

ANSWERING YOUR QUESTIONS

Q. Why does Boral need to replace the existing quarry processing plant?

The current quarry processing plant was built as part of the original establishment of operations. Although it has been subject to various upgrades over the decades, parts of the plant remain essentially the same as they were when constructed in the 1960s.

As a result of the ongoing criticality of the quarry as a major component of Boral's Melbourne supply chain, a decision has been taken to replace the processing plant with a modern facility.

Q. Why doesn't Boral just keep upgrading the existing quarry processing plant?

Replacing the existing plant is preferable to further upgrades due to the significant efficiency and environmental gains which a new plant can bring.

In designing the proposed new plant, Boral has considered best practices and technology available from around the world. Integrating the latest technologies will allow Boral to make gains in reducing operational noise and dust generation, two issues which are typically associated with quarry activities.

Q. Where will the new processing plant be located?

The new plant will be located slightly to the north-east of the current processing plant, just off Riding Boundary Road.

Q. What are the benefits of the proposal?

Reflecting similar recent projects at other sites, the proposed new processing plant will provide the advantages that would be expected of a 50-year advancement in technology. These include significant gains in noise and dust controls.

The proposal will include additional features designed to improve the aesthetics of the new plant, including landscaping and the establishment of bunding.

For dust mitigation, the proposed plant will use a 'dry' extraction method with baghouses to capture dust which represents current industry best practice. The plant will feature strategically located recycled water sprays at dust emission points to help reduce any fugitive dust.

Noise attenuation will also be a feature of the new plant. The usual noise emitting points throughout the processing stream will be clad with reinforced material using methods which have proven effective at other operations.

Q. Will the proposed plant replacement have any impacts on current operations at the Deer Park site?

The application for the new processing plant does not have any effect on any other part of the quarry's operation. All existing practices and activities will be maintained at the site.

There will be a period of up to six months during which both the 'old' and 'new' plants will operate in tandem. This is to ensure production is maintained while the new plant is commissioned. During this period, the quarry will continue to comply with its existing obligations, and there will be no increase in materials produced.

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Q. Will the proposed construction have any impacts on the environment in the area?

The establishment of the proposed plant will not alter the quarry's existing environmental obligations, including the conservation of vulnerable species within the extraction area, and the preservation of the 'northern grasslands' reserve.

Q. When will the proposed plant be constructed and how long will it take?

Construction of the proposed plant is scheduled to begin in 2016 and take approximately two years to complete.

Q. Why does Boral need to apply for a planning permit for these works when the new site is on their land?

The application concerns the building and works of the proposed new plant only. It does not change the area of extraction within Boral's land, which was approved in 2001.

Q. How can I find out more about the application?

Boral is yet to submit a planning permit application to Melton City Council. Boral is committed to open and transparent communications and wanted to inform the local community regarding the application before it is submitted.

Boral intends to submit the planning permit application later in 2015.

The project webpage will be updated with information as the project progresses >>
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We welcome any questions or comments you have about the Deer Park Quarry Replacement Project

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