

Boral in Bringelly

A new way to help build our community

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During December 2015, we informed our valued neighbours about a change to the ownership of the Bringelly Brickworks from Boral to PGH Bricks. We noted, however, that we were developing plans to remain part of the Bringelly community.

We are now ready to reveal those plans in order to gather feedback from you, our community. Read on to find out more about how we're looking to continue our long-standing connection with the local area as the start of a major period of change for the town arrives.

Developing a concrete proposal

As mentioned in our last newsletter, the former Boral Bringelly Brickworks has transitioned into the ownership of a joint venture (JV) company, trading as PGH Bricks.

Under the JV arrangements, land held by us was consequently either transferred to PGH or sold off to a third party. However, we retained the right to lease back a portion of the land fronting onto Greendale Road.

The reason for this is that we recognise Bringelly will undergo substantial growth during the coming decade. This growth will require building and construction materials.

Boral is Australia's leading producer and supplier of these materials. Concrete is part of our core businesses and so, in thinking about the use of the leased land, we've decided to apply to build a new concrete batch plant (CBP).



What is a CBP?

Across Australia, Boral operates about 240 CBPs which supply 'ready-made' concrete to customers in metropolitan and regional areas.

To produce the concrete aggregate, sand and cement is delivered to the CBP from Boral's network of quarries and cement works via truck.

These are blended inside the CBP and poured into waiting 'agitators'. Water is added to the mix, after which delivery occurs direct to where the concrete is required.

This concrete is used for all types of public and private building and construction projects. These range from standard house 'slabs' through to major roadworks and the building of schools, hospitals and major structures such as bridges.



What is planned for the Bringelly CBP?

Our proposal for the Bringelly CBP has been developed from our experience of successfully operating CBPs throughout Sydney and NSW.

The plant will be located about 600 metres to the west of the current entrance to the brickworks (see overleaf).

Did you know?

There's a difference between 'concrete' and 'cement'. Cement is the 'powder' which is mixed with aggregates (gravel/rock), sand and water to make concrete – so you can't have one without first making the other!



We will propose that the CBP be allowed to operate between **6am and 6pm Monday to Friday**, and from **6am to 1pm on Saturdays**.

Production of up to 125 000 tonnes per annum of concrete will be sought, allowing us to employ a projected workforce of 13 people.

Access to the site will be directly from Greendale Road, with all related traffic moving between the site and The Northern Road.

At this time, we're hoping to begin building the CBP, if approved, by November of this year.

What would a CBP mean for Bringelly?

As the former operators of the brickworks, we are very conscious of the great relationship we have built over the years with the community.

Accordingly, we are carefully analysing a variety of factors before finalising our proposal for the CBP and submitting it to the relevant authorities.

Investigations are being undertaken in respect to noise, dust emissions, stormwater management and indigenous heritage as required by relevant legislation.

Another area of focus is traffic management. We're developing a plan to properly control any CBP-related traffic as part of the overall volume already using Greendale Road.



Outside of the application, approval for the CBP will generate new jobs in the local area, both during construction and long-term operations.

It will also assist in the delivery of much needed infrastructure in the region, most notably the future upgraded intersection at The Northern, Greendale and Bringelly Roads.

By remaining part of the community, Boral would also be able to continue the contribution formerly made through the brickworks, such as support for educational initiatives at the school, and sponsorship of the local Sports Club.

What's the next step?

Our proposal requires an environmental impact statement (EIS) which we hope to submit to Camden Council during March or April.

Following submission of the EIS and relevant development application documents, we expect Council will publicly exhibit the proposal for public comment as per the usual process.

Noting Greendale Road forms the boundary between the Camden and Liverpool Local Government Areas, we will ensure residents are aware of the exhibition once dates are known.

In the interim, as has always been the case, we encourage you to contact us with any questions or comments you may have.

What do you think?

You can ask questions and offer us your feedback via:

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