

Grantville Quarries Reference Group

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Cr Brett Tessari
Mayor
Bass Coast Shire
Via email: brett.tessari@basscoast.vic.gov.au,

Dear Mayor Tessari

Grantville Quarries Reference Group (GQRG) Response to Bass Coast Council Questions on Notice

The GQRG presented to the Bass Coast Council in a meeting held in the council chambers on the 1st of April 2026. During that meeting 4 questions were posed to the GQRG for response with a further question posed to the council from the GQRG. We are still seeking a response to the questions the GQRG posed to the council so we can use this information to help drive positive discussions moving forward. It should also be noted that the GQRG appreciated the invitation to present to council and looking forward to another opportunity for a more meaningful dialogue next year.

The GQRG submits the following formal responses to the questions posed by councilors.

1. Does Dandy Premix intend to remove native vegetation from the ridgeline?

Dandy Premix Quarries Pty Ltd (Regional Group Australia) has planning approval to progressively remove approximately 13 hectares of Native Vegetation over an estimated 25-30-year period from the fragmented ridgeline at WA1488.

There is no plan to commence the Native Vegetation removal in the immediate to short term. However, the intention remains to access the approved Coarse Sand resource underlying the Native Vegetation.

This will necessitate four (4) separate stages of Native Vegetation removal and also involve progressive rehabilitation and revegetation of the ridgeline.

2. What are Barro's plans for quarrying its site?

The Barro Group has a Planning Permit for quarrying activities at the Stanley Rd site. Whilst Work Authority 513 has been assigned to this site approval has not been granted. At present Barro has internal competing interests so has suspended the Work Authority application process.

3. How much has the quarrying industry contributed to the community?

Every business represented in the GQRG has its own Community Engagement Plans. While we understand the council question is around money and financial contributions, it is important to understand that the GQRG and individual businesses are generally focused on outcomes. As an example, one of the GQRG businesses has supported and volunteered in planting days with Bass Coast Landcare which has resulted in the planting and maintenance of over 10,000 trees in the local area. Whilst we can calculate the cost to the individual business, that figure certainly doesn't do the activity justice.

In terms of the GQRG our donation of a television and conferencing equipment was a minor contribution of approximately \$2000 with an annual supporting cost of \$1000 for internet. The outcome is that anyone using the hall can access this equipment for presentations and meetings. GQRG continues to seek ways to support local needs and discusses this regularly at meetings.

4. Can industry substantiate our statement in the presentation that "Local supply reduces transport distances and heavy vehicle environmental impacts, keeping construction costs lower"?

Conservative CO2 kg per km/t has been based on a standard 55L per 100km per 33 tonne loads. This is 0.017L per tonne per km

In simple numbers moving our industry to Tyers/Maryvale would result in a further 6,000 tonnes of CO2 and 2.2 million litres of Diesel for every 1 million tonnes hauled, plus an extra 4 million kilometres covered by the fleet based on a 33T load. In terms of cost to the construction industry, this is clearly the most significant factor in the cost of quarry material. Since our GQRG comprises several competing companies, we cannot supply an exact figure for cartage costs.

Kind Regards
John Mitas,
Chair, Grantville Quarries Reference Group.

