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MA2024/0008 Bentley Quarry Modification - Response to Submissions

Dear Cherie

In response to recent discussions, Bentley Quarry would like to propose an alternative to the removal of Condition 60(b)(ii) and the restriction on truck movements at peak school pick up and drop off times, as proposed by MA2024/0008, the Bentley Quarry Modification.

1. Proposed alternative

In summary, the alternative proposal is to maintain the restriction on truck movements at peak school pick up and drop off times as per Condition 60(b)(ii) but reduce the length of the restriction to 15 minutes in the morning (8:00 am - 8:15 am) and afternoon (3:45 pm - 4:00 pm).

2. Justification

Three school bus runs operate on Bentley Road but only Sodhi Bus Service travel past Bentley Quarry. A summary of the bus service and times near Bentley Quarry are provided in Table 1 and the routes are shown on Figure 1. Table 1 and Figure 1 were developed in consultation with each bus service provider and allows for minor delays.

As indicated, only Sodhi Bus Service travels past Bentley Quarry. Casino Bus Service travels via Naughtons Gap Road, meets the Sodhi Bus Service at the Bentley RFS shed on Bentley Road and travels west. The Casino Christian School Bus Service travels on Bentley Road later in the morning and earlier in the afternoon than the Sodhi and Casino Bus Services, but only travel on Bentley Road between Manifolds Road and Kyogle.

Bentley Quarry rarely has trucks or clients to the west, so the potential for interaction between school buses and quarry trucks is mainly with Sodhi Bus Service between:

- 8.00 am – 8.15 am
- 3.45 pm - 4:00 pm

Sodhi Bus Service and Casino Bus Service have been consulted regarding the proposed alternative approach and have indicated their support, see Attachment 1.

In the past, Bentley Quarry and Sodhi Bus Service have been in contact with each other when there have been road works and traffic control, for example the recent blast. Bentley Quarry will continue to keep in contact with the bus services to ensure there are no ongoing issues.

All Government bus services are fitted with tracking, so Bentley Quarry can monitor the location of the bus services (except Casino Christian School because it's not a Government service) via the real-time online tracking system at anytrip.com.au. The Bentley Quarry Driver's Code of Conduct will be updated to ensure Bentley Quarry monitors anytrip.com.au and prevents trucks from leaving the site while buses are in the vicinity.

Table 1 *School bus service summary*

| Company | Route | Pass Bentley Quarry | Morning | Afternoon |
|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Casino Bus Service | Manifold Road, Bentley Road and back along Bentley Road | NA | 8.00 am – 8.15 am | 3.45 pm - 4:00 pm |
| Sodhi Bus Services | Geneva – Kyogle - Lismore | 8:05 am 3:54 pm | 8.00 am – 8.15 am | 3.45 pm - 4:00 pm |
| | Kyogle – Bentley - Lismore | 8:05 am 3:54 pm | 8.00 am – 8.15 am | 3.45 pm - 4:00 pm |
| | Hillyards Road - Lismore | 8:05 am 3:54 pm | 8.00 am – 8.15 am | 3.45 pm - 4:00 pm |
| Casino Christian School Bus Service | Manifolds Road and then west to Kyogle on Bentley Road | NA | 8:30 am – 8:45 am | 3:05 pm - 3.10 pm |

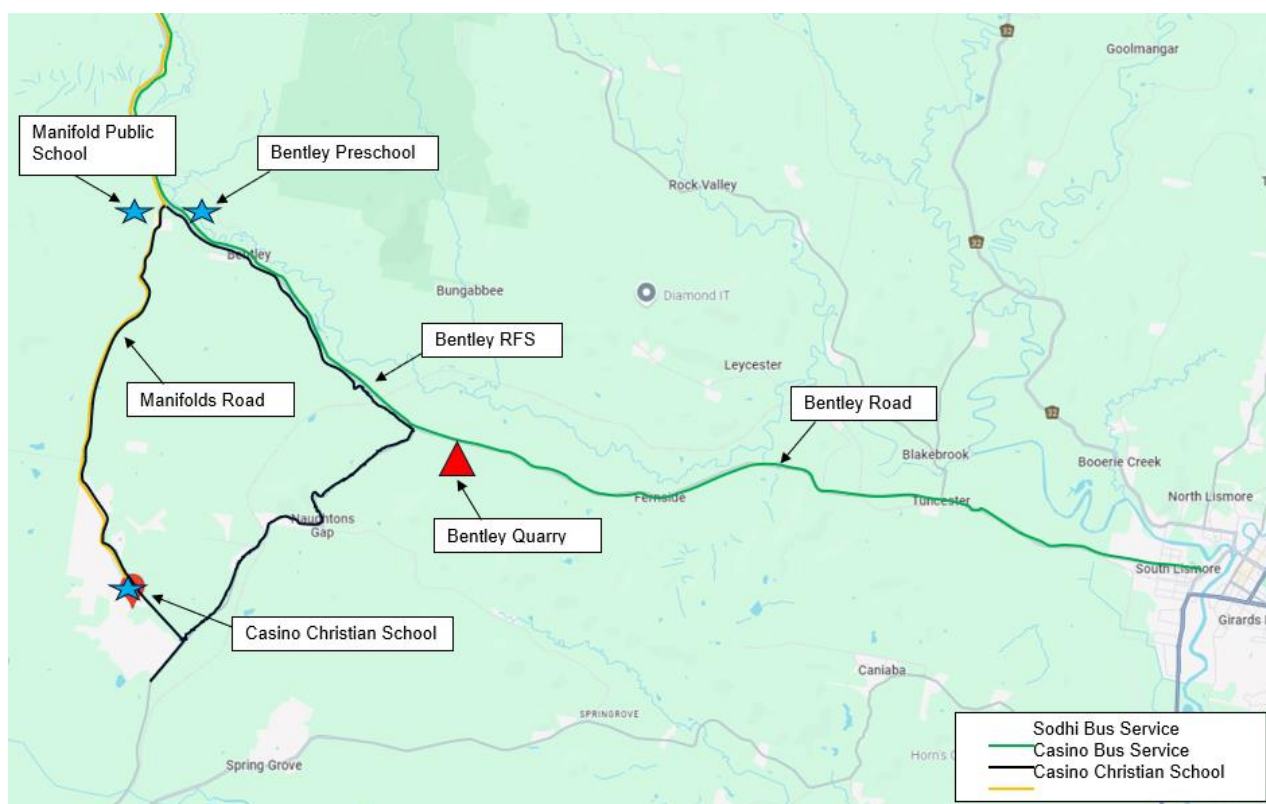


Figure 1 *Bus routes*

We trust the proposed alternative approach is more acceptable to Council and demonstrates Bentley Quarry's intention of achieving an outcome that achieves the intent of the Regional Planning Panel and community but also does not unreasonably restrict the operation.

Please contact the undersigned, if you require any further information regarding the proposed alternative approach.

Regards

Ben

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Attachment 1

Consultation

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To: [Ben Luffman](#)
Subject: FW: Bentley Quarry trucks
Date: Monday, 28 October 2024 2:22:45 PM
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To: Ben Luffman <Ben.Luffman@ghd.com>
Cc: 'Rob Mckenzie' <rob@bentleyquarry.com.au>
Subject: RE: Bentley Quarry trucks

Hi Ben,

Sodhi Transport has been consulted about the application to reduce the time that trucks can exit onto Bentley road.

We do not have any concerns with the reduced restriction as per below.

- 8.00 am – 8.15 am
- 3.45 pm – 4.00 pm

We understand that all parties involved will exercise caution when entering Bentley road especially giving way to heavy vehicles.

Kind Regards,

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From: Ben Luffman
Sent: Tuesday, 22 October 2024 12:09 PM

To: office@sodhibusservice.com.au
Cc: Rob McKenzie <rob@bentleyquarry.com.au>
Subject: Bentley Quarry trucks

Hi Alex,

As discussed, Bentley Quarry currently have a condition that prevents trucks from operating between 8am-9am and 3pm-4pm. The purpose of this restriction was to avoid interaction of quarry trucks and school buses/children. However, this obviously impacts the business and Bentley Quarry would like to modify this restriction to reflect the actual times school buses are operating.

We understand Sodhi Buses operate two school buses on Bentley Road and they both travel past Bentley Quarry at about 8:05am in the morning, travelling to Lismore, and about 3.54pm in the afternoon, travelling towards Kyogle. Based on this, it is proposed to modify the time trucks from Bentley Quarry are not travelling on Bentley Road to:

- 8.00 am – 8.15 am
- 3.45 pm – 4.00 pm

Bentley Quarry would also monitor the anytrip.com.au website to confirm when buses are travelling on the road and respond accordingly ie stop trucks from leaving the quarry. They also have a Drivers Code of Conduct requiring drivers to act accordingly, if they pass a bus or school children waiting beside the road.

It would be appreciated if you could let us know if the reduced restriction on trucks from Bentley Quarry would be a concern for Sodhi Buses?

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Regards

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Ben,

Thank you for your correspondence,

We do not have an issue with the proposed time change to the operating restriction.

Thank you for the initiative of monitoring the anytrip app. I believe if all truck drivers did this then there would not be a need for any restrictions as truck drivers genuinely do not want to contend with school children or school buses.

If council altered their signage to include the app details instead of just (School Buses Operate Between these Times), then gradually truck drivers would adapt to not operate on any country roads that have a school bus servicing them.

Regards Jim Kellam



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