



## **SOUTHERN QUARRIES** Selicks community update #2

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The Selicks Hill quarry is an area of ongoing focus for the EPA to ensure that the site's operator, Southern Quarries, is taking steps to manage dust. Over the past year, the EPA has been in regular contact with Southern Quarries and has been conducting various compliance activities.

Since March 2016, the EPA has required Southern Quarries to develop a Dust Management Plan as part of its EPA licence conditions, to identify likely sources of dust from its activities, and identify measures for controlling and minimising dust emissions. Southern Quarries is required to monitor the effectiveness of these measures, undertake continuous improvement, and provide regular reports to the EPA. The Dust Management Plan has now been updated to capture and allow regulation of the further improvements made to the site.

### **EPA issues expiation to Southern Quarries**

In June 2018, the EPA issued Southern Quarries with an expiation for failure to comply with its approved dust management plan, which is a breach of Licence condition.

The EPA has a range of regulatory tools available to respond to a non-compliance. A decision to pursue enforcement action such as an expiation is based upon a number of factors. This includes the ability of the EPA to verify whether a non-compliance has occurred, whether the non-compliance has or may have resulted in actual or potential harm to surrounding communities, and the ability or extent to which Southern Quarries ought to have controlled its emissions given the conditions during the dust event.



## EPA-driven site improvements

Some key developments that the EPA has required at the Sellicks Hill Quarry during 2018 include:

- Southern Quarries has now engaged a blasting consultant to **review blasting practices** on the site and advise on dust mitigation strategies.
- Southern Quarries has now engaged a consultant to advise on **dust management for non-blasting operations**.
- Southern Quarries installed an **irrigation system for dust suppression** on the Western Screening Mound,
- Southern Quarries has made a commitment to investigate the feasibility of **major dust mitigation infrastructure**, including enclosure of secondary stockpiles and the primary crusher.
- The EPA provided specialist **community engagement** advice to Southern Quarries, which has developed and implemented a community engagement plan consistent with EPA engagement guidelines. The EPA advised that the engagement should be **community driven**, and this has resulted in:
  - Southern Quarries sending a questionnaire to the local community asking how it would like to be engaged.
  - Southern Quarries initiating a system of public notification of visible blast events through social media.
  - Updates to the Southern Quarries website with an [‘Environment’ tab](#) and site contact details, to improve communication channels between the operation and the surrounding community.

## How to report a dust incident

To make a report to the EPA regarding dust that may be associated with the operations of Southern Quarries at Sellicks Hill, please write down everything that you can remember about the event, including: date and time, your exact location, and other observations such as weather conditions.

Where possible, photographic and video evidence can be provided and are valuable especially from different angles. Please ensure date and times are accurate on your device.

The EPA also undertakes both planned site inspections and covert surveillance to monitor Southern Quarries’ compliance with its environmental obligations.

## The EPA has a 24 hour reporting line

The EPA has a 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week reporting line, and an emergency response team for major environmental incidents. You can also use this line for after-hours reporting at the time of an event. Your details will be recorded and you will be responded to during business hours, unless it’s an emergency.

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