



Meeting	Community Consultative Committee	No.	Meeting No. 9
Project	Lynwood Quarry	Date	1 September 2014
Venue	Marulan Community Hall	Time	4.00pm - 5.30pm
Chaired by	Brendan Blakeley	Recorded by	Olivia Dodds
Purpose	To provide an update on the Holcim Lynwood Quarry project.		

Attendees

Rachel Heath	Holcim	David Humphreys	Marulan Region Chamber of Commerce
Peter Hewson	Holcim	Alan Burman	Towrang Community Progress Group
Alana White	Holcim	John Nicastrì	Marulan Progress Association
Brendan Blakeley	Elton Consulting	Mayor Geoff Kettle	Mayor, Goulburn Mulwaree Council
Olivia Dodds	Elton Consulting	Warwick Bennett	General Manager, Goulburn Mulwaree Council

Discussion points

1 Welcome and introductions

Brendan Blakeley welcomed members to the ninth meeting of the Lynwood Quarry Community Consultative Committee (CCC).

Notes from the last meeting were adopted.

2 Lynwood project update

Peter Hewson gave a presentation of lighting and construction progress. Alana White gave a short introduction of herself as the new Senior Environment and Community Liaison for Lynwood Quarry, and delivered an update on the progress of the Lynwood Quarry project, including upcoming activities and environmental updates.

Please find attached the accompanying presentation. A summary is provided below.

Project updates

The bulk of physical construction of the quarry is now complete, with the infrastructure and steel work installed and in its resting place for the next 30 or so years
Recent rainfall contributed to a great deal of flow on site
Regarding site lighting, Holcim has been working hard to come to a reasonable solution for everyone and recently held a Q&A session/workshop with residents of Towrang

Lighting: schedule of upcoming activities

The pre-feasibility assessment and investigation of considerations pertinent to community consultation are expected later in September
Second Community lighting workshop – end of September after road realignment and the receipt of additional reports
A further lighting trial is anticipated for the end of September
Plant lighting review is expected to take place over October
Trials process for plant lighting is set for December/January, but could be delayed until February.

Alan Burman noted there are bigger lighting shields on the market compared to those used at Lynwood, e.g. those used behind the rail line in Goulburn on Sloane Street. *Holcim said they would look into this.*

Environmental update

- Recent heavy rainfall:
This kind of downpour is a one in two year occurrence in the area
Two dams overflowed
Biggest dam (Dam A) has not overflowed and sediment levels are within the appropriate range
Surveying and sampling for TSS (Total Suspended Solids) has been happening on a daily basis
Holcim is looking at how to better manage the dams during such times of heavy downpour
Water from the dams will be used in the operations of the quarry, therefore heavy rainfall is expected to become easier to manage once operations have commenced.
- Litter:
Holcim representatives recently spent the day collecting litter along the road going into the dump in Marulan
They will continue to help with this issue when resources are available.
- Dust, noise, surface and ground water monitoring:
A high volume dust monitor on the western side of the site was down for a week, however it is now up and running and is not expected to shut down again
SLR undertook their noise monitoring as scheduled however had some difficulty when a suspected kangaroo destroyed the microphone
All other monitoring has been noted within the normal range
Spreading some of the vegetation that has been cleared in time for spring.
- Meeting with Greening Australia:
Looking at partnerships and collaborations through Greening Australia that can be extended on over the next 12 months, e.g. working with adjoining landowners to extend the habitat areas and enhance connectivity.

Holcim's community contributions update:

HASP (Heritage and Sustainability Precinct): David Humphreys explained this involves the Marulan Chamber of Commerce, Boral and 18 community groups and has been in the pipeline for three years now. The project looks to create a sustainability park and heritage centre in a section of land behind George Street to the school boundary in Marulan. ANU final year landscaping and architecture students have been tasked with designing scenarios for the precinct as part of their final project. The material gained from this will be used to raise funds and obtain grants for the project.

School zone lighting in Marulan: Holcim sent a letter to Pru Goward's office regarding the need for this in the form of a letter of support. *David Humphries advised that the Chamber of Commerce has been notified that there will be school zone lights in Marulan by Feb 2015.*

Dedicated contribution and participation in the Kite Festival, Mayors Golf Day (great benefactor this year) and Australia Day Parade.

Helping local historical society members to build a historical catalogue of photographs for the area.

Alana also noted that Holcim is drafting up an investment plan to define their strategic community investment priorities and clearly outline the types of local community initiatives it will fund in the future.

Actions

Holcim to follow up on the light covers in Sloane Street

Alan Burman to send information about covers to Holcim

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How the group is operating

In light of recent happenings, Brendan Blakeley put it to the group to create some protocols and guidelines for the CCC, particularly in relation to observers at future CCC meetings.

There was discussion about the previous CCC meeting and the following points were made:

Concern was raised by members over the media coverage that occurred after this meeting
It was noted that some community members went to the press after being disallowed as observers because they felt like they weren't included in the process
Brendan noted that observers were disallowed at the meeting not to exclude them, but because he did not want to set a precedent before discussion with the whole committee. He also pointed out that these community members were invited to a site lighting workshop directly after the CCC meeting.

Discussion was then had regarding observers at future CCC meetings.

The following points were made in **favour** of a policy that allows observers:

Many community members have an interest in the project and allowing them to observe would mean they can hear what's going on first hand and know that nothing is hidden. This would mean an open and transparent forum for discussion and ensure that the whole community feels included in the process, which would lessen the likelihood of future antagonism to the project
The Department of Planning Guidelines state that a Community Consultative Committee may agree to observers. *Brendan replied that those guidelines were made for large mining projects, and Lynwood Quarry operates under a different consent*
If allowed, observers would need to RSVP in order to help Holcim to plan effectively for meetings.

The following points were made **against** a policy that allows observers:

Observers at meetings can be difficult to manage
The presence of observers can sometimes stifle open discussion and problem solving
There are other forums for community members to air their concerns and issues
Members of a CCC act as representatives taking information from the community to Holcim, and vice versa, therefore there is no need for observers
Meeting minutes are readily available
If observers are not allowed, there needs to be a commitment to ongoing dialogue between Holcim and the wider community
Observers are not allowed to talk during the meetings and as a result can feel less engaged and further dislodged from the process.

The group noted that members of the committee have a role in disseminating information to their respective groups and communities and also bringing broader community issues to the CCC for discussion.

In relation to sharing information with the wider community, Holcim conducts the following activities:

- monthly newsletters
- regular meetings with Council (fortnightly) and Pru Goward's office
- face-to-face meetings with local business and residences
- doorknocking
- complaints and issues management process.

Holcim also advised that they are more than happy to hold other forums and meetings for community/interest groups if need be. For example, Holcim representatives could regularly attend Towrang Community Progress meetings.

Following this discussion, the Committee voted on whether observers should be allowed at meetings.

- 5 members voted **no**
- 1 member voted **yes**

Therefore the motion was passed to not allow observers at Lynwood Quarry CCC meetings.

The group then discussed ways to provide greater channels of communication to those outside the Committee in the future:

- more updates provided in the local paper (monthly updates)
- specific forums to help representatives report back to their communities
- Holcim could hold additional meetings or forums if any community/interest groups wanted broader consultation
- increasing newsletter distribution numbers

reminders sent to local residents regarding upcoming CCC meetings; this would prompt residents to pass on any points of discussion to their representative
a short summary of the meeting minutes could be provided for the newsletter

Holcim noted a commitment to continue communication with the Towrang Community Progress Group.

Alan Burman asked if a member of the Cookbundoon Heritage Protection Committee could join the Lynwood Quarry CCC. *Brendan replied that as with the TCPG they should send a letter to the chair outlining their connection to the project, reason for being on the committee and the constituency they represent.*

Brendan asked the Committee if anyone wanted to comment further on the conduct of meetings. *Nothing was noted.*

Actions

- None noted.
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4 Other matters and general discussion

The following matters were raised:

John Nicastrì asked if Holcim could clean up the old fence at the Cemetery. *Peter Hewson replied that they would look when the weather improves.*

Mayor Geoff Kettle congratulated Holcim and the extractive industries on their efforts in ensuring their truck drivers remain below the speed limit, noting that Council's continual monitoring revealed that the offending vehicles have been motor vehicles not trucks.

Alan Burman advised he had recently heard non-obtrusive construction noises at his home. He said that he was not sure of the source of the noise whether it came from Gunlake or Lynwood. He noted that Holcim was welcome to set up a baseline monitoring system on his property if they wanted. *Rachel Heath replied that there was already a noise monitoring station on the western side. Peter Hewson thanked Alan for this offer and said he would liaise with Alan regarding this. He also noted that to be effective this may need more than automated monitoring.*

Actions

- Holcim and Alan Burman to work together to explore noise monitoring options.
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5 Next meeting date and close

The next meeting is tentatively set for Monday, 10 November 2014 and will be held on site at Lynwood Quarry.

In the interim any urgent issues can be directed to Alana White on 0429 795 790 or alana.white@holcim.com, or Brendan Blakeley at Elton Consulting, 0412 686 026 or Brendan@elton.com.au.

The community is encouraged to contact Alana White on the information line (1300 657 051) or alana.white@holcim.com with any problems or queries.

Brendan Blakeley thanked the group and closed the meeting.