



**Minutes of MEETING
4 April 2023 CCC Meeting
HOLCIM QUARRY**

Minutes of the Meeting of the CCC of 4 April 2023.

Attendance

CCC MEMBERS: Peter Gordon (PG), Independent Chair; Carolyn Larcombe (CL), Michael Ziebel (MZ), Tom Baker (TB) and Ian Grimmer (IG) community representatives; Kurt Bridges (KB) and David Manning (DM) representing Holcim

Apologies: Nil

Introduction:

Kurt and David welcomed the committee to the site for the first time in 2023. David confirmed that has been appointed the permanent site manager.

PG confirmed that he had been in touch with Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council regarding Council attendance at CCC meetings. (Shortly after the meeting Melinda Corey confirmed that she will attend future meetings on behalf of the Council).

Declaration of Interests

Members advised that no new interests had been established since the last meeting.

Confirmation of Minutes

The minute of the previous meeting were confirmed out of session and should be available on the Quarry website.

Presentation by Holcim

Kurt and David presented an update on the activities of the quarry for 2022/23.

The quarry is expected to return to past levels in 2023 of about 800,000 tonnes per year which is in keeping with the conditions of approval. Kurt and David briefed the committee on the expansion of dacite quarrying and the importing of recycled concrete to be blended with natural materials. The quarry has approval to 2035 and the site has an operational 5 year pit plan which is in its first year.

Major projects were reported on including work at London Crt, the new Jumping Creek development and the Googong and Jerrabomberra extensions. Cost of fuel is a substantial factor in bidding for new work.

There was one reportable safety incident. An employee of a subcontractor was injured, and Holcim is taking all steps to make sure the injured person is well looked after.

The terms of the facility, the crushers continue to be subject to regular maintenance and the new maintenance shed is complete and operational.

KB reported that there was soon to be an audit of the site. As a Tier 1 Quarry, audits are a regular feature and with the levels of drilling and blasting the company welcomes independent audits.

Monitoring Results

DM noted that there had been two exceedances at monitoring stations for dust (on high pollen days) and none for noise and water as monitored by the independent contractor.

Complaints

There were no complaints this reporting period. DM reported on previous complaints from the community about blasting. DM visited both houses and offered to place monitoring equipment on each. Neither member of the community accepted the offer and Holcim will continue to do its best to minimise disruption caused by blasting. DM noted that he contacted residents in Jerrabomberra who had previously complained about noise but neither wanted to follow up.

Issues Raised by Community Members

Following an earlier request from MZ Kurt confirmed that the company was interested in a community open day as had been offered some years previously. KB was very happy to consider such an initiative and the meeting asked the representatives of Googong and Jerrabomberra to consult their members to ascertain what they would like to see at an open day, including a guided tour of the site and reporting on environmental monitoring. The open day will be scheduled to follow the next meeting of the CCC which will also involve a site inspection.

Both IG and MZ raised truck issues, being speed and respect for local road users. DM agreed to look into these matters.

CL mentioned previous work done on habitats for the glossy black cockatoo and suggest that Holcim approach Greening Australia for advice.

Following a query from TB David confirmed that the company was using a contractor to keep on top of any weed outbreaks.

Next Meeting

24 July 2023 for the next meeting of the CCC which will start with a site visit commencing at 3.30.

Peter Gordon
Chair, Cooma Road Quarry CCC

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