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Boral Ormeau Quarry Community Liaison Group Meeting Minutes

Thursday 12 December 2024

Darlington Conservation House, 24 Cliff Barrons Road, Kingsholme

ATTENDEES

Neighbours / Community Representatives

- Bob and Sue Durance
- Sid Wright

Boral

- Bruce Barry, Quarry Manager Ormeau
- Carlo Dela Cruz, Environmental Business Partner
- Rochelle Gebbett, Community and Engagement Specialist, Quarries Queensland
- Kate Woodbridge, National Community Relations and Engagement Manager

Apologies

- Judy Hendrikx
- Cr Mark Hammel, Division 1, City of Gold Coast
- Michael Crandon MP, Member for Coomera
- Kelly Allcorn, Planning and Development Lead – North

Meeting commenced at 5pm

Introductions

Bruce welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Rochelle Gebbett who will be managing community engagement activities for quarries in Queensland moving forward. Rochelle has a wealth of knowledge and experience about the industry.

Operational Update

- No major changes to operational procedures at the quarry other than the development area progress.
- Production and sales volume have remained static with no major projects currently being supplied.
- Hours of operation remain unchanged.
- Site will be closed over Christmas break from the 22/12/24 to the 3/1/25. Extra security will be in place over this period.
- Supply chain is still under pressure with customers sourcing own transport at times.

Current Local Projects

- Continued delivery of Foam Bitumen to Seymour Whyte on the Gold Coast as part of the M1 upgrade at Tugan.
- Contractor on site crushing fill product for part of the Coomera connection project.

Current site Projects

- Site has completed previous project to develop a new haul road to allow access to upper bench RL240.
- Once the material has been extracted from the upper benches site will commence rehab on benches above RL240.
- Site is about to start stripping of stage 2 clearing as shown here. This will be done over a 6 – 12-month period.



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Environmental Updates

Blast Monitoring – Overpressure

- Overpressure for the period December 2023 to December 2024.
- We conducted 29 blasts since our last meeting.
- Ormeau Quarry approval limits:
 - Overpressure:
 - must not exceed 120dB(L) for all blasts
 - must not exceed 115dB(L) for 9 out of 10 blasts
- We had 1 reading above 115 dBL at Bluchers residence, previous 9 blasts all ok and we have now had 6 further blasts that are all ok.

Blast Monitoring –Vibration

- Vibration for the period December 2023 to December 2024.
- Ormeau Quarry approval limits: Vibration:
 - must not exceed 10mm/s for all blasts
 - must not exceed 5mm/s for 9 out of 10 blasts
- 1 blast exceeded the 5mm/s and was under the limit of 10mm/s, the previous and post 9 blasts are all under the 5 mm/s limit.

Site Environmental Update

- For the previous 397 days the quarry recorded a total rainfall of 1651.2 mm with 99 days of rain.
- There was an unusual rain event January 2024 with over 600mm of rain in 24 hours. This caused significant sediment and erosion within the site. The main area of concern was the new road development.
- DESI made inspections over the next 6 months resulting in infringement notices being issued. The committee thought that if DESI had started at the top area and worked their way down, outside Boral's Ormeau Quarry property boundary, it would have noticed that the severe wet weather event (January 2024) had caused quite severe environmental impacts (i.e. erosion) to the area.
- Boral has made improvements to the site's erosion and sediment controls including vegetation replanting and sediment removal.
- Boral hosted 15 DESI officers on site during November for training and on sediment and erosion management, the compliance officers complimented Boral on the significant improvements since January event.
- During the rain event the site experienced a rock slip within the pit area which has impacted resource recovery from the central part of the pit. The site is currently working with a contractor to safely remediate the slip.

Dust Monitoring

- For the period December 2023 to November 2024.
- No elevated results at any dust sensitive locations between December 2023 to November 2023.
- Wind direction throughout the period was variable.
- Dust deposition guideline limit: 120mg/m2/month (Total Insoluble Matter).
- Monitors are installed at sensitive receptors M1 and M6.
- Monitor 2 will be moved due to it consistently recording much higher results than the monitors on either side of it (M5 and M6), this might be due to the positioning of the current monitor catching more dust due to overhanging vegetation. The committee will receive the results at the next meeting.
- Total Insoluble Matter = mix of organic (combustible) & inorganic (ash) after it has been filtered. Ash content usually indicates quarry dust.



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Planning Team Update

- Boral Property Group (BPG) lodged a minor change request to GCCC to amend 2019 operational works approval (OPW) for vegetation clearing. This has been approved.
- The change application included some changes to boundaries of clearing stages to respond to operational requirements; however, it did not increase the amount of clearing to be undertaken on the site.
- OPW change did require a minor change to material change of use (land use) approval with Boral making an application to the Planning & Environment Court, as the relevant authority, to amend this approval.
- BPG worked in consultation with town planning, visual, ecological, stormwater, geological experts to ensure changes are in line with intent of approval for top-down extraction, vegetation clearing and rehabilitation outcomes.
- The Planning & Environment Court approved this minor change.

Current Local Matters / Community Issues

- The site received two community complaints concerning blasting.
- One neighbour complained that their house allegedly shook and that they had not received notification of the blast prior. The blast was checked and compliant against required limits. It was also verified that notifications had gone out to the neighbour on the morning of the blast via a text and an email. The other said there was some dust after the blast.
- The community has noticed truck movements in the area have amplified since a new private truck company (Upper Ormeau Road) has commenced its operations. Local residents have lodged a complaint to the City of Gold Coast Council about dangerous driving.
- We had a few enquires for assistance after the January floods, Boral cleaned up the park area and reinstated some barriers.
- Bob mentioned that he had seen a Boral truck go through a red light at the intersection a few months ago, it was very dangerous driving. He was unable to get the registration or number of the vehicle at the time. The site team said if he sees anything like that again to let us know as soon as possible as we may be able to identify the driver using the on-board tracking device.
- Sue and Bob mentioned that a snake seems to be accessing the property (24 Cliff Barrons Road, Ormeau Hills) from underneath the back door and has recommended Boral insert a flywire door for prevention and the roof gutters require cleaning.

Other business

The committee has requested more regular Boral Ormeau Quarry Community Liaison Group meetings to occur each year.

Bob and Sue updated the committee on some of the Landcare projects they have received grant funding for in the region. A number of upcoming projects that will keep the volunteers extremely busy in 2025 including the Urban Rivers Project. There will be a Landcare event at the property in January 2025 and would appreciate Boral Ormeau Quarry staff attending if possible. Sue will provide event details.

Next meeting is to be held mid-2025.

Meeting closed at 6pm



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ACTION ITEMS:		
Name:	Task:	Actioned by:
Quarry Manager	- Update on Quarry Operations	Next meeting
Planning and Environmental Team	- Any over the horizon planning updates - Results of monitoring at the quarry	Next meeting
CLG members	- Update on Community matters	Next meeting

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