley welcomed participants and introduced himself as the chair.» He acknowledged Country and thanked all CCC members for taking the time to participate.» The group members introduced themselves.» Brendan noted apologies from Paul Scott. <p>Conflicts of interest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">» Brendan noted he:<ul style="list-style-type: none">· acted as independent chair for a similar committee at Holcim’s Lynwood Quarry.· was paid by Holcim to independently chair this CCC. <p>Previous meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">» The CCC members requested no changes to the Feb 2024 minutes.
2.	<p>Quarry update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">» Fred noted that the continuation project is progressing well and supported by a team of specialists.» Next stages of work include<ul style="list-style-type: none">· realignment of the clean water diversion drain on the eastern boundary to direct water into the creek and away from the operational area of the quarry. The drain is designed to slow down and settle stormwater run-off before it enters the creek.· construction of the Eulomogo Creek crossing is likely to begin in early 2025 following a redesign to secure better environmental outcomes for the creek.» Leeroy showed slides indicating ongoing works in the expansion area of the quarry. Good quality material has been extracted from this area since May 2024. Production is going well.» He outlined some sustainability initiatives Holcim is undertaking at the quarry, such as:<ul style="list-style-type: none">· using hydrogen generators to supplement diesel in crushing and screening activities. This has led to a significant saving in diesel costs and a 15 % reduction in site CO2 emissions.· contributing to circular economy by recycling concrete from our own operations. Recycled concrete can be used for road base and a small proportion in aggregates.· continuing to use fly ash from coal-based electricity generation.

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- optimising crushing and screening operations so that these are more efficient, reduce noise and vibration and lessen impacts on air quality.
 - » The chair asked members if they were aware of any environmental impacts from the quarry.
 - » *Vanessa and Mark stated they were not aware of any environmental issues.*
 - » *Vanessa noted:*
 - *that the major concern remains trucks along Sheraton Rd. She acknowledged that not all trucks using the Sheraton Rd were not all from the Holcim operation.*
 - *she was aware that some trucks are still using Sheraton Rd at peak school pick up and drop off times.*
 - *the solution to reducing truck school conflicts was to build a deviation road that bypasses Sheraton Rd.*
 - » *Mark noted council was aware of truck issues along Sheraton and Boundary Rds. As the requirement for trucks to avoid Sheraton Rd during certain hours was a condition of consent for quarry operators, Council has a role in policing these conditions.*
 - » Leeroy noted the specific hours in the Dubbo Quarry consent were 8.30 – 9.00 am and 2.45 – 3.30 pm. The consent is available on the DPE website.
<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/dubbo-quarry-continuation-project>.
 - » *Vanessa responded that the school zones had a wider window than the times that were stipulated in the conditions of consent.*
 - » *She noted the concern was that children wouldn't look up from their phones and that many parents turn into and across Sheraton Rd to get back out. The schools can warn students and parents about these risks, but there will be people who don't pay attention.*
 - » Leeroy noted:
 - that operationally Holcim doesn't let trucks leave the site during those hours
 - Holcim does an induction for drivers new to the quarry. The induction outlining their obligations regarding the conditions of consent that prohibits trucks using Sheraton Rd at certain times.
 - trucks must carry a sticker stating they are a quarry related vehicle. The issue is that many subcontractors serve both Holcim and the neighbouring operations.
 - a recent incident when a truck related to the quarry went along Sheraton Rd very close to the prohibited times. The driver has been spoken with and cautioned.
 - » *Mark noted he understood Holcim to have a pretty good record on managing truck traffic. He said he would have a look at Council's role and whether some proactive enforcement was needed.*
 - » *Mark asked if the trucks have GPS.*
 - » Fred replied that the Holcim fleet does, but Holcim was currently looking at requiring 3rd party contractors to have this equipment.
 - » The chair noted that if the schools see something it was important that they call as close as possible to the event. This makes it easier to investigate.
 - » Fred added that it was also important to get the numberplate details. He acknowledged the frustration schools have with traffic and committed that Holcim will continue to work with them. He also noted that they were only one operator among a number that use Sheraton Rd.
 - » *Vanessa replied that while there were still incidents the truck situation had improved over the last 12 months.*
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- » Leeroy said Holcim would look at placing a sign at the site exit to remind drivers of their responsibilities and obligations. He also introduced David who supervises the weighbridge and noted David was scheduling rest times for trucks during school drop off and pick up.
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3. **Project Update: Timeframes**

- » Fred noted the Modification 1 application is being assessed by the department. It will be notified by the department, but Holcim has no timeframe for this.
- » **Action: Holcim to contact chair who will email members when application goes on exhibition.**
- » Leeroy explained Holcim is also preparing a draft Rehabilitation Management Plan to guide management of the site when it is no longer being used for extractive industries. The current consent enables quarrying for around 25 years. The quarry has enough resource to be active well beyond that time pending an extension to the existing approval. In terms of rehabilitation, Holcim's experts are still looking at the final landform for the site and what can be done to rehabilitate the area beyond revegetation.

Environmental monitoring

- » All reports are placed on the website and the mining regulator visits the site quite frequently.
- » *Mark asked about water quality testing in the creek.*
- » Leeroy replied that water quality and levels in the creek are tested regularly. The quarry does not discharge any water from the site. Water detained on site is used for operations or dust suppression.

Independent Environmental Audit

- » Brendan explained that consultancy 4 Pillars had been nominated by the Department to undertake an independent environmental audit of the quarry. They are required to ask the CCC about any matters they would like to see covered on the audit.
 - » *Members identified the following as matters that could be covered in the audit:*
 - *water and air quality*
 - *management of trucks on Sheraton Road near the school precinct*
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4. **CCC operation**

- » The group talked through the CCC guidelines.
 - » It was agreed that 2 meetings a year would be suitable with the first meeting online and the later meeting would be in person at Dubbo.
 - » The chair reminded members to contact him if there were any matters they wanted to discuss. There was also an option to convene an extraordinary meeting if there were urgent matters to be worked through.
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5. **Meeting close – 1.30 pm**

- » Brendan thanked attendees for their time.

Management Plans are available on the Holcim website along with CCC meeting information and Environmental Protections License reporting: <https://www.holcim.com.au/dubbo-quarry>.

The consent is available on the DPE website <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/dubbo-quarry-continuation-project>
