

# Meeting Notes: Final

## Holcim – Dubbo Quarry Community Consultative Committee

<b>Project</b>	<b>Dubbo Quarry Continuation Project - Community Consultative Committee</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>18 August 2025</b>
<b>Time</b>	12:30 pm – 1:10 pm		
<b>Chair</b>	Brendan Blakeley	<b>Recorder</b>	Brendan Blakeley
<b>Attendees</b>	Leeroy Wall, Holcim Mark Smith, Dubbo Regional Council Vanessa Creed, St John’s College	<b>Apologies</b>	Paul Scott, Dubbo Christian School Fred Adams, Holcim Chris Hamilton, Holcim

Item	Discussion Point
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1. **Welcome and introductions.**

- » 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.
- » Brendan noted late apologies from Fred Adams, Chris Hamilton and Paul Scott.

**Conflicts of interest**

- » Brendan noted he:
  - acted as independent chair for a similar committee at Holcim’s Lynwood Quarry.
  - was paid by Holcim to independently chair this CCC.

**Previous meeting**

- » The CCC members requested no changes to the November 2024 minutes.

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2. **Quarry update**

- » Leeroy noted that the continuation project is progressing well.
- » Leeroy showed slides indicating the expansion of quarrying toward the western edge of the pit.
- » He noted the old eastern pit is no longer active and is collecting a fair amount of water. This is providing the quarry with a good water source for road watering and dust suppression.
- » Production is going well and at a steady rate.
- » No works have started in the southern expansion area. Robson Civil Contractors have been engaged to do this work. Over the next few months Robson and Holcim will undertake some establishment works to be able to hit the ground running on opening up the southern area in early 2026.
- » The construction of the new crossing over the Eugomolo Creek will be part of the southern expansion. Concrete culverts will be arriving on site soon in anticipation of these works.
- » The next stages of planning include seeking an approval for a modification to the realignment of the surface water diversion drain on the eastern boundary of the quarry. The drain will direct away from the operational area of the quarry and into the creek. The modification seeks to:
  - reduce impact upon riparian areas
  - take a more direct route to the discharge point
  - reduce the drain footprint compared to what was originally proposed.

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## **Traffic**

- » The group talked through some of the changed traffic arrangements in the area including the:
    - upgrade of Sheraton Rd
    - construction of a roundabout near the St Johns gate 2
    - extended hours of school zone operation.
  - » Vanessa noted that these had made a for a safer environment for pedestrians and managing school drop-offs and pick-ups.
  - » Leeroy noted that Holcim was comfortable with the changes, and they had no apparent impacts on quarry operations or timeliness of deliveries.
  - » Holcim has worked to ensure that drivers and subcontractors are aware of the changes and compliance with the new arrangements.
  - » Mark noted that council has an ongoing schedule of works to resolve traffic in the Wheelers Ln Boundary Rd and Sheraton Rd area.
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### **3. Environment**

- » Leeroy noted that no non-compliance notices have been received from regulators.
  - » Holcim sends out notifications to a stakeholder database when there is blasting at the quarry. The notifications are mainly text based.
  - » Holcim has redesigned the electric firing system to initiate blasts, and this seems to be working well.
  - » Dust management is good. There were some issues in 2024 with dust monitors, and these have been worked through with authorities.
  - » The monitors are now in permanent operation, and Holcim has updated system software to assist with reporting any elevated levels of dust
  - » Holcim has also implemented new thresholds to trigger a range of dust management measures.
  - » Holcim is in discussions with authorities to increase intake of recyclable materials to the quarry. This includes concrete waste, rehabilitation materials and coal ash. Taking in recyclable materials is not expected to increase truck movements as the material is brought into the quarry via back loads.
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### **4. CCC operation**

- » CCC members noted that as the quarry was in a relatively steady state, only one meeting a year was necessary.
  - » It was agreed the annual meeting would be held in person in Dubbo sometime in mid-2026.
  - » It was acknowledged that members had direct channels of communication with the quarry when it came to day-to-day matters.
  - » The chair reminded the group that there was also an option to convene an extraordinary meeting if members felt there were urgent matters to be worked through. This could be done quite quickly and could be online.
  - » He also noted there was a requirement for Holcim to consult the CCC on any new development applications or significant modifications prior to lodgement. If this did not coincide with the annual meeting an extraordinary meeting would need to be called.
  - » The chair reminded members to contact him if there were any matters they wanted to discuss.
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### **5. Meeting close – 1.10 pm**

- » Brendan thanked attendees for their time.
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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>

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