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**REASONS FOR DECISION UNDER *ENVIRONMENT EFFECTS ACT 1978*
(REFERRAL NUMBER 2024-R10)**

Proponent

Holcim (Australia) Pty Ltd

Project

Pakenham Quarry Extension Project

Description

Holcim (Australia) Pty Ltd is seeking to vary operations of Pakenham Quarry by expanding its current basalt extraction area to the north-east of the approved extraction limit. The additional extraction area sought is 11 hectares (ha), within the approved Work Authority 174 (WA174) boundary. The expanded Pakenham Quarry would use the existing site access road and processing infrastructure. The proponent does not intend to vary the annual extraction rate and the quarry's hours of operation would remain the same. Blasting would be undertaken during current approved blasting times.

Approximately seven to nine million tonnes of basalt is estimated to be available within the proposed extension area. Extraction within the proposed extension area would allow quarry operations to continue for an additional six to eight years at the current production rate.

Decision

The Minister for Planning has decided that an environment effects statement (EES) is not required for the Pakenham Quarry Extension Project, as described in the referral accepted on 20 December 2024.

Reasons

- The environmental effects of the project are unlikely to have the extent or complexity to warrant assessment under the *Environment Effects Act*.
- Potential effects on the environment, including effects on native vegetation and biodiversity, air quality, noise and vibration, land and water, are unlikely to be significant and should therefore be readily addressed through statutory processes and requirements under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, *Environment Protection Act 2017* and *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990*.

Date

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