

Meeting Notes DRAFT FOR REVIEW

Holcim – Lynwood Quarry Community Consultative Group

Project	Lynwood Quarry Community Consultative Group	Date	3 May 2024
Time	12:00pm – 1.05 pm		
Chair	Brendan Blakeley	Recorder	Brendan Blakeley
Attendees	Clr Bob Kirk, GMC Alan Goulder Wayne Beattie, Holcim Kurt Bridges, Holcim Fred Adams, Holcim Mohsen Vafaei Fard, Holcim	Apologies	John Nicastri Susan Pearson

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 Susan Pearson and John Nicastri.
2.	Quarry update <ul style="list-style-type: none">» Wayne spoke to several operational matters over the past few months. Items covered included:<ul style="list-style-type: none">> Gordon Rippon has been appointed as the new production manager for Lynwood.> Mohsen would soon be leaving the Lynwood team. Wayne thanked Mohsen for his contribution to Lynwood and particularly noted the work Mohsen had done in driving environmental outcomes at the quarry.> <i>Members present wished Mohsen well for the future.</i>> Compliance across the quarry sector in NSW, is overseen by the Resources Regulator. Since the last meeting the regulator has undertaken two scheduled 2 assessments at Lynwood as part of their compliance role to look at how the quarry is addressing risks related to:<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Falling objects· Mobile Plant Fires.> Lynwood staff participated in the recent Small Mines Roadshow that was held in Wollongong in March. The focus was on safety, and it was good to see what others in the sector were doing to ensure safety in the workplace.> Holcim undertook a Road Truck Compliance blitz in April. This was led by an internal team who stopped and inspected vehicles leaving the quarry. The focus was on seat belt alarms and hand brake alarms. A good result was achieved but it is important that drivers don't get complacent about safety matters.> The quarry was pleased that in February, the aggregates business won the Annual Holcim Excellence Awards for Physical Safety, Mental Health, Wellbeing or Volunteering. Safety is a key focus for Holcim. Across all our quarry sites in Australia we are presently at 33 months without a lost time injury. This is very significant given that equates to over 9 million work hours without a lost time injury.> 116 hazards have been reported in the year to date with 13 of these remaining open. The more hazards Holcim identifies the better as we can address them before they present

problems. As well as looking at direct hazards the biggest priority with safety is attention and we are working with staff to reinforce the importance of remain focused on what they are doing.

- > There have been three minor reportable incidents since last year's CCG meeting in December and as required we have notified the Mines Department. In each case Holcim investigates the incident, looks at what can be done differently to avoid them in the future, and implements changes to practices where required.
- > In concluding the items related to site safety, Wayne noted the contribution of all staff to ensuring safety within the workplace at Lynwood.
- > Production is tracking well. Holcim is ensuring that production remains balanced with sales to avoid unnecessary costs. The forecast production at Lynwood for the year is around 2 million tonnes which is lower than the 2.4 million tonnes p.a. target envisaged a few years back.
- > This is below target due to 2022 being a very wet year and this interfered with several projects Holcim was supplying. 2023 was a catch-up year with finishing these projects. The move to lower production has been compounded by:
 - delays in new subdivisions
 - competition from free high-quality spoil coming from tunnelling projects.
- > There are several new infrastructure projects to come online over the next six months and while Holcim is confident about sales, we will continue to review production accordingly.
- > Within the operation we are always looking at ways to contain costs, but our focus is also on limiting impacts to the local community through:
 - preserving full time jobs for Holcim employees.
 - Strengthening relationships with key local suppliers.

Pit update.

- > Activities in the pit are progressing as per consent and 5-year mine plan.
- > The drop cut is at RL 610
- > In 2024 the plan is to expand the pit floor around the centre of the pit where the highest quality rock is
- > The wet weather is proving to be a challenge with progressing the pit.
- > The native vegetation planted on the on amenity is growing very well particularly the acacia species. The hydroseed process has proven very successful at Lynwood.

Community Update

- » Community grants program is continuing. Recent projects that have received support include:
 - > Tallong Apple Day Festival – sponsoring free rides for kids
 - > Tallong Public School P&C
 - > Cystic Fibrosis 65 Roses Dinner being held in Goulburn
 - > Goulburn District Showjumping competition.
- » *Alan noted thanks on behalf of the Towrang community for Holcim's earlier support of the cricket day.*
- » Wayne noted that Holcim is always keen to receive applications from community organisations and that with Holcim's new corporate approval processes now taking some time to be assessed, the earlier applications are received the better.
- » No complaints have been received since November 2021.
- » Blast notifications and site communications are continuing.

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- » With more residential development close to the quarry boundary, Holcim is looking at ways to communicate with new residents and ensure they are in the loop about the quarry's activities. He also encouraged community members to call the quarry information line if there were any problems so that the matters could be addressed immediately at source.
 - » *Alan noted that the Towrang community was happy with quarry performance and had no current issues with operations.*
 - » The quarry was fully compliant in the following areas of operation:
 - > Blasting
 - > Dust Deposition
 - > PM10
 - > Noise
 - > Ground Water
 - » There were issues with Surface Water ph. levels in February and March resulting in non-compliances. These were completely due to offsite impacts. While they were not caused by quarrying activities Holcim is still required to report the non-compliance.
 - » The Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan for Lynwood has been submitted and is awaiting approval.
 - » The Box Gum Woodland Management Plan is being reviewed with DAWE. Holcim is very keen for Lynwood to remain a leader in biodiversity outcomes for a quarry site.
 - » Holcim is presently awaiting sign off on the conservation agreement. Holcim is looking at rehabilitating an area of 11 hectares and is currently doing weed and pest management work and treating it as it is already a conservation area already.
 - » *Alan asked how environmental outcomes are monitored.*
 - » Wayne responded that this occurs through regular surveys of flora and fauna that are undertaken as required by relevant management plans and consents.
 - » *Alan asked about feral pests on site.*
 - » Wayne noted that Holcim contracts management of feral pests out to reputable qualified contractors. Pest identified on site include deer, goats, and pigs. He noted that Holcim have recently placed traps in locations favoured by pigs to manage the growing numbers of pigs on site.
 - » Management approvals to deal with the high number of kangaroos on site have been issued by NPWS. With an estimated peak population of 1500 kangaroos, we were seeing overgrazing and damaging environmental impacts way beyond what would be occurring naturally. Holcim has implemented a responsible kangaroo reduction operation in full consultation with NPWS.
 - » Dust monitoring is tracking very well and consistently well below our threshold requirement with the highest result being 1.2 ppm against the threshold of 4.00 ppm. There is an operating condition for a High-Volume Air Sampling Station (HVAS2) to be positioned at the closest residential receiver. With the new subdivision the nearest receiver has changed, and Holcim will relocate the station just inside our boundary adjacent to the subdivision.
 - » The HVAS2 is being supported by a diesel generator and small wind turbine to cover any outages and ensure we have full dust monitoring every 6 days.
 - » Holcim is continuing to innovate with weed management. We have engaged a Central Coast contractor to deliver a very targeted granular poison via a drone to control serrated tussock. While the granular fluproponate is very expensive it only kills tussock and using grains means there is no spray drift.
 - » The drone enables us to get to areas that are otherwise inaccessible. It is also very efficient covering 10 hectares within four hours.
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- » Holcim have also sprayed 35 hectares of blackberry in areas along the highway and near the old ignimbrite pit. The area we sprayed using the drone worked well as it uses much less liquid spray and the spray makes good contact as it is blasted down onto the weed by the drone's rotors.
 - » Given the success to date we will continue to use drones as part of our weed management program at Lynwood.
 - » The Marulan Creek erosion controls is achieving good results. We filled eroded areas with rocks and topsoil and used coir ropes to divert water flows. The seed we planted into the topsoil has taken very well and the area is withstanding erosion despite all the recent rain.
 - » The Pejar LALC is assisting with planting out 680 trees we have purchased from Danganelly Nursery at Towrang.
 - » Holcim will also implement a program of cultural burns over July 2024.
 - » The RFS will be doing back burning training on site sometime over winter when it is safe for these types of activities to take place.
 - » There are two scar trees on site. It is important that they don't deteriorate any further. One scar tree near the office is undercover. Holcim are looking at covering the other one. While water is the main enemy once the trees are covered, they are at increased risk of drying out and splitting. We have consulted with experts who are suggesting that we regularly oil the trees to reduce the risk of this happening.
 - » Planning for the Cultural Heritage Centre is continuing. Adam Cowe is supervising. We are modifying the design slightly and will be looking to tender the civil works soon.
 - » Looking forward over the next six months Holcim will continue:
 - > working with the DAWE to improve EPBC compliance.
 - > develop the drop cut of the granite pit to RL610 level
 - > Progress the Cultural Heritage Centre.
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3. **General Discussion**

- » Draft minutes would be distributed for review within two-three weeks.
 - » It was agreed the next CCC meeting would occur sometime around November 2024.
 - » If there are any immediate operations 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
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4. **Meeting close – 1.05 pm**
