

Quarry road works a necessary step

Traffic on the Bass Highway at the Whitelaws Track intersection in Leongatha South will be limited to one lane from early this month as upgrade works to the intersection are undertaken.

The \$400,000 project is funded and managed by Holcim (Australia) Pty Ltd as part of an approved planning permit for an extension of the quarry.

The works will also include an upgrade and temporary road closure to Whitelaws Track between Bass Highway and Quarry Road from mid January to April 2017. Both projects are expected to cause minor disruptions to traffic for 12 weeks. The works will improve load capacity, road user safety and intersection turning movements.

A temporary detour for Whitelaws Track traffic will be set up along Nortons Road for the duration of works. Local property access for Whitelaws Track residents will be provided between Nortons Road and Quarry Road during the construction works.

Manager Engineering and Assets, John Moylan, said the closure of Whitelaws Track was necessary to complete the works and encouraged motorists to seek alternate routes during this time.

The advice to Whitelaws Track property owners to the south of the works is to use alternate access via Koonwarra if travelling to Leongatha.

“The upgrade to the Bass Highway intersection will improve safety for all turning traffic, particularly trucks entering and leaving the quarry,” Mr Moylan explained.

“The current road to the quarry doesn’t have the long term load capacity to handle the size and number of trucks expected to use the road once the quarry reaches full capacity.”

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