

Meeting Notes Final

Holcim – Lynwood Quarry Community Consultative Group

Project	Lynwood Quarry Community Consultative Group	Date	29 November 2024
Time	12:00 pm – 1.15 pm		
Chair	Brendan Blakeley	Recorder	Brendan Blakeley
Attendees	Clr Bob Kirk, GMC Scott Martin, Acting CEO, GMC Alan Goulder John Nicastrì Wayne Beattie, Holcim Kurt Bridges, Holcim Fred Adams, Holcim Ed Richardson, Holcim Marion Lynch, Towrang Progress Association (Observer)	Apologies	Susan Pearson Rosemary Turner

Item	Discussion Point
1.	Welcome and introductions. <ul style="list-style-type: none">» The meeting commenced at 12:00 pm.» Brendan Blakeley welcomed participants. He acknowledged Country and thanked CCG members for taking the time to participate.» Brendan noted apologies from Rosemary Truner and that Rosemary would be withdrawing from the CCG for health reasons.» Brendan acknowledged Rosemary's contribution to the group over many years.
2.	Quarry update <ul style="list-style-type: none">» Wayne spoke to several operational matters that occurred over the past few months. Items covered included:<ul style="list-style-type: none">> There have been 2 reportable incidents over the last 6 months.> As a quarry there are legislated requirements to inform the resources regulator when these types of incidents occur.> One incident involved a fire on a truck and the other a near collision when equipment was being moved.> The incidents were quickly resolved without any injuries, and Holcim has investigated the incidents to identify what can be done differently to prevent such incidents in the future.> As part of our ongoing commitment to safety Holcim has trained several Lynwood rail loading operators in safely accessing rail corridors> Quarry management also participated in the Mining Engineer's Safety Seminar. This a good forum to learn what different operators are doing and understand requirements of different regulators. Site operations and performance <ul style="list-style-type: none">» 244 hazards have been identified so far this year. The bulk of these have been addressed with only 21 remaining open.

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- » Holcim has continued their Road Truck fleet compliance activities across November with a focus on safety hardware.
 - » Holcim has been working with the RFS on hazard reduction. The RFS inspected the site in August and October to advise on the status of containment lines and access roads to allow for controlled burns in the non-fire season. The application has been lodged and when granted the approval will be valid for five years.
 - » The timing of the burns will be up to the RFS. We will notify neighbours before the hazard reduction burns occur.
 - » Holcim has also engaged ecology advisors to develop our approach to undertaking hazard reduction work in areas that have nesting boxes or more sensitive riparian corridors.
 - » The resources regulator visited the quarry recently. This is standard practice as a Tier 1 quarry they generally do audits on selected activities every 6-7 weeks.
 - » The visits are sometimes not notified and are undertaken to ensure we have complied with any previous notices. Various notices provide direction at different levels:
 - > A S23 notice provides recommendations for improvement
 - > A S191 notice outlines matters that need to be fixed
 - > A S195 notice prohibit operations. Lynwood has not had a prohibition notice.
 - » Holcim is presently recruiting for:
 - > a site environmental advisor as Sumukha has taken a new role elsewhere in the company
 - > two more operational positions in the quarry.
 - » The haul fleet is being updated with the addition of two new TR 09 trucks
 - » Production for the year to date is tracking well (if not remarkably) and next year is looking to be at about the same level.
 - » The quarry is operating as per the 5-year mine plan.
 - » The drop cut at RL 610 metres has been expanded and soon the team will start a drop cut to RL 595 metres.
 - » Holcim is focussing extraction activities toward the north and western edges of the pit and will start removing overburden in these areas across 2025.

Community

- » Across the year Holcim has supported the following community organisation and events:
 - > Tallong Apple Day Festival
 - > Tallong Public School P&C
 - > Cystic Fibrosis Goulburn
 - > Goulburn and District Showjumping Competition
 - > Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Comp
 - > Goulburn Rotary Charity Golf Day.
- » The team at Lynwood is pleased that no complaints have been received since November 2021.
- » Holcim communicates proactively with neighbours via our blast register.
- » Blast impacts have been reduced due to, changes in methodology and, being deeper down in the pit where sound doesn't travel as much.
- » Holcim works to make sure new residents are aware of the blast register and the feedback line for the quarry.

Environmental monitoring and reporting

- » Testing shows compliance with the following operating conditions:

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- > Blasting
 - > Dust
 - > Noise PM 10
 - > Groundwater
 - » There was another Ph non-compliance for surface water in July and August. The issues were caused by activities on a neighbouring property, although the impacts were to water on quarry land. While they were not caused by quarrying activities Holcim is still required to report the non-compliance.
 - » Holcim has recently augmented the power supply to dust monitors with solar back up and small diesel generator.
 - » The monitor closest to Marulan has been relocated to just inside the very eastern boundary of the quarry land. As the adjacent area is under ongoing development this means the location of the nearest sensitive receivers is frequently changing. Having the monitor on our land means that the readings are going to be more conservative, but we don't need to relocate each time a house is built.
 - » Holcim will soon be trialling a PM 2.5 monitor to assess levels of small particulates.

Land management

- » *Alan asked if Holcim was aware of the status of the solar farm.*
- » Wayne responded that Holcim has had discussions with the solar farm. They have asked us to look at providing access from the entry road to the quarry. Discussions are continuing.
- » Holcim has recently updated the management plan for the Box Gum Woodland ecological community. This has involved working with the state and commonwealth governments who both have jurisdiction in this area.
- » Holcim is currently awaiting DAWE sign off on the conservation agreement that puts around 900 acres of the site over to environmental purposes.
- » Serrated tussock control was undertaken on a 120-hectare area of the site. A helicopter was used to drop granular fluproponate as it has no drift, and vehicles can't be taken into parts of the conservation areas.
- » Blackberry is being targeted through spot spraying.
- » Soil erosion in control in Jaorimin Creek is yielding good results, particularly in those areas where coir logs were used.
- » The local Aboriginal Land Council comes in and assists with land maintenance on quarterly basis.
- » Holcim has purchased another 330 trees from Danganelly Nursery in Towrang to plant on site.
- » Holcim is working with NPWS on reducing kangaroo overpopulation on the quarry lands. Having so many kangaroos on the site has led to overgrazing and land degradation.
- » In December Holcim will be undertaking feral animal control foxes, rabbits, pigs, goats and deer.

Cultural Centre

- » The Cultural Centre is progressing with construction likely to commence early next year and completed by the end of the year.
- » The centre will be a keeping place for 20,000 artefacts.
- » The centre will be managed by Pejar and Gundungurra Land Councils. Holcim will provide initial support with maintenance and over time both land councils will assume full responsibility.
- » It will comprise a keeping / storage room and a meeting room as well as landscaped outdoor area. The centre will be solar powered.

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- » *Marion asked if the centre will be open to the public*
 - » Wayne replied that the centre will be open for educational purposes such as school visits by arrangement but will not be open to the general public as such.
 - » *Alan asked where the centre will be located*
 - » Fred explained the centre will be located off to the right-hand side of the first set of gates as you come into the quarry.
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3. **General Discussion**

- » Brendan asked if any members were hearing things about the quarry.
 - » *Alan stated he was not aware of any issues from the Towrang community.*
 - » *John noted that it was good there were no complaints over such a long time.*
 - » Fred mentioned that the quarry would soon be celebrating 10 years of operation and asked members if they had any thoughts about how this milestone could be marked.
 - » *Members all suggested an open day would be appropriate and that the previous open day was very successful and good way for the community to learn more about the quarry.*
 - » *Clr Kirk suggested at some point it would be good for councillors to see the quarry in operation, and they could be invited to the open day.*
 - » Brendan explained that with Rosemary's resignation he would need to give some thought to the composition of the CCG.
 - » He also asked members if the twice-yearly meeting frequency was working and if Fridays were suitable.
 - » *Members agreed that two meetings year was an appropriate frequency, and that Fridays worked well.*
 - » *Members agreed the first meeting would be sometime close to Easter in 2025.*
 - » Draft minutes would be distributed for review within two-three weeks.
 - » If there are any immediate operational related matters, members are encouraged to contact the quarry directly.
 - » Brendan can be reached by email at Brendan@elumni.au and phone **0412 686 026**
 - » Brendan thanked members for their involvement and contribution to the group and wished them well for the holidays and the new year.
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4. **Meeting close – 1.15 pm**
