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Berrima Cement Works Community Liaison Group Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 14 November 2023

Berrima Cement Works meeting room, Taylor Avenue, New Berrima

ATTENDEES

Neighbours / Community Representatives

Clive West, Berrima resident and Berrima Resident Association representative (half meeting)

Andrew Wood, New Berrima resident

Barry Arthur, Wingecarribee Shire Council

Boral

Waqas Ali, Operations Manager Berrima

Sharon Makin, Environmental Business Partner South Coast and Southern Highlands

Roland Wong, Senior Planning and Approvals Manager NSW/ACT

Elysse Kuhar, Planning and Approvals Manager NSW/ACT

Kate Woodbridge, Stakeholder Relations Manager Northern Region

Apologies

Morwena Zabaks, Environment Manager, Wingecarribee Shire Council

Meeting commenced at 11 am

Matters arising from the last meeting – 14 July 2023

- An information tab will be added to the Berrima Cement Works webpage to explain “What is an electrostatic precipitator (ESP) trip?”
- Meeting to be arranged with Clive regarding habitat corridor work.
- Advertising to fill CLG vacancy

Operational Update

Safety

- There were no serious incidents at the site. Total Recordable Injury Frequency Rate (TRIFR) 7.5.
- There is a major planned shutdown scheduled for Jan/Feb 2024.

Customer and people

- No supply or product quality issues.
- UNSW 30 students visited Berrima, their focus was on sustainability in the cement process and alternate material use.
- New starters: Process Engineer (Akashneel), Quality manager (Melody).
- Waqas Ali was promoted to Operations Manager from 1st Nov 2023.
- Employee Raif Hilmi achieved 40 years of service and Brank Vuleta 20 years.



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Production/Performance

- Clinker and cement volumes as per market demand.
- Energy costs continue to be a significant head wind (coal & electricity). Value Improvement Projects identified and progressing to assist mitigate these costs (SWDF, GBFS, Fibreboard, Cement milling efficiencies). Boral has also increased product pricing.
- Plant reliability has improved across all main assets.
- Alternate fuels use is as per budget target of 67ktons
- Blast furnace slag usage reduced due to availability.

Environmental Updates

- Annual Environment Management Review issued to DPE in June 2023.
- Correspondence received from DPE that the AEMR meets requirements.
- Tyre chip storage area constructed, and usage commenced.
- Annual Noise monitoring to be conducted in November.
- Three-year independent audit required as part of conditions of consent.
- Independent auditor has been approved by DPE and will commence review by the end of the month.
- Dust monitoring and high-volume air sampler data results were all compliant.

Management Plan Update

Operational Environment Management Plan has been reviewed and updated in line with Mod 15 approval associated with the Tyre Chip storage area and approved by DPE.

Planning Update

Elysse has commenced in the planning team and comes to Boral with both state government and consulting experience.

Modification 14 – solid waste derived fuels (SWDF)

Project Objectives

- Increase SWDF consumption from 100,000tpa to 250,000tpa;
- Expand existing SWDF storage & handling facilities;
- Construct fuel deliveries access from Old Hume Highway;
- Additional 54 daily truck movements (but reducing daily truck movements via Taylor Avenue from 390 to 314)
- Permit 24-hour delivery of materials.

Project status & progress

- Application made early 2022.
- Boral responded to public & agency submissions and DPE requests for additional info.
- 30/10/2023 Boral formally proposed ≤5 years deferral of haul road construction, with woodchip fuel deliveries suspended in interim. Expected temporary net increase of 10 daily truck movements via Taylor Avenue. Potential traffic and air quality impacts addressed; potential noise impacts being addressed.
- Determination expected late Nov 2023.

Project link Modification 14 SWDF Increase, Delivery Variation & Site Access | Planning Portal - Department of Planning and Environment (nsw.gov.au)

Prospective future projects

Modify SSD consent DA85-4-2005 (Cement Mill 7) to align noise management conditions of the ball mill consent with approved site wide noise management plan – currently on hold.



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Modify SSD consent DA401-11-2002-1 (Kiln 6) to increase maximum permitted granulated blast furnace slag (GBFS) raw material from 150,000tpa to 350,000tpa. Currently on hold pending review of current allowances.

Current Local Matters / Community Issues

Barry Arthur gave an overview of Councils Community Emission Action Plan which is working on baselining its local government area greenhouse gas emissions. Council is working on a pathway to achieve net zero which includes electricity, gas, waste and transport, as well as industrial and household emissions. Boral will work with Council and provide input as required.

Andrew had been asked by the community about solar panel cleaning for residents, Kate advised there is a section on the Berrima cement website about this and if people email their particular panel details we will ask the manufacturers advise on the best product and share that information back to the resident.

General Business

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 23 May 2024.

Action Items

- An information tab will be added to the Berrima Cement Works webpage to explain "What is an electrostatic precipitator (ESP) trip?"
- Meeting to be arranged with Clive regarding habitat corridor work.
- Details of the CLG vacancy will be shared with Andrew to be posted on the community Facebook Group.
- Presentation for next meeting What are Trigger Action Response Plans (TARPS)? – Sharon

Meeting closed 11 am

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