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Boral proposes to build replacement processing plant at Deer Park Quarry

Boral has submitted a planning permit application to Melton City Council for the building of a replacement quarry processing plant and associated works at the Boral Deer Park Quarry.

The quarry has been providing essential building and construction resources to Melbourne for more than 50 years, and the current processing plant has been in operation since the 1960s.

Boral has invested significantly in upgrading the current processing plant over the years but now needs to replace the existing plant with a new facility reflecting international best practice and technology.

The application has been made independently from other approvals under which the quarry is operated, including the Planning Permit granted by Council in 2001 which governs most activities at the site, including the approved extraction areas.

General Manager of Boral Quarries (Southern Region), Peter Head, said the proposed plant would not only ensure the quarry could continue to provide quality materials to the Melbourne market, but would also have significant benefits for employees and the local community.

“The proposed plant would provide the advantages expected of a 50-year advancement in technology, including significant efficiency and environmental gains such as a reduction in operational noise and dust generation”, Mr Head said.

In addition, Boral is proposing features designed to improve the aesthetics and environmental effects of the new plant.

Mr Head said the proposed plant would use a modern dust extraction method with ‘baghouses’, representing current industry best practice.

“It would feature recycled water sprays at dust emission points to help reduce dust from escaping, along with advanced noise attenuation by locating the main source of noise, the crushers, inside a building”, Mr Head said.

“This technology has been used around the world. Based on research, we are confident the replacement plant will provide significant gains in noise and dust emission reduction - the two areas typically associated with quarrying activities.”

“We are keen to start building the replacement plant as soon as possible so the local community and our employees can appreciate the benefits the plant would bring to their working day and the wider environment” Mr Head said.

Boral has been working closely with the Boral Deer Park Environmental Review Committee to keep them informed about the project, and have invested a lot of time answering questions in advance of the application being advertised.

The proposed replacement plant will be located slightly to the north-west of the current plant, just off Riding Boundary Road, Truganina.

Boral expects the replacement plant to be in operation by 2018 dependent on approvals.

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