

IMT. SHAMROCK QUARRY  
ENVIRONMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE  
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## Meeting Summary

13<sup>th</sup> August 2025 (4.15pm – 6.00pm)

### Committee Members

#### Present:

Leigh Elliott  
Nathan Thomas  
Matt Dodd

Holcim Australia

Don Petty  
Neville Bassett  
Joy Carberry  
Rosemary Buczak (via zoom)

Local Community Representatives

Cr Brett Owen  
Ryan Harris (for Marcelle  
Bell)

Cardinia Shire Council

#### Apologies:

Barry Strong

Earth Resources Regulator

#### Chairperson:

Lisa Barrand

Possibilities Pty Ltd

### Welcome

Committee members were welcomed to the meeting and Lisa acknowledged Country. Apologies were noted from Barry Strong. Leigh, Matt and Nathan were thanked for conducting the on site overview of the Proposed Extension from the Pony Club grounds (more details below).

## Update on actions agreed at previous meetings

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### ***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.*

Holcim submitted their final proposed version of the EMP to Cardinia Shire Council for approval on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December 2024. 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. At this meeting, Ryan updated the Committee noting that the Council was still awaiting referral responses from a number of regulatory authorities.

Marcelle  
Bell

### ***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. All documents have now been uploaded directly on to the [Holcim Mt Shamrock](#) page of the Holcim's company website. From now on, all stakeholders should be directed to that site for information. This item is now considered closed.*

### ***Action 74.1 Question arising from annual Groundwater and Spring report***

*The annual Groundwater and Spring Monitoring Report is discussed in May each year.*

Prior to the meeting, GHD's expanded clarification regarding their Summaries (6.3 and 8.2) were shared. Notwithstanding substantial discussion at the meeting, including clarifying that the purpose of the monitoring regime under the EMP is to look at data and changes from the commencement of the works since the permit was granted in 2007, there was still concern from Community Representatives that the data is not taking into consideration historical information and that this was considered problematic from a scientific perspective. During the meeting, and for the benefit of Committee members who were not present during 2023/24, the peer review process of AECOMs work that was undertaken by GHD was also recapped, along with details of the additional monitoring regimes that have since been put in place by Holcim (as recommended by GHD at the time). It was also noted that there have been no EMP non-compliances in relation to these matters. It was agreed that Community concern should be noted but also that it was unlikely further discussion would resolve the matter.

In reviewing the recording, there was not 100% clarity around which consultant might respond to the question brought forward by Community Representatives, namely; "how does the removal of the basalt actually affect the groundwater and spring functioning?" Given that GHD has already broadly responded to this question Holcim will ask MSH Groundwater to consider this in relation to the Extension Project.

Leigh  
Elliott

## Quarry Extension Project Update

Prior to the meeting, members of the Committee (along with Samantha Cross - Coordinator of Sports and Recreation as an observer), had the opportunity to see the North East side of the quarry from the perspective of the Huxtable Road Reserve and Pony Club facilities. It was very useful to see the physical assets on the site, and to also view the current bund wall and markers showing approximate setbacks. Holcim also talked through their proposed staging approach to the removal of the bund over the course of the project (if approved) and potential noise monitoring/mitigation approaches that might be considered.

During the meeting, key updates from Holcim included that process for submitting any Workplan Variation or Planning process were going to take some time as there are numerous regulatory engagement processes, investigation reports and other actions to be taken. Holcim needs to ensure that all requirements will be met

prior to lodging any submission and so there is expected to be a lot of to'ing and fro'ing with regulators. Holcim has not yet decided which planning pathway to apply under.

In terms of community engagement; since the last meeting, Holcim have met with members of the three committees on the Huxtable Road Reserve and have responded to questions raised at that time. Other written concerns have also been submitted to Holcim and responses provided that have also shared with the ERC. Matt has now put all of these together in the form a FAQ which has been shared with the Committee (and will be sent to nearby residents). This FAQ will be updated if further concerns about the Extension Project are brought forward.

Lisa noted that Holcim, as yet, has not actually submitted any Workplan Variation and so at this stage any consultation and discussion is preliminary and the proposed extension will more formally come to the Committee once a submission is made. Notwithstanding this, the following points are noted:

- **The release of report information** (for example the Blasting Report), was considered as being problematic from the Community Representative perspective as, in the case of one Community Representative identifying technical blasting concerns, the concerns had to rely on historical information only and not the report relevant to the Proposed Extension Project as it was not available at the time. This Blasting Report has now been shared by Holcim. Nathan noted that Holcim is committed to sharing information but wants to ensure that information provided is correct and complete prior to release. In the case of the Blasting Report, it was released after it had been confirmed internally as being correct and complete. Some other reports that Community Representatives were concerned were not available are available on the [DOT Project Page](#) as part of the initial referral process. The technical noise assessment report has just been received by Holcim from the relevant consultant but needs to be reviewed prior to release. This may take some time but once signed off, it will be shared with the ERC.
- **Documenting concerns going forward.** Lisa commended the Community Representatives for bringing forward their, and their communities, concerns in writing; and also for Holcim in responding promptly to these concerns. This process should continue if new concerns are identified.
- **Noise concerns.** This was discussed; including the impact of the proposed bund removal, the variability and unpredictability of animal responses (dogs and horses) and the impact of noise. During the site walk at the Pony Club, and also during the meeting, there were discussions regarding the soil bund that is currently in place along the top of the northern boundary, and its current effectiveness in reducing operational and blast noise from the quarry. There are concerns from community representatives regarding the potential impact on people and animals of increased exposure to blast and operational noise if this bund is reduced in height as part of the proposed extension. During the site walk, Nathan and Matt talked about the envisaged final height of the bund as being between 2m and 6m above ground level, however the actual final height will differ at various points along the northern boundary. Both Nathan and Matt reiterated that a design has not been finalised. There are still technical studies to be considered, (some still not completed) and discussions with regulators to be undertaken, before any final design is settled upon, which may include other mitigation options that are being considered.
- Community members are, again, encouraged to bring forward any concerns in writing to Holcim. The technical noise report, which will be released at some stage, will provide further information that may respond to concerns but will also give more detail of the situation prior to Community expressing their concerns in writing.
- **Net Gain offset** This will definitely be required as per the preliminary assessments. Holcim explained a little about the methodology used for determining NGO requirements however the actual plan for meeting any NGO requirements is a decision that will be made further into the planning process.
- **Difficult conversations.** During the site tour and at a number of times during the meeting, it was clear that there are strong responses to the Extension Proposal and different views about the level of transparency and intention of the parties. Lisa as Chairperson, and others, encouraged all members of the Committee to, moving forward, be mindful to continue to engage respectfully with each other on the issues for discussion.

As per previous discussions, Committee members are again 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 [au-mtshamrock@holcim.com](mailto:mtshamrock@holcim.com).

## Environment Management Quarterly Report (including consultant recommendations)

Leigh talked to the quarterly report briefly, the results being good and with no non-conformances or complaints. Leigh noted the following:

- Naturelinks is now providing services from the Mornington Depot to assist reduce travel time. The Committee asked that the existing team be thanked for all of their good work and to express the Committee's appreciation.
- The previously missing waste data has now been added in to the report.

There were no questions raised regarding the quarterly report.

## Other business

### Landscape and Rehabilitation Management Report

Both the 2024 Annual Report and the 6 monthly report to end of June 2025 were considered. There were no questions from the Committee.

### Slope Stability Report

This annual report was considered and there were no questions other than to clarify the meaning of backscarp (the scalloped back of a landslip). It was confirmed that the additional inspections recommended for earthquakes and after major rain events take place and also that the general recommendations made as part of the report have been added to the Consultants Recommendations document.

### Finalising ERC Terms of Reference

A final version of the ERC Terms of Reference was confirmed by the Committee to include the agreed appointment of a fourth Community Representative for this term. Leigh will include on the new Holcim website.

### Independent Chairperson – Process for appointment

The term of the Chairperson comes to a conclusion next February and Council will need to undertake an advertising process toward the end of this calendar year. Lisa has shared the Position Description for members to review prior the next meeting so that Marcelle can be ready to initiate the process.

## Actions arising

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There were no actions arising from this meeting.

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

- 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.