Work Plan Variation Application

Heidelberg is currently preparing a **Work Plan Variation Application** for the Wollert Quarry, due for submission to Resources Victoria in Q3 2026.

About the approval process

Quarries in Victoria are primarily regulated by Resources Victoria, a part of the Department of Energy, the Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) who enforce the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act, 1990*. Under this legislation, quarries are required to operate in accordance with a Work Plan or Work Plan Variation. Work Plans describe operating activities, process for rehabilitation and closure, and comprehensively addresses the risk of operations to the environment and surrounding receptors. Strategies are put in place to manage these risks, and compliance with these strategies is regularly assessed by Resources Victoria.

Why is Heidelberg Materials applying?

The upcoming Work Plan Variation Application seeks approval to extend the quarrying depth from its current approved depth to 128 metres Australian Height Datum (AHD), or approximately 60 m below ground level. A depth extension was chosen because:

- Detailed resource investigations identified high-quality basalt at depths below the current quarry floor
- A depth extension involves no lateral extension of the existing quarry footprint, meaning no additional land disturbance compared to current operations
- This approach has significantly less impact on the surrounding environment and community than a lateral extension or a new, greenfield quarry

Technical Assessments to support the Application

A range of technical assessments have been completed or are underway to support the application:

Noise:	A Noise Impact Assessment has been completed to confirm that site operations comply with the requirements of *Environment Protection Act, 2017*. The quarry continues to review its noise mitigation measures to ensure compliance.
Air Quality	An Air Quality Impact Assessment was undertaken to ensure that the site operations comply with the air quality requirements under the *Environment Protection Act, 2017*. The quarry also proactively

	measures PM_{10} levels in the area through real time air quality monitoring.
Geotechnical	A Geotechnical Assessment has been undertaken of the quarry extraction profile and the proposed rehabilitated landform to ensure that the land will have no impact on surrounding receptors, and is safe, stable and sustainable.
Blast Impact Assessment	An impact assessment of blasting in the east pit has been undertaken, and a range of mitigation measures proposed to ensure that blasting at the quarry will have no impacts on adjacent receptors such as residences, powerlines, and road infrastructure. The site is required to record and monitor all blasts, and blast monitoring results are required to comply with Australian Standard AS 2187.2 (Explosives – Storage and use – Part 2: Use of explosives)
Groundwater assessment	A Hydrogeological Assessment has been completed to assess the potential impacts of groundwater interception to local receptors including the Darebin Creek and adjacent bore users.
Surface Water Assessment	A Surface Water Assessment has been undertaken to ensure that the operations at the site do not create any risk of impact to adjacent receptors or the Darebin Creek.
Light Spill Assessment	A lighting audit at the site demonstrated that light spill is negligible at all surrounding receptors.
Community and Stakeholder Engagement Plan	An updated Community and Stakeholder Engagement Plan has been prepared. Engagement is occurring on an ongoing basis with relevant stakeholders, including surrounding landowners. For more information on community engagement or if you would like to engage with us, please contact us using the details below.
Rehabilitation Plan	A Rehabilitation Plan is being prepared as part of the Work Plan Variation Application detailing how the site will continue to be progressively rehabilitated and revegetated. For further information, please see below sections.
Risk Management Plan	A Risk Management Plan is being prepared as part of the Work Plan Variation Application and includes a comprehensive register of risks to the environment and surrounding receptors, including control strategies to effectively manage that risk.

Rehabilitation

The Work Plan Variation does not alter the proposed final landform or post-quarrying land use, for the site. As areas of the quarry are exhausted of resource, they are progressively transitioned to the Wollert Landfill operation, managed by Heidelberg Landfill Services Pty Ltd in accordance with the EPA Operating Licence.

For more information on the Wollert Landfill, please visit https://www.heidelbergmaterials.com.au/en/services/wollert-landfill

Stakeholder Engagement

Heidelberg Materials is committed to open and transparent engagement throughout the Work Plan Variation process. We acknowledge the quarry's long-term presence in the Wollert area and want to work with the community and interested parties to ensure their views are considered as part of ongoing operations, as well as through this upcoming application.

Engagement with regulatory stakeholders to date has included:

- Resources Victoria
- Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action DEECA
- EPA Victoria
- Southern Rural Water
- City of Whittlesea Council

This engagement is ongoing and will continue as the Work Plan Variation Application is progressed.

Community engagement is being undertaken through the Stakeholder Reference Group, the blast notification SMS service, direct contact with surrounding residents and a letterbox drop to properties within the notification area.

To get involved or find out more, contact us below or register your interest in joining the Stakeholder Reference Group at: https://www.heidelbergmaterials.com.au/en/community-information/wollert

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