

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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## **Boral Gold Coast Quarry - Environmental Impact Statement Advertised**

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and technical studies for Boral's proposed Gold Coast Quarry near Reedy Creek have been lodged with the Queensland Coordinator-General and are being advertised for six weeks for public comment, with submissions closing at 5pm on Tuesday 11 June 2013.

Comments on the EIS should be lodged with the Coordinator-General as follows:

- The Coordinator-General c/- EIS Project Manager - Gold Coast Quarry Project, Coordinated Project Delivery PO Box 15517, CITY EAST Q 4002
- Email: goldcoastquarryproject@coordinatorgeneral.qld.gov.au
- Phone inquiries to the Coordinator-General on the EIS process can be made to: 07 3234 1273.

The Coordinator-General will assess submissions on the project's EIS and determine if supplementary information is required to address matters raised during the submission period. Information about the Coordinator-General's role and EIS process can be obtained from the Queensland Government, Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning website: www.dsdip.qld.gov.au/assessments-and-approvals/environmental-impact-statement-process.

To support the advertising period, Boral has launched a new project website: www.goldcoastquarry.com

The website will allow local residents and businesses to type in their street address and generate an individualised EIS summary report which lists the technical studies and identifies whether or not that address sits in a potential area of interest, eg for noise, dust, vibration etc. The website also provides links to all EIS reports, and to the Coordinator-General's Gold Coast Quarry EIS project website: <a href="https://www.dsdip.qld.gov.au/gcq">www.dsdip.qld.gov.au/gcq</a>.

Boral will also post a static display at the Reedy Creek Village shopping centre on the corner of Old Coach Road and Kingsmore Boulevard for the six week advertising period to notify the community of the EIS and to direct the community to locations where hard copies of the project's EIS are on display.

Mr Steve Pyne, Executive General Manager, Boral Construction Materials (Qld/NT), said the EIS studies started in late 2011 and a total of 18 independent consulting firms were engaged to undertake the studies and investigations required by the Coordinator-General's Terms of Reference.

"The proposed quarry is a \$2.2 billion resource with approximately 79 million tonnes of available hard rock. The site has the potential to supply the Gold Coast with high grade construction materials for over 40 years," Mr Pyne said.

With 70% of the 216 hectare site to be set aside as vegetated buffer land, Boral will develop only 30% of the site in stages over a 40 year timeframe.

Mr Pyne said that if the project was recommended for approval, Boral would then lodge a development application for the Gold Coast City Council to assess and proceed to an immediate decision.

## For more information:

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