

Boral Gidgegannup Quarry (Red Hill) Information Sheet

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Welcome to our second newsletter! In this edition, you will find a brief explanation of the proposed Boral Gidgegannup Quarry (Red Hill) development, a project update, a summary of the information sessions held in August and the next steps in the consultation process.

Brief Explanation of the Project

Boral Resources (WA) Ltd is proposing to develop a granite quarry at our Gidgegannup site (Red Hill) located within Lot 193, Lot 166 and part of Lot 137 to the north of Toodyay Road. The site is within the City of Swan and is zoned as 'Resource' in the town planning scheme.

Timber and Clay has been previously extracted from the site and further expansion is required to access granite resources. The development of the granite quarry will cover an approximate area of 35ha, which is expected to yield up to 500,000 tonnes of rock per year at full capacity.

The quarry will be developed in three stages over 20 years:

- Stage One (1 to 5 years) – temporary infrastructure will be introduced on the site including mobile crushing equipment;
- Stage Two (6 to 10 years) – fixed infrastructure will be developed on the site and there will be an increase in production; and
- Stage Three (11 to 20 years) – the quarry is expected to be fully operational (that is, yielding 500,000 tonnes of rock per year).

Project Update

An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is currently being compiled and is expected to be referred to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) by September / October 2008. The EIA outlines the results of several studies including heritage sites, flora and fauna, surface and groundwater, noise and dust as well as other aspects of the environment.

An EIA Information Session will be held later this year to present detailed information about the EIA and to provide an opportunity for asking questions, discussing issues or concerns and providing feedback (see details of the EIA Information Session below).



Information Sessions Held in August

Information sessions were held in August with over 30 key stakeholders and the broader community to present the proposed plans for the quarry at the Gidgegannup site (Red Hill) and obtain feedback and comment.

Boral would like to give a special thank you to all the stakeholders and community members who attended an information session and provided valuable input.

The key areas of interest and questions raised at the sessions were:

- Description of the proposed development including size of the site, development stages, life of the quarry, and design and drainage plans;
- Description of studies conducted and the key outcomes including environmental and heritage studies;
- Impact of the construction and operation on the environment;
- Impact of noise, dust, visual, lighting, and blasting on local residents;
- Description of the buffer zone and its potential impact on local residents;
- Impact of the quarry on the safety of residents and commuters due to increased traffic, entry and exit of trucks; overflow of water onto roads; and spillage of debris on roads from the trucks;
- Process for managing and monitoring impacts; and
- Cumulative impacts of the resource industries and proposed residential developments in the area.

At the information session participants made several suggestions for improving the proposed development. Some of these suggestions included:

- Keep stakeholders and the community informed of the project;
- Maximise opportunities for training and hiring local people;
- Respect and acknowledge cultural heritage;
- Conduct thorough flora and fauna studies;
- Manage and monitor potential impacts;
- Install a wash down facility to manage debris on roads; and
- Install drainage to prevent overflow of water on roads.

For a more detailed outline of the key outcomes of the information session refer to the *Information Session Notes* available by contacting Silvia (details below).

Next Steps in the Consultation Process for 2008

Frequently Asked Questions Sheet (September / October 2008)

The questions raised throughout the consultation process have been recorded and will be distributed to stakeholder and community members in Sep / Oct.

EIA Information Session (November 2008)

The EIA Information Session will present detailed information about the EIA and an opportunity for asking questions, discussing issues or concerns and providing feedback. Details for the session to be confirmed.

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