

# Boral Talbragar Quarry

Resources to keep the Central West moving

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**Our Talbragar Quarry at Brocklehurst is part of Boral's nationwide network of sites and facilities which produce the building and construction materials upon which our communities are built. Read on for the latest from your local Boral team.**

## Connect with the **Boral Talbragar Quarry**

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## Learning with the locals...

*Our Talbragar Quarry team would like to thank those residents who took part in the very successful community site inspection held at the end of March.*

The event was attended by around **35** locals, many of whom have grown up beside the quarry, but who'd never seen beyond the parts visible from town.



After being given a summary of how the quarry operates, our guests boarded buses to be driven to our current pit from which we're extracting the **basalt** used to make our **hard rock aggregates**.

Visitors were then shown through other active and previously worked areas of the site, an example of the **rehabilitation** we've undertaken shown at the latter.

Finally, our guests were given a close-up view of the **crushing plant** and **stockpiling area** – two parts of the site most residents see every day, but the purpose of which may now make more sense following the visit.

We also organised for one of our **tippers** and some of our **heavy equipment (HME)** to be on display, allowing our visitors to gain a better understanding of their use and the mechanisms we fit to them to keep

both our operators and the general public safe. These vital pieces of machinery proved particularly popular with our younger guests!

The feedback we received during and after the event about both the inspection and the operations in general has been really positive.

We're pleased that residents enjoyed the opportunity to take a closer look at what goes on 'next door' day in-day out, and look forward to arranging similar events in future.



## A rise for inland rail...

*The central location of our Talbragar Quarry in the Dubbo region makes it ideally placed to supply the needs of a range of Boral customers and projects across western NSW.*

The quarry's positioning is enhanced by its direct access to both a major route in the **Newell Highway**, and the **railway** which separates the quarry from Brocklehurst village.

When our team visited residents at home during December 2017, and again during our March community site event, we raised the advantage of the quarry's location as the basis for our plans to secure work through the Federal Government's **Inland Rail Project**.

Specifically, we mentioned that we'd be likely to seek planning approval to increase the quarry's annual production limit.

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Following a great deal of work across 2018, we're now in a position to lodge the required application with **Dubbo Regional Council** for this increased limit.

#### **What are you applying to Council for?**

We're asking Council to **modify** the quarry's current planning consent to allow us to raise the maximum production limit from the current **380 000** tonnes per year, to **490 000** tonnes.

Doing so would assist us to both supply our current rail customers with **ballast** from the quarry, as well as contribute additional volumes to any Inland Rail work to which Boral is able to successfully tender.

#### **How will this change your operations?**

Largely, it **won't**. If demand for the increased tonnage occurs, we are confident we can cover it within the conditions to which the current operations are run.



#### **More product must mean more trucks on the road?**

Here's where the advantage of being on a railway 'kicks in'! Through our application, we're proposing any volume of product above the currently approved annual transport limit of **350 000** tonnes is moved by **rail**.

This means **no** additional trucks moving through Brocklehurst to the highway. Trucks will instead move more frequently between the quarry's front gates and the **rail siding** to the south on Old Gilgandra Road.

At the moment, we're allowed to move products by rail up to **four** times a week. With the application, we're looking to increase that to **12** but will keep to the existing maximum **two trains per day**.

The only other change we'll seek is moving the finish time for loading trains on a **Saturday** from **1pm** to **4pm**.

#### **When will you be submitting the application?**

We'll be ready to lodge the application, including the required **Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE)**, with Council by the **end of September**.



#### **How can I find out more and offer my feedback?**

As with most planning processes, there'll be a period in which Council will seek comments from **the community and stakeholders** about our proposal.

As always, before that occurs we are more than open to discussing the details with you further and answering any questions you may have.

Even after the documents are submitted, we can still include your feedback so the final proposal meets the expectations of neighbours as well as our needs.

You can use these details to gain more information and offer your further thoughts:

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## Talbragar rock in action...

*Operating since 1963, the material which has been extracted out of our Talbragar Quarry has been used to build, upgrade and maintain homes, workplaces and public infrastructure across our region.*

Apart from rail ballast, much of the hard rock product generated by the quarry is sent to Boral's local **asphalt** plant (sited next to the quarry at Brocklehurst), and **concrete** facility in West Dubbo.

Through the two plants and by direct supply, work our quarry has contributed to recently includes:

- **Dubbo Base Hospital** upgrade;
- **Dubbo Sewerage Treatment Plant** upgrade;
- The **Macquarie View** subdivision;
- Works on the **Mitchell** and **Newell Highways**;
- **Dubbo-Coonamble Railway** upgrade; and
- The **Eumungerie Water Supply Scheme**.