

MT. SHAMROCK QUARRY
ENVIRONMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE
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Meeting Summary

25th August 2021 (4.00pm – 5.00pm via Zoom)

Committee Members

Present:

Matt Dodd	Holcim Australia
Nathan Thomas	
Joy Carberry	Local Community Representatives
Don Petty	
Dean Haeusler	Cardinia Shire Council

Apologies:

Stewart Burton	Holcim Australia
Cr. Jeff Springfield	Cardinia Shire Council
Rosemary Buczak	Local Community Representative
Barry Strong	Earth Resources Regulation

Chairperson:

Lisa Barrant	Possibilities Pty Ltd
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Welcome

Lisa welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were a number of apologies and a few calendar mix ups and so attendance was less than our normal excellent turnout however given the nature of the agenda items, it was decided to proceed with the meeting. Those present agreed that additional time would be provided for Community Representatives to provide final feedback on the draft EMP.

Update on actions agreed at previous meetings

Person Responsible

51.3 EMP 5-year review

The Chair noted that it has now been 5 years since the last review of the EMP itself and that this process should be initiated soon.

The intention for this meeting was to capture any final comments / questions regarding the draft revised EMP documents. As there were a number of ERC members not present however, in particular Community Representatives, it was agreed that time would be extended to allow final comments to be made. Community members are asked to forward any comments to Lisa as Chairperson by Monday morning the 30th of August at the latest.

The final documents have been brought forward by Holcim and reflect the list of amendments that the Committee has previously reviewed. It is anticipated that the final draft will soon be forwarded to the Cardinia Shire Council (as the primary authority) for consideration.

Matt Dodd

For reference, the following alterations to the EMP are being proposed:

- **Simplifying the report**
Making the report simpler and more useable for ongoing management by separating out the ‘once – off’ and completed activities so that that are still able to be viewed but that these items do not clutter the reporting on ongoing management activities. Many of these ‘once off’ activities were completed more than 10 years ago.
- **Updating the document**
Legislative, equipment and other elements will be updated. Names have been replaced with titles for simplicity.
- **Greenhouse Gas Net Emissions**
The year on year % GHG emissions reduction target of 5% have been an increasing challenge that has been raised and discussed previously at this Committee. Holcim is exploring offset measures to assist meet the target (where onsite reductions were not feasible).
- **LRMP Review**
The LRMP review (happening at the same time as the EMP review) has identified opportunities for further refinement and changes that Holcim expect will improve rehabilitation outcomes. Adjustments to the species list are proposed as well as other improvements to processes (such as seeding and weed management) based on improvements in industry best practice and on-site learnings. These will be shared for review with the Committee.

Environment Management Quarterly Report

The April - June 2021 Environmental Management Report (distributed with the agenda) was overviewed by Matt and Nathan, highlighting that operations at the site are very busy with ongoing strong demand. Mobile crushing is also taking place.

In terms of rehabilitation, hydroseeding has commenced and planting will continue into spring on terminal faces. Matt will forward up to date photos with the final meeting summary.

Matt noted that a recent blast had been reported as particularly noticeable by one of the nearby neighbours. The blast monitoring measurements were all well within limits however it is thought that the position of the blast (high on the quarry wall) and the weather conditions at the time (very low cloud) may have been relevant.

The non- compliance related to water conductivity results that was noted in the report has been communicated to the EPA however no further action was required.

Other business

LRMP Report

Matt reviewed the latest LRMP report (6 monthly – distributed prior to meeting) and explained the new format in accordance with the recent recommendations. Joy noted the growth of weeds on the road sides given the wet and moderate conditions (particularly Flaxseed Broom) however this has not been noticed on site.

Appointment process for Community Representatives

Dean outlined the process for advertising and making appointments for the Local Community Representative positions on the Committee. It is anticipated that a notice will be placed in the Pakenham Gazette (but also provided to the Committee for distribution to relevant community groups) in the next few weeks with a selection process to take place run by the Council.

Note: These appointments are made for a 3 year term (similar to the role of Independent Chairperson) in accordance with our [Terms of Reference](#).

Community

Nathan once again reminded the Committee that Holcim was interested in any community projects that might benefit from Holcim's support. (Joy to consider her current planting project that is in need of people to assist).

Meeting Dates for 2021

The remaining meeting date for 2021 is as follows:

24th November 2021 Site tour at 2.30 pm (if permitted) , followed by meeting at site office at 4pm

Items for consideration at next revision of EMP

(Note: These items have been written into the draft revised EMP and will be removed once approved)

Understory Plantings

Consider multi species plantings for understory areas where original revegetation / screening plantings only included a single species of tree. This should be done as soon as practicable after trees thin out to allow for successful planting.

Quarterly reporting of LRMP activities and outcomes

Should the LRMP report be quarterly, six monthly or annual?