

MT. SHAMROCK QUARRY
ENVIRONMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE
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Meeting Summary

20th November 2024 (4.00pm – 5.50pm)

Committee Members

Present:

Leigh Elliott Nathan Thomas	Holcim Australia
Joy Carberry Don Petty Neville Bassett	Local Community Representatives
Cr Brett Owen Marcelle Bell	Cardinia Shire Council

Apologies:

Barry Strong	Earth Resources Regulation
Stewart Burton	Holcim Australia
Representative	Environmental Protection Authority

Chairperson:

Lisa Barrand	Possibilities Pty Ltd
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Welcome

Committee members were welcomed to the meeting and apologies noted. After an acknowledgement of country, Lisa thanked Leigh and Nathan for arranging the site tour. On this occasion Committee members were able to travel around the entire perimeter of the quarry observing the status of operations and the progressive rehabilitation that is underway; the western end of the Phase A area and also the far northern corner where the proposed extension to the extraction boundary is located and a new bore in place.

Update on actions agreed at previous meetings

Person Responsible

Action 71.1 Truck signage

Marcelle to investigate whether road signage regarding truck access to Mt Shamrock Road prior to 7am is able to be reinstalled to reduce the movement of trucks outside of operating hours

At this meeting, Marcelle confirmed that unfortunately, no private signage to this effect would be able to be erected on Mt. Shamrock Road. Any such signage must be on Holcim's private land.

This completes this action item, and it will now be removed from the agenda.

Marcelle
Bell

Action 71.2. Out of cycle comprehensive EMP review and update

Holcim is seeking to update the content of the EMP. This will include correcting references to legislation, updating processes, making changes to the LRMP and also adapting the EMP Review Procedure to allow for the formal incorporation of minor changes emerging from audit recommendations along with other improvements without having to wait for a 5 yearly review.

A revised EMP document containing changes to various sections of the EMP was circulated to the ERC prior to the meeting. These changes were discussed for feedback and Holcim will now submit their final proposed version to Cardinia Shire Council for approval.

Marcelle to provide Leigh with the contact details of the correct person within Council to receive the draft EMP as a submission.

Key areas of discussion are captured below noting that the majority of proposed changes relate to administrative updates such as the names of legislation and government departments.

- *Appendix 3 EMP Review Procedure*
The Committee considered the proposed draft wording put forward as sensible and agreed with the intention of increasing the agility of the EMP. One suggestion was to change the word 'operationalised' to 'implemented'.
- *Waste Management Targets*
The proposed revised waste management target information that referred to the Holcim Waste Management Hierarchy was considered appropriate.
- *LRMP changes*
The changes relating to expanding the choices of plant species beyond a set list of EVC classes was supported, particularly as the Council would be required to approve the introduction of any new species. Marcelle Bell
- Changes to the sections referring to chemical use and relevant training, and the inclusion of a site contamination assessment at the conclusion of works were also discussed and supported. Leigh Elliott

Action 71.3. Strategies for dealing with Chilean Needle Grass

Council may have information and resources regarding the control of this invasive weed grass. Marcelle to connect Leigh with the right person internally.

Marcelle and Leigh informed the Committee that the recommended chemical for the control of Chilean Needle Grass is called "Tussock". Holcim is seeking expert advice on the appropriateness of its use given the serious classification for this particular chemical.

This item is now considered complete and will be removed from the agenda.

Marcelle Bell

Action 71.4 Review of ERC Terms of Reference

The ERC Terms of Reference have not been reviewed since 2017 and it is considered timely to collect and discuss any potential feedback and improvements from Committee Members.

Lisa discussed with the Committee the feedback that had been received and will now send a revised version of the Terms of Reference for confirmation. This will include notes detailing what suggestions have been included and also what was considered but not included. One other suggestion had been made relating to accessing reports and meeting summaries, namely that although these had historically been stored on the allpossibilities.com.au website, it might be more appropriate that they reside on Holcim's website. Lisa and Leigh to discuss and progress this offline.

As part of this discussion with was also confirmed that Stewart Burton would not be an ongoing member of the Committee but instead available as needed.

Lisa Barrand

Resource Investigation Project Update

Nathan informed the Committee that Holcim submitted an EES self-referral to the Department on the 24th of October. Once acknowledged as received, all information regarding the submission will be available for

members of the public to read, [on this specific DEECA website](#). Documents available for review will include the technical reports that Holcim have already undertaken. The next step in the process is for DEECA to consider all of the information provided and decide on an appropriate planning and approvals process. This is likely to take some time. Once the self-referral is visible on the website, Holcim will communicate this to the 130 or so nearby residences in the area via another letter drop.

Nathan also let the Committee know that the bore at the northern end of the quarry, (in the area of the proposed extension) is now operational and will soon be utilising one of three 'bore loggers' to provide highly frequent readings of ground water levels. If these loggers are considered useful then they more may be acquired for other bores on site.

Holcim have also been given access to another background 'state observation bore' (as suggested by GHD) and will be using data from this bore as part of ongoing ground water data collection.

Lastly, and as a proactive step to increase visual protection (should the proposed expansion of the extraction area be approved), Holcim have undertaken some visual screening planting along the northern boundaries.

Environment Management Quarterly Report (including consultant recommendations)

Leigh noted that there was one non conformance relating to water discharge that was related to a high rainfall event. The EPA had been notified with no further action required.

Also, one air blast result was above the limit however a 1/20 result such as this, is within scope and not a non conformance. Nonetheless, Holcim had the company Terrock investigate with the conclusion being drawn that the blast, along with atmospheric conditions contributed to the air blast result.

During the past few months, many Opportunities for Improvement Actions that have been captured on the "Consultant Register" have now been completed. These included, amongst other things, investigating reticulating pumps to reduce turbidity events (the size of pump is being determined), the installation of bore loggers, and water meters on springs. There were no questions raised regarding the quarterly report.

Other business

Audit Plan for 20205

The audit is confirmed for the 25th – 27th of February and the Committee had no further additions to the draft audit plan that was circulated prior to the meeting. As in previous years, members of the Committee are encouraged to contact the auditors directly should they wish to discuss any aspect of the audit. EnviroRisks phone number is: 5982 3773.

Appointment of Community Representatives

Marcelle confirmed that the closing date for Expressions of Interest for potential community representatives was 5pm on the 22nd and encouraged the current Community Representatives to share this information within their networks. Holcim confirmed that hard copies of the advertisement had been dropped in letterboxes as requested. After applications close, the Council will then undertake a process, appropriate to the number of applicants, and have appointed community representatives commence at the February 2025 meeting.

Official thanks to our current Community Representatives

Lisa offered heartfelt thanks to Don, Joy and Neville for their dedicated commitment during their time on the ERC and how much their efforts were appreciated. All other Committee members also expressed their thanks and noted how exemplary Joy, Neville and Don's contributions and commitment had been, offering knowledge, continuity of engagement and deep understanding of the history of the quarry and the area. Neville, Don and Joy were encouraged to reapply and thanked for their service so far.

Proposed dates for meetings and site tours in 2025

Lisa confirmed that the Committee were happy with this year's general meeting arrangements and happy to proceed on a similar basis for 2025. As such, the following dates are proposed, and calendar invites will be sent after the meeting summary is confirmed.

- 19 February 2025
 - Committee members meet at Net Gain Offset area at 3.20 for site overview.
 - Committee Meeting (Holcim Office) 4pm – 6pm
- 21 May 2025
 - Community Site Tour 2.30 – 4.00
 - Committee Meeting (Holcim Office) 4pm – 6pm
- 20 August 2025
 - Committee meeting (Cardinia Shire Council Office) 4pm – 6pm
- 19 November 2025
 - Committee Site Tour 2.30 – 4.00pm
 - Committee Meeting (Holcim Office) 4pm – 6pm

Fire Season Preparation

Holcim is updating its annual plans regarding fire management and requested that the community Toomuc Alert Service update the phone list to ensure good communication in the event of an emergency and as part of the testing process. At the time of confirming this meeting summary, this has already happened and so no action has been generated.

Actions arising

**Person
Responsible**

There were no actions arising from this meeting.

Items for consideration at next revision of EMP

There are currently no items identified.