

GOLD COAST QUARRY NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the sixth edition of the Boral Gold Coast Quarry Newsletter, to keep the community informed of the proposed project as it progresses through the Queensland Government's Environmental Impact Assessment process.



The 12 EIS volumes now being advertised for public comment



Jabree Limited onsite undertaking assessments for the Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP).

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PROJECT UPDATE

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

Preliminary EIS studies started in late 2011 and, in mid-2012, the balance of scientific, technical, geotechnical and social impact studies commenced.

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 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.

If the project is recommended for approval, Boral will then need to lodge an application with the Gold Coast City Council which will assess the application and proceed immediately to a decision.

The public advertising of the Boral Gold Coast Quarry EIS is being conducted by the Queensland Coordinator-General. If you wish to make a comment to the Coordinator-General about the EIS, please do so via the Coordinator-General's Gold Coast Quarry EIS project website: www.dsdip.qld.gov.au/gcq.

NEW PROJECT WEBSITE FOR COMMUNITY ENQUIRIES

Community and stakeholder engagement activity during the EIS advertising phase will utilise the high level of internet access by residents in the project area and take advantage of new technologies and platforms. Activity will include a specific new website to enable any stakeholder with access to the internet to:

- Access all EIS documentation
- Enter a street address to generate an individualised EIS summary report which lists the EIS technical studies and identifies whether or not that address sits in a potential area of interest, eg for noise, dust, vibration etc.
- Link from the individualised EIS summary report to relevant EIS report/s for more detailed information
- Link to the Coordinator-General's Gold Coast Quarry EIS project website
- Post an online question and ask for clarification or further information – questions will be directed to the relevant EIS consultant for a timely response

To access the website visit www.goldcoastquarry.com

“Traditional” community and stakeholder engagement tools are also being utilised. Boral will 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. Other community and stakeholder engagement tools being utilised include:

- Key stakeholder briefings
- Media release/s to local media
- Newsletter
- Website update/s

The Social Impact Assessment Report for the project reported that “Residents of Mudgeeraba-Reedy Creek (75.5%) in 2006 had significantly higher rates of internet access compared to Gold Coast Local Government Area (65.7%) and Queensland (62.8%). Broadband was the preferred mode of internet access in all locations”.

EIS ADVERTISING SUPPORT

During the advertising phase, Boral will undertake a range of activities to promote the EIS and encourage stakeholder feedback to the Coordinator-General.

To make best use of new technologies and processes, the engagement activities during the EIS advertising phase are being based on the following principles:

1. Maximise opportunities for stakeholders to access EIS documentation
2. Minimise the complexity of accessing EIS documentation
3. Provide access to information electronically (ie accessible from "the comfort of home")
4. Provide access to information 24/7 during the advertising period (ie accessible at any time that is most convenient to stakeholders)
5. Deliver a simple process for stakeholders to seek additional information/clarification on EIS documentation from the relevant EIS consultants
6. Guarantee the shortest possible timeframe to respond to inquiries, unless the complexity of a question and answer requires a longer response time

CULTURAL HERITAGE MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVED BY QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT

A Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) for the proposed Gold Coast Quarry project was recently approved by the Queensland Government's Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs.

Developed with the registered cultural heritage body, Jabree Limited, the purpose of the CHMP is to determine how any Indigenous cultural heritage will be conserved and protected on the site of the proposed Gold Coast Quarry.

As part of the CHMP, Jabree Limited has undertaken a Cultural Heritage Assessment of the Project area to assess prospective Aboriginal cultural heritage values and determine how these will be conserved or protected prior to the commencement of Construction Works on site (if the Project is approved).

Boral's standard operational procedures across its extractive sites include employees completing a Cultural Heritage Induction Program, which outlines the operational procedures to be followed in the event of the discovery of Indigenous cultural heritage material.

GOLD COAST DEMAND FOR AGGREGATE

In one of the reports prepared for the EIS, the current and future demands for aggregate (quarried materials) on the Gold Coast was assessed.

The report, by economists Norling Consultants, presents the following estimated population figures and demand for aggregate on the Gold Coast:

Year	Population	Aggregate demand
2011	513,954	3.9 Mt (million tonnes)
2016	586,275	5.2Mt
2026	739,275	6.2Mt

Boral estimates the proposed Gold Coast Quarry will be able to deliver up to 2Mt per annum to the Gold Coast market over 40+ years, depending on market demand.

DID YOU KNOW?

The proposed Gold Coast Quarry will occupy only about 30% of the 216ha site owned by Boral.

The quarry footprint and associated plant, equipment and operations will, eventually, comprise about 66ha of the whole site.

This compares with nearby residential estates which occupy the following areas:

- Old Burleigh Town – about 50ha
- Kingsmore Estate – about 50ha
- The Observatory – about 250ha (including residential areas and green space)



Boral recently hosted two visits to its West Burleigh Quarry with seven Gold Coast City Councillors to witness a blast and undertake a short tour.

Cr Greg Betts (Division 12), Cr Margaret Grummitt (Division 4), Cr Chris Robbins (Division 14), Cr Lex Bell (Division 7), Cr Glenn Tozer (Division 9) and Cr Jan Grew (Division 11) took part in a site visit on Thursday 14 February 2013, while Cr William Owen-Jones (Division 2) visited the site on Thursday 28 February 2013.

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