

Meanwhile - the New Chiltern Quarry Proposal Gathers Momentum

Readers may have noticed that Cemex, the operators of the present Chiltern quarry, is preparing to apply to the Indigo Shire for a planning permit to allow them to commence a new quarrying operation on privately owned land on Skeleton Hill. It is envisaged that the new quarry will be a significantly bigger operation than the existing one, which is located just inside the Chiltern – Mt Pilot NP.

Cemex with the assistance of Coomes Consulting are about to embark on their community engagement process. This is a vital stage of their pre-planning application activity. Apart from discussion the project with various individuals and groups they will be holding a “Listening Post” at the Community Stall adjacent to WAW Credit Union in Conness Street from 9am on Saturday morning April 3. The ‘Listening Post’ will give anyone who is interested in the ramifications of the project for Chiltern, to ask questions and seek clarification of any aspect of the project.

The Chiltern community will be living with the reality of the new quarry for something like the next 50 years, and the ‘Listening Post’ will certainly help to bring the project to our attention. Very soon now, Cemex will be lodging their Planning Application with Indigo Shire. If you are interested in anyway in this proposal you should act now. After the application has been considered by Indigo Shire councillors; irrespective of their decision, it will be too late to make your point of view known, or worse still, say “but I didn’t know anything about it.”