## MT. SHAMROCK QUARRY ENVIRONMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

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# **Meeting Summary**

19<sup>th</sup> February 2025 (4.40pm – 5.55pm)

Committee Members Present:		
	Leigh Elliott Nathan Thomas	Holcim Australia
	Don Petty Neville Bassett	Local Community Representatives
	Cr Brett Owen Marcelle Bell	Cardinia Shire Council
Apologies:	Barry Strong	Earth Resources Regulation
	Joy Carberry	Local Community Representative
	Representative	Environmental Protection Authority
Guests:	Sue Robertson	Standing in for Joy Carberry
Chairperson:	Lisa Barrand	Possibilities Pty Ltd

## Welcome

Committee members were welcomed to the meeting and apologies noted from Joy Carberry and Barry Strong. Sue Petty was also welcomed (standing in for Joy). After an acknowledgement of country, the Community Representatives were again congratulated on their reappointment to the Committee and Lisa thanked Leigh and Nathan for organising the visit to see the net gain offset area. The tour was highly valuable and informative for the Committee members, but also Ryan Harris and Nathaniel Knight from the Councils environmental team who were in attendance.

## Update on actions agreed at previous meetings

#### 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.

Leigh advised that Holcim submitted Holcim's final proposed version of the EMP to Cardinia Shire Council for approval on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December. The process now sits with Council to conduct both an internal review and also to invite reviews from relevant external agencies such as the EPA. These reviews are currently underway, and it is hoped that the entire process will be completed soon. Previous EMP reviews have often taken a long time for approval due, in part due to the delay in agencies responding to review requests from Council.

Marcelle Bell Leigh Elliott

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#### 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.

This item has been concluded via correspondence and the final revised Terms of Reference for the ERC are now posted on the Possibilities website.

This item is now considered closed and the matter regarding the 'on-line hosting' of ERC documents has been transferred to a new item (noted below).

## **Resource Investigation Project Update**

Nathan confirmed that the self-referral had now been acknowledged as having been received by the State Government; and that the relevant documents submitted by Holcim are freely available <u>on this DTP website</u>. It was noted that Attachments 7 and 8 do not seem to have been uploaded. Following the meeting, Nathan advised that all documents had been provided and confirmed as received, however the Department of Transport and Planning decides which information is placed on the website. Any questions regarding this should be directed to the Department at this email <u>planning.panels@transport.vic.gov.au</u>. The Committee were also interested in the fact that Holcim's lead consultant for the submission process, Umwelt Pty Ltd, had used their own technical subcontractors rather consultants currently providing services to Holcim. This approach was surprising to community members, however as discussed at the meeting, it was not unusual where a lead consultant or project manager is appointed to manage a significant project. A concern was also raised regarding the maps that had been submitted and the context of the Pony Club. It was confirmed after the meeting that Attachment One shows the Pony Club in Figure 8 and that Page 28 of the Referral form also details the site context, including in relation to the Pony Club. In addition, the DTP site assessment team visited the site and walked the northern boundary discussing the proximity of the Pony Club.

As previously mentioned, the process is now in the hands of DTP to consider all of the information provided and to decide on what they consider to be an appropriate planning and approvals process. This could take some time, and Holcim will keep the Committee updated regarding any decision or announcement.

At the meeting, Lisa also expressed her view that some aspects of the extension project fell within 'grey' areas of the Committees Terms of Reference. However, in reviewing the published documents after the meeting, it is noted that the Extension Referral Form specifically describes the intention to request a variation to the current work plan. As the 'review of work plan variations' falls within the Terms of Reference it is considered appropriate that relevant discussions continue.

Lastly, Committee members are also encouraged to reach out at any time to Matt Dodd (Project Manager) with any questions or comments. Matt can be reached on 0439 381 724 or <u>au-mtshamrock@holcim.com</u>

## **Environment Management Quarterly Report** (including consultant recommendations)

Leigh talked to the quarterly report that had been previously circulated and noted that there were no non conformances in the period and no complaints registered. The EMP annual audit is taking place before the end of February and Leigh highlighted the progress made on the EMP Audit Action list including the achievement of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions target (3.04% reduction). In relation to the turbidity project and pump options, Holcim has noted this action as complete as the consultant company Engeny has finished a feasibility design. Holcim is proposing to complete the detailed design work for this project but has not decided, at this stage, whether to continue beyond that point and will await to see costings etc. Leigh also advised that other annual reports, including slope stability, LRMP and Groundwater/Springs are almost finalised and would be circulated for discussion at the May meeting.

There were no questions raised regarding the quarterly report.

## **Other business**

#### End use for the quarry site

Given the current proposed extension project, this item was deferred to February 2026 for discussion.

#### Waste Survey Report

This report was shared as part of the pre reading and shows the status and strategies that Holcim are using for addressing and reducing waste. Leigh noted the low figure of only 6.06 tonnes going to landfill for the year (not including lunchroom waste). Leigh also talked about various waste stream, including the challenge of finding ways to recycle air filters and the fact that conveyor belt is being stored until there is a sufficient quantity to export (as occurred a few years ago).

#### **Community project support**

Holcim again invited ideas on local, community-based projects that Holcim could be involved in. Holcim has increased its volunteering allocation for staff to two days per year and is keen to support local projects where helpful; such projects need not be limited to projects needing quarry materials. Any ideas should be communicated directly through to Leigh or Nathan.

#### **Career Expo**

Nathan let the Committee know that Holcim is taking part in the Careers Expo being held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March, coordinated by Cardinia Shire Council.

## **Actions arising**

## Action 73.1 Transfer of ERC Hosting Page from Possibilities Pty Ltd to Holcim

All records of the ERC have historically been hosted by the Chairperson company website however it is considered appropriate that this be relocated to Holcim's website.

As part of the review of the ERCs Terms of Reference; the location, storage and access to ERC documents was discussed. Up until now, all information and records have been made publicly available via Lisa's website however it is considered appropriate to now transition these documents to Holcim's management and ownership. Holcim is in the process of organising a webpage on their Pakenham site page and will advise when finalised. Until that time, all information will remain on the Possibilities webpage.

Leigh Elliott

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#### Remaining dates for meetings and site tours in 2025

The following dates are proposed, and calendar invites will be sent after the meeting summary is confirmed.

- 21 May 2025
  - $\circ$  Site Tour for Local residents 2.30 4.00
  - Committee meeting (Holcim Office) 4pm 6pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> August 2025
  - Committee meeting (Cardinia Shire Council Office) 4pm 6pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025
  - Site Tour for Committee members 2.30 4.00pm
  - Committee Meeting (Holcim Office) 4pm 6pm

## Items for consideration at next revision of EMP

There are currently no items identified.