



Your reference: MP 05_0051 MOD 2
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The Senior Planning Officer
NSW Department of Planning and Environment

BY EMAIL

Attention: Tertius Greyling

Dear Mr Greyling,

Invitation to comment on modification application MP 05_0051 MOD 2: Holcim Rooty Hill Regional Distribution Centre – Establishment of an additional stockpiling area for construction materials

I refer to an Environmental Assessment (EA) supplied to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) on 14 March 2017 titled *Rooty Hill Regional Distribution Centre Minor Modification Environmental Assessment* prepared by Umwelt (Australia) Pty Limited.

The Regional Distribution Centre (RDC) operates under various approvals, including environment protection licence no. 20672 (the licence) issued to Holcim (Australia) Pty Ltd (the licensee).

The licence authorises Extractive activities to be undertaken by virtue of the storage and processing of extractive materials received at the site by rail. The licensee stores and processes more than 30,000 tonnes of extractive materials per year at the premises.

The EPA has reviewed the EA and notes that the licensee proposes to:

- create an additional stockpile area (0.43 hectares) adjacent to the existing truck parking area, and the base of the stockpile would be road base, with high use areas concreted; and
- utilise the additional stockpile area by handling extractive materials and loading trucks at this location

EPA officers inspected the site on 23 March 2017 with Holcim personnel, and after reviewing relevant environmental factors the EPA concurs with the conclusions presented in the EA.

Noise: The licensee has demonstrated a high level of compliance with current noise limits, and the proposed new activity is not expected to significantly affect surrounding receivers or result in noise exceedances.

Air Quality: The EA states that the proposed modification will result in less than 1 per cent increase in total dust particulate emissions compared with current operations. The licensee will install sprinklers at the new stockpile area to continue suppress dust in the area, among other measures. Exceedances of PM2.5 at some receivers are predicted to occur due to high background particulate levels, with minimal contribution to this from the RDC.

Water quality: Surface waters are not expected to be impacted as the new activity will be conducted within the existing water management system area.

The EPA is not aware of external complaints or other factors affecting the licensee's compliance with the licence. If the application is approved, the EPA recommends that the OEMP is amended to reflect operational changes at the site to continue to ensure environmental impacts are minimised and managed.

The licence contains a redundant special condition relating to permitted working hours during a previous construction phase that is now complete. The EPA recommends that construction work hours associated with the proposal are added to consent conditions in a similar fashion.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jane Burgett', followed by the date '29/3/17'.

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