Environmental Product Declaration (EPD)

Holcim Construction Materials

Ready-Mix Concrete

QLD - SEQ - Precast EPD - QS502PR45 - S50 20mm 650mm PRECAST ULTRAFLOW CONCRETE - Precast

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State	Queensland
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Range	Precast EPD
Production Sites	Brisbane City, Acacia Ridge, Beaudesert, Boonah, Darra, Cleveland, Geebung, Narangba, Lowwod, Wacol, Murarrie, Caboolture, Brendale, Raceview.
Mix Code	QS502PR45
Strength (MPa)	50
Mix Description	S50 20mm 650mm PRECAST ULTRAFLOW CONCRETE
Applications / intended use	Precast
Weight (kg/m^3)	2399 kg/m^3
Declared unit	1 m^3
Recycled aggregates - post-consumer recycled material, percentage of final product by mass (%)	0 %
Material Circularity Indicator (MCI) results (%)	41.75 %
Delivery Distance (km) - Life Cycle Stage: A4	11.89 km
Total Global Warming Potential – Life Cycle Stages A1 to A3 ($kgCO_2e/m^3$)	292.3 $kgCO_2e/m^3$
Total Global Warming Potential – Life Cycle Stages A4 ($kgCO_2e/m^3$)	2.671 $kgCO_2e/m^3$

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INTRODUCTION

Currently, the building environment account for 39% of global CO_2 emissions, with construction materials comprising 11% of global CO_2 emissions (World Green Building Council). By 2030, the embodied carbon of all construction materials needs to be at least 40% lower. By 2050, all new construction materials need to be net zero (World Green Building Council).

Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) play a crucial role in promoting transparency and sustainability in the construction industry. By providing comprehensive and standardised information about the environmental performance of products, EPDs enable informed decision-making among stakeholders, including architects, engineers, builders, and consumers.

EPDs include data on a product's life cycle impacts, such as its carbon footprint, energy consumption, and resource use. This transparency empowers stakeholders to make informed selections of products.

EPDs also serve as valuable tools for benchmarking environmental performance and driving the decarbonisation of construction materials. Demand for low carbon products backed by an EPD drives and rewards the decarbonisation of the entire supply chain.

As a result, EPDs will play a key role in our mission to decarbonise construction materials and the built environment.

ABOUT HOLCIM

Holcim Australia is a leading supplier of construction materials in Australia, dating back to 1901. Today Holcim continues to supply essential construction materials including aggregates, sand, ready-mix concrete, engineered precast concrete and prestressed concrete solutions to a range of customers and projects throughout Australia.

Holcim operates right across the Australian continent supplying concrete from a network of ready-mix concrete plants, quarries, precast concrete plants, and mobile and on-site project facilities.

Sustainability is at the core of our strategy, with our industry's first 2050 net-zero targets, endorsed by the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi).

Globally, Holcim is 45,000 people around the world across 43 markets who are passionate about building progress for people and the planet through four business segments: Cement, Ready-Mix Concrete, Aggregates and Solutions & Products.

A FIRST FOR READY-MIX CONCRETE IN AUSTRALIA

In 2019, Holcim published the first EPD for ready-mix concrete. This was an Australian first for ready-mix concrete and covered Holcim's Normal-class concrete range across Australia. The EPD had 147 datasets for normal-class concrete that representative of over 4,000 mix designs. The EPD also provided Special-class concrete data for a major Infrastructure Sustainability and Green Star building project. This EPD heralded the introduction of rigorously verified life cycle impact data, setting a new benchmark in transparency and accountability within the Australian construction sector.

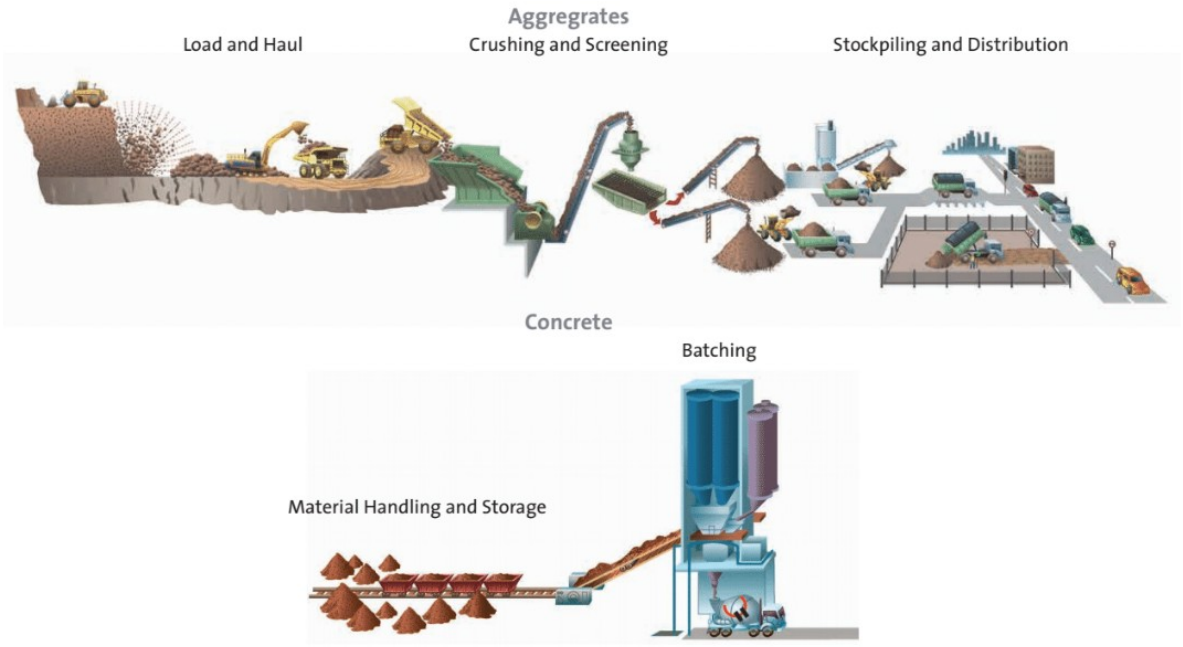
Fast forward to 2021, Holcim achieved Process EPD Certification, a first not just within the concrete industry but across all sectors in Australia. This certification empowers Holcim to develop and register EPDs on demand for

To achieve EPD Process Certification, Holcim integrated Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) processes and procedures into its Management Systems. We then undergo ongoing rigorous third-party verification in accordance with internationally recognized ISO standards and guidelines.

This EPD has been developed using our EPD Process Certification with production occurring at the listed production sites.

ready-mix concrete.

READY-MIX CONCRETE



Concrete is prepared by mixing cement, coarse and fine aggregates, and water, with or without the addition of auxiliary agents and additives. The fresh concrete is placed on the building site or prefabricated in factory moulds, compacted and hardened in the desired shape by the hydration of cement to form concrete.

General Australian Standard AS 1379 sets out ways of specifying and ordering concrete to promote uniformity, efficiency and economy in production and delivery. It refers to two classes of concrete: normal-class and special-class.

- **Normal-class –** designed for everyday applications such as residential and commercial foundations, driveways and footpaths.
- **Special-class –** typically supplied to major construction projects from high rise buildings, dams and spillways, roads, bridges to public works infrastructure etc.

  Special-class concrete is typically specified in accordance with the technical parameters and performance requirements, which can include high-strength/high-performances concrete, high durability, or marine application, post-tensioned, high-pumpability, super workable, piling concrete, architectural off-form finishes and other decorative applications.

LCA INFORMATION

Declared Unit
1 m^3 of ready-mix concrete.

Scope
The scope of this EPD is cradle to gate (modules A1-A3) with options, modules A4-A5, modules C1-C4 and module D.

Technical Lifetime
The reference service life is not specified as the scope of Holcim's operational control is from cradle to delivery This differs from mix to mix depending on the specification requirements. AS 3600, the Australian Standard for concrete structures, typically specifies a design life of 50 years. For structures with a 100-year design life, like bridges, AS 5100 is the relevant standard.

Time Representativeness
The plant data for the LCA is based on 2024 production data. The product mix data for the LCA is based on 2026 year production data.

LCA Methodology
This EPD has been produced in conformance with the requirements of:
- c-PCR-003 Concrete and concrete element
- Product Category Rules (PCR) 2019:14 v2.0.1.
- EN 15804+A2
- General Programme Instructions (GPI) v5.0.1
- Instructions of EPD Australasia v4.2
- EN 14040 and EN 14044

Databases and LCA Software Used
SimaPro® LCA software (v10.2) was used for the LCA modelling which developed the LCA Calculator, used as per the certified EPD Process. It uses background data with the following preferences:
1. Product specific EPDs for cements, admixtures, pigments and fibres
2. The Australian National Life Cycle Inventory Database (AusLCI v2.45) (2025)
3. Ecoinvent 3.11 and EN15804+A2 package (2024).

The environmental impacts modelled from the existing EPDs do not include impacts for EN15804+A1, and the additional Green Star (v1.3) impact categories included in the environmental impact tables. These indicators are modelled separately based on generic processes. The following impact categories were calculated manually for the foreground data:
- Use of renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials
- Use of non-renewable primary energy excluding non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials
- Use of secondary material
- Use of renewable secondary fuels
- Use of non-renewable secondary fuels

Allocation
Allocation was necessary to proportion inputs and outputs to intermediate flows at the quarry and processes at the batching plant level. As much as possible, intermediate flows were allocated physically based on weight (quarries) or based on m^3 of concrete (at the batching plant). The impacts of fly ash, granulated blast furnace slag, and silica fume are allocated based on the economic values. Please refer to the "Recycled Material" section for further detail.

Cut-Off Criteria
In accordance with the PCR 2019:14 v2.0.1, the following system boundaries are applied to manufacturing equipment and employees:
- The infrastructure associated with electricity and heating supply in Module A3, and infrastructure in the manufacturing site operated by Holcim, where impacts such as those from the construction of power plants and manufacturing plants, are included.
- Environmental impact from other infrastructure, construction, production equipment, and tools that are not directly consumed in the production process are not accounted for in the LCI. Capital equipment and buildings typically account for less than a few percent of nearly all LCIs and this is usually smaller than the error in the inventory data itself. For this project, it is assumed that capital equipment makes a negligible contribution to the impacts as per Frischknecht et al. (2007) with no further investigation.
- Personnel-related impacts, such as transportation to and from work, are also not accounted for in the LCI. The impacts of employees are also excluded from inventory impacts on the basis that if they were not employed for this production or service function, they would be employed for another. It is very hard to decide what proportion of the impacts from their whole lives should count towards their employment. For this project, the impacts of employees are excluded.

Based on this guidance, no energy or mass flows, except packaging of materials were excluded. All materials required for manufacturing are delivered via trucks and ships without packaging.

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Data Quality

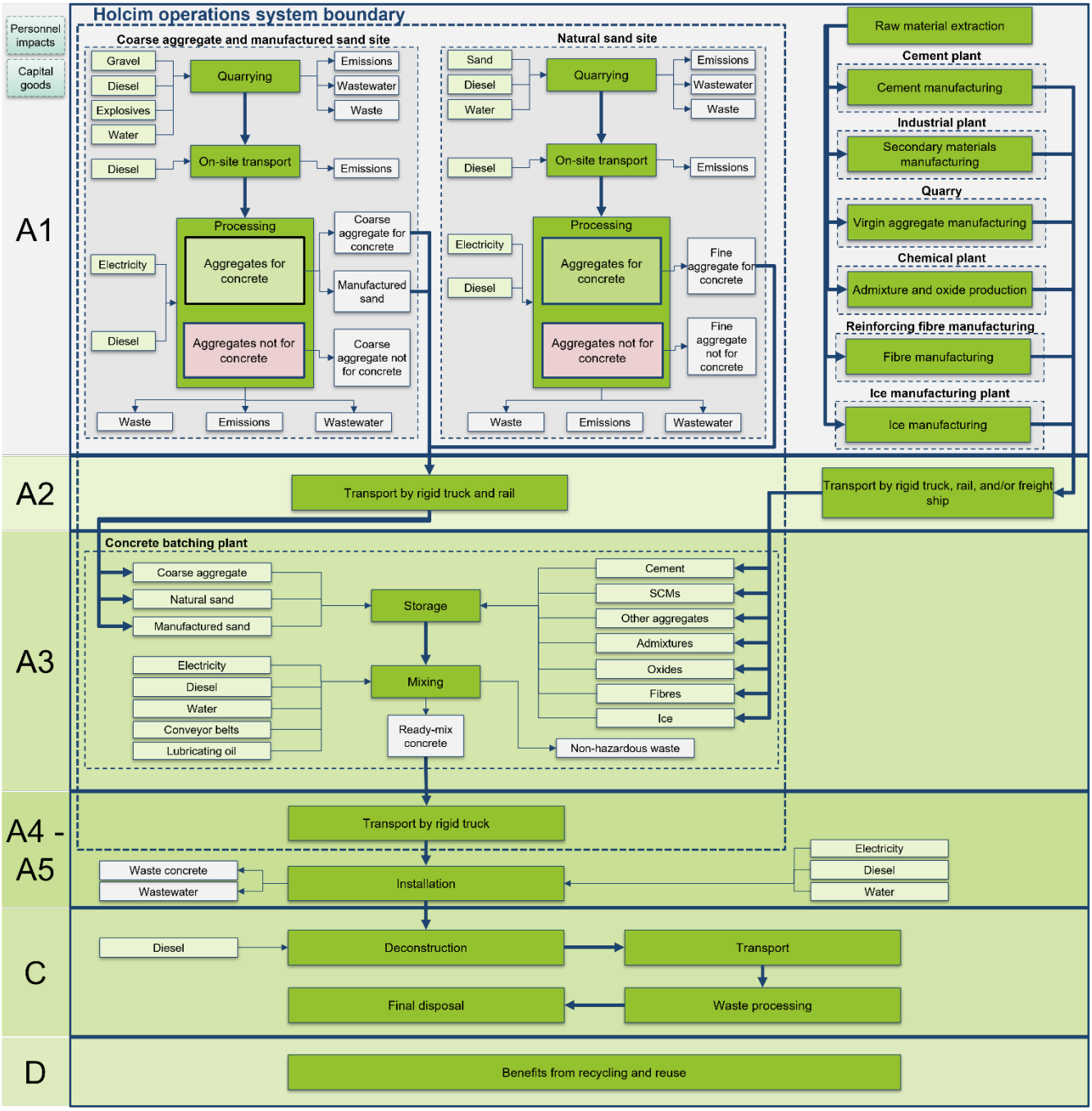
Data quality was assessed in terms of geographic, technical and temporal representativeness. All data sources were scored good or very good.

Background data sources were also assessed with respect to their timeliness, with all data sources being updated within the 3 years required under PCR 2019:14.

Module	Input/ outputs	Sub-processes	Data source & LCA Factor	Temporal scope	Technical scope	Geographic scope
A1	Cementitious materials	Cement	Supplier data and EPD factors	Very good	Very good	Very good
		Supplementary cementitious materials	Supplier data and database factors	Very good	Good	Good
	Coarse aggregate	Electricity	Invoices and database factors	Very good	Very good	Very good
		Diesel	Invoices and database factors	Very good	Good	Good
		LPG	Invoices and database factors	Very good	Good	Good
		Pollutants	National Pollution Inventory (NPI) data and database factors	Very good	Very good	Very good
	Manufactured sand	Mains water	Invoices and database factors	Very good	Very good	Very good
		Water – other sources	Metered and database factors	Very good	Very good	Very good
	Fine aggregate	Water discharge from site	Metered and database factors	Very good	Very good	Very good
		Explosives	Supplier data and database factors	Very good	Good	Good
		Gravel	Production data	Very good	Very good	Very good
	Other aggregates	Recycled aggregates	Database factors	Very good	Good	Good
	Admixture	Admixtures	Supplier data and database factors	Very good	Good	Good
	Oxide	Oxides	Invoices and database / EPD factors	Very good	Good	Good
	Fibre	Plastic and steel fibres	Invoices and database / EPD factors	Very good	Good	Good
A2	Raw material transport	Background data used to model	Holcim and supplier actual transport distances and loads per trip and database factors	Very good	Good	Good
A3	Concrete batching plant	Electricity	Invoices and database factors	Very good	Very good	Very good
		Diesel	Invoices and database factors	Very good	Good	Good
		Mains water	Water meters, with utility invoices as a back-up and database factors	Very good	Very good	Very good
		Water – other sources	Estimate based on water balance and database factors	Very good	Very good	Very good
		Water discharge from site	Estimate based on Holcim site performance metrics and database factors	Very good	Very good	Very good
		Lubricating oil	Invoices and database factors	Very good	Good	Good
		Conveyor belt				
	Concrete mix designs	Background data used to model	Holcim internal technical database containing mix designs	Very good	Good	Good
A4	Distribution	Background data used to model	Actual transport data and database factors	Very good	Good	Good
A5	Installation	Electricity	Typical scenario & database factors	Very good	Good	Good
		Diesel				
		Water				
C1	Deconstruction	Excavation	Typical scenario & database factors	Very good	Good	Good
C2	Transport	Background data used to model	Typical scenario & database factors	Very good	Good	Good
C3	Waste processing	Concrete recycling	Typical scenario & database factors	Very good	Good	Good
C4	Final disposal	Inert waste landfilling	Typical scenario & database factors	Very good	Good	Good
D	Benefits and loads beyond	Crushed gravel	Typical scenario & database factors	Very good	Good	Good

System Diagram

The processes included in the LCA are presented in a process diagram in the figure below.



Description of System Boundaries and Excluded Lifecycle Stages

The scope of the LCA and EPD is from cradle to gate (A1-A3) with options, modules A4-A5, modules C1-C4 and module D. The following life cycle stages have not been declared (marked as ND), as they are deemed not applicable for Holcim's ready-mix concrete ranges: Material emissions from usage (B1); Maintenance (B2); Repair (B3); Replacement (B4); Refurbishment (B5); Operational energy use (B6), and Operational water use (B7).

	Product Stage			Construction Stage		Usage Stage							End of Life Stage				Benefits & loads for the next product system
	Raw Material Supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport	Construction/installation process	Use	Maintenance incl.	Repair incl. transport	Replacement incl.	Refurbishment incl.	Operational Energy Use	Operational Water Use	De-construction & demolition	Transport	Re-use recycling	Final Disposal	Reuse, Recovery Recycling potential
Module	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Modules declared	X	X	X	X	X	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	X	X	X	X	X
Geography	GLO	AU	AU	AU	AU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AU	AU	AU	AU	AU
Share of specific data*	10.7 %			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Variation – products	0%			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Variation – sites	<10%			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

* The share of primary data is calculated based on GWP-GHG results. It is a simplified indicator for data quality that supports the use of more primary data, to increase the representativeness of and comparability between EPDs. Note that the indicator does not capture all relevant aspects of data quality and is not comparable across product categories.
* The reported share of primary data is associated with uncertainty, as several EPDs used as data source lack information on the share of primary data.

Upstream processes

The upstream processes include those involved in Module A1 – Raw material supply. This module includes:

- Extraction, transport, and manufacturing of raw materials.
- Generation of electricity from primary and secondary energy resources, also including their extraction, refining and transport for Modules A1.

Core Processes

The core processes include those involved in Module A2 and Module A3, including:

- External transportation of materials to the core processes and internal transport.
- Manufacturing of concrete (excluding mixing, which occurs in the mixing truck and is considered part of the A4 module)
- Treatment of waste and wastewater generated from the manufacturing processes.

Downstream Processes

The downstream processes include those involved in Module A4 to D, including:

- Distribution of concrete mixes
- Installation of the ready-mix concrete on the site.
- Wastage of construction products (This is accounted for in module A5. This includes waste concrete on site).
- Transport of equipment and use of materials for deconstruction at the end of life.
- Transport of waste generated at the end of life.
- Treatment of waste generated at the end of life.

Other Environmental Information

Other environmental information includes process involved in Module D. This module indicates the environmental benefits from reuse, recovery, and recycling of wastes.

EPD PRODUCT DESCRIPTION AND USE

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UN CPC code: 375 (articles of concrete, cement and plaster). ANZSIC Classification: 2033 Ready Mix Concrete Manufacturing.

Product lifespan: The reference service life is not specified as the scope of Holcim's operational control is from cradle to delivery. Instead, AS 3600, the Australian Standard for concrete structures, typically specifies a design life of 50 years. For structures with a 100-year design life, like bridges, AS 5100 is the relevant standard.

Product description: A generic description of ready-mix concrete has been provided on page 5. A detailed breakdown of the functional properties of the ready-mix concrete, including the mix design covered in this EPD, is provided below.

Product environmental information should only be compared when the products are functionally equivalent and used in the same context.

Strength (MPa)	Mix Code	Weight (kg/m^3)	Mix Description	Applications / intended use
50	QS502PR45	2399	S50 20mm 650mm PRECAST ULTRAFLOW CONCRETE	Precast

Production Sites
Brisbane City, Acacia Ridge, Beaudesert, Boonah, Darra, Cleveland, Geebung, Narangba, Lowwod, Wacol, Murarrie, Caboolture, Brendale, Raceview.

Content Declaration

The gross weight of this declared material is 2399 kg per cubic meter makes up a minimum of 99% of the products covered by this EPD. The following table provides a summary of the materials included in Holcim ready-mix concrete and their relative composition by weight.

Material	% by weight	Post-consumer recycled material, weight % of product	Biogenic material, weight-% of product	Biogenic material, kg C/m^3
Aggregate	70.83	0	0	0
Total cementitious materials	21.47	0	0	0
Water	7.504	0	0	0
Admixtures	0.1962	0	0	0
Fibres (steel or plastic)	0	0	0	0
Oxides	0	0	0	0

Holcim Ready-mix concrete is classified as Non-Dangerous Goods according to the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail. The safety data sheet for pre-mixed concrete lists all associated hazard phrases. None of the products contain one or more substances that are listed in the "Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern for authorisation". According to the PCR 2019:14, if one or more substances of the "Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) for authorisation" are present in a product and their total content exceeds 0.1% of the weight of the product, they need to be reported.

Packaging

Holcim ready-mix concrete is delivered in bulk with no packaging.

Supplementary Cementitious Materials (SCMs) co-products

BS EN 16757:2022 specifically lists the following materials relevant to the study as co-products:

- Fly ash,
- Ground granulated blast furnace slag; and
- Silica fume.

As such, the above materials are considered as co-products of their production process and the impacts for their production process are allocated according to PCR 2019:14 Construction Products and Construction Services (co-produced goods, multi-output allocation).

According to PCR 2019:14, economic allocation shall be used for processes producing co-products for use in cement and concrete. It should be based on market prices, preferably in long-term averages (≥3 years). While assessing the environmental burden of the high value co-products (e.g., steel, electricity, silicon). Therefore, the economic allocation method is applied to the below materials:

- Fly ash: It is sourced directly from coal fired electricity generation. The environmental impact of fly ash is derived from coal-fired electricity, converted from the heating value of coal on a per-kWh basis. There is currently insufficient publicly available information to define fly ash as a co-product - rather than waste - due to the confidential nature of the power station revenue data. As 50-90% of collected fly ash in Australia is disposed in storage dams or ponds (CS Energy 2024; ADAA 2024), economic allocation at $0/t is applicable at point of generation. The GWP-GHG of fly ash is thus 0 kg CO_2e/t.
- Ground granulated blast furnace slag: The environmental impact is allocated to blast furnace slag at the point of generation during pig iron production, based on both production volumes and market prices. However, the specific energy and processing impacts associated with grinding the slag into ground granulated blast furnace slag are included in stage A1. For information: using AusLCI data and this allocation factor, the GWP-GHG of BFS – at point of generation – is 180 kgCO_2e/t.
- Silica fume: It is sourced as a co-product of ferrosilicon production. The raw material impact of silica fume is allocated directly from ferrosilicon, considering the relative production volumes and market prices. AusLCI has been used for Australian silica fume. For information: using AusLCI data, the GWP-GHG of Silica Fume – at end-of waste point – is 1400 kg CO_2e/t. Ecoinvent data has been used for imported Silica fume.

Since SCM market prices fluctuate and full datasets are often confidential and not disclosed by upstream suppliers, economic allocation has been based on the mix of primary and secondary data, from Holcim internal records, the AusLCI database, and using the approach outlined in the 2025 draft EPD Australasia Technical Advisory Group Guidance Supplementary Cementitious Material. The AusLCI dataset conforms to EN 15804+A2 when applying allocation to its various processes and sub-processes.

Please Note that the above information is provided for all SCMs co-products as general background data, this does not necessarily mean that all SCMs are included in this specific mix.

Cradle to Gate (Modules A1 – A3)

Raw materials for producing Holcim's ready-mix concrete include cementitious materials, aggregates, admixtures, oxides, fibres, water, and ice. These raw materials are generally transported from various locations around Australia, China, Indonesia, and Europe. The raw materials are stored in silos, hoppers, ground bins or tanks. The materials are feed to batching plant hopper with calibrated scale. Then all the raw materials are discharged via a chute into the ready-mix concrete truck. Water is then weighed, or volume metered and discharged into the mixer truck through the same charging tank.

Holcim's ready-mix concrete is manufactured across ACT, NSW, QLD, SA, VIC, and WA, Australia. State-specific residual electricity mix available in the AusLCI database is used to model electricity in the foreground processes. The AusLCI dataset was last updated in 2025 to reflect the latest residual electricity mix source from the FY2023.

State	Energy source in residual electricity mix	GWP-GHG (kg CO_2 eq./kWh)
NSW & ACT	69% black coal, 12% solar, 6% wind, 5% hydro, and 8% others	0.75
QLD	71% black coal, 13% solar, 10% natural gas, and 6% others	0.77
SA	34% wind, 31% natural gas, 24% solar, 9% brown coal, and 2% others	0.44
VIC	64% brown coal, 15% wind, 8% solar, 7% hydro, and 6% others	0.99
WA	44% natural gas, 30% black coal, 13% solar, 13% wind, and <1% others	0.50

Gate to Site (Module A4)

Distribution is dependent on the market requirements of ready-mix concrete products. All Holcim ready-mix concrete products transported in Australia is by EURO5 28t – 32t trucks. The transport distances from manufacturing gate to the site is 11.89 km. The product weight for 1m^3 ready-mix concrete is the sum of weights from all raw material inputs.

Vehicle	Fuel use (L/tkm)	Fuel type	Carrying capacity	Density of products	Average load factor	Volume capacity utilization factor
EURO 5 Truck	2.3E-02	Diesel	28 t – 32 t	2399 kg/m^3	50%	<1

Installation (Module A5)

As Holcim does not have operational control over the installation of ready-mix concrete at the construction site, assumptions for construction inputs and installation waste are made based on industrial expertise and experience, and the GCCA tool. The inputs account for the pouring of concrete from a ready-mix truck and pump, excluding any pre-installation activities such as site work and forms. The concrete slabs are then manually finished, and no additional inputs are required to be modelled.

Construction inputs and waste	Value	Unit
Concrete losses that go to landfill	3.00	%
Water use	670	L
Electricity use	2.80	kWh
Diesel, in building machine	1.70	L
Wastewater	0.67	L

Deconstruction and End of Life (Modules C1 – C4)

The results of the end-of-life stage (modules C1-C4) should be considered when using the results of the product stage (modules A1-A3)

Following the supply of ready-mix concrete products, Holcim has no control over the end-of-life fate for their products. The recommended cradle to gate environmental profile will be based on the most common scenario as the majority of construction products are generally deconstructed and transported for recycling. The following assumptions have been used in this study to model deconstruction and end of life scenarios of Holcim's ready-mix concrete:

- Deconstruction is modelled as the physical process of drilling and removing the concrete. Hydraulic excavator is assumed as the operating tool for deconstruction. This process is based on ecoinvent v3.11 (2024) database and the diesel used is extracted from the process.
- 100% of the products (2399 kg) are assumed to be separately collected during deconstruction.
- 25 km delivery distance to landfilling as well as reprocessing facility is assumed for waste collection process since there was no primary data available.
- This EPD assumes 84% of the product is reprocessed/recycled as Module C3 and Module D. The National Waste and Resource Recovery Report 2024 (DCCEEW, 2025) notes that the 2022–23 resource recovery rate for building and demolition materials was 84%. As per PCR 2.0.1 additional tables for two boundary scenarios, 100% recycling (Scenario 1) and 100% landfill (Scenario 2) are included in the additional scenarios section.
- The remaining waste concrete undergoes inert waste landfill as Module C4.

Module	Parameter	Value	Unit
C1 – Deconstruction	Diesel	0.13	L
C2 – Transportation	Distance to processing	25	km
C3 – Waste processing	Concrete recycling	84	%
C4 – Final disposal	Inert waste landfill	16	%

Vehicle	Fuel use (L/tkm)	Fuel type	Carrying capacity	Average load factor	Volume capacity utilization factor
EURO 5 Truck	2.2E-02	Diesel	40 t	50%	<1

Benefits and loads beyond the system boundary (Module D)

The end-of-life recyclers process the waste concrete into a recycled aggregate, which can be replaced with virgin coarse aggregate for a range of applications depending on the product's performance requirements. This EPD assumes 84% of the product is reprocessed/recycled as Module C3 and Module D. The National Waste and Resource Recovery Report 2024 (DCCEEW, 2025) notes that the 2022–23 resource recovery rate for building and demolition materials was 84%. As per PCR 2.0.1 additional tables for two boundary scenarios, 100% recycling (Scenario 1) and 100% landfill (Scenario 2) are included in the additional scenarios section.

For Holcim's internal aggregate production, waste concrete coarse and fine aggregates can be recycled and repurposed as recycled coarse aggregate and sand. The environmental benefits from avoiding the use of virgin materials are fully accounted for.

In the consideration of Module C, the end-of-life recyclers process the waste concrete into a recycled aggregate, which can be replaced with virgin coarse aggregate for a range of applications depending on the products performance requirements.

ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

The environmental impacts considered in this EPD are listed in the table below. EN 15804+A2 reference package based on EF 3.1 (Environmental Footprint) or a later version has been used. All further tables from this point will contain abbreviation only.

Impact Category	Abbreviation	Measurement Unit
Potential Environmental Impact indicators		
Total global warming potential	GWP – T	kg CO_2 equivalents (GWP100)
Global warming potential (fossil)	GWP – F	kg CO_2 equivalents (GWP100)
Global warming potential (biogenic)	GWP – B	kg CO_2 equivalents (GWP100)
Global warming potential (land use/ land transformation)	GWP – Luluc	kg CO_2 equivalents (GWP100)
Ozone depletion potential	ODP	kg CFC 11 equivalents
Acidification potential	AP	mol H+ eq.
Eutrophication – aquatic freshwater	EP – freshwater	kg P equivalent
Eutrophication – aquatic marine	EP - marine	kg N equivalent
Eutrophication – terrestrial	EP – terrestrial	mol N equivalent
Photochemical ozone creation potential	POCP	kg NMVOC equivalents
Abiotic depletion potential (elements)*	ADPE	kg Sb equivalents
Abiotic depletion potential (fossil fuels)*	ADPF	MJ net calorific value
Water Depletion Potential*	WDP	m^3 equivalent deprived
Resource use indicators		
Use of renewable primary energy excluding renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	PERE	MJ, net calorific value
Use of renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	PERM	MJ, net calorific value
Total use of renewable primary energy resources (primary energy and primary energy resources used as raw materials)	PERT	MJ, net calorific value
Use of non-renewable primary energy excluding non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	PENRE	MJ, net calorific value
Use of non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	PENRM	MJ, net calorific value
Total use of non-renewable primary energy resources (primary energy and primary energy resources used as raw materials)	PENRT	MJ, net calorific value
Use of secondary material	SM	kg
Use of renewable secondary fuels	RSF	MJ, net calorific value
Use of non-renewable secondary fuels	NRSF	MJ, net calorific value
Use of net fresh water	FW	m^3

Impact Category	Abbreviation	Measurement Unit
Waste categories and Output flows indicators		
Hazardous waste disposed	HWD	kg
Non-hazardous waste disposed	NHWD	kg
Radioactive waste disposed/stored	RWD	kg
Components for reuse	CRU	kg
Materials for recycling	MFR	kg
Materials for energy recovery	MFER	kg
Exported energy	EE - e	MJ per energy carrier
Exported energy, thermal	EE - t	MJ per energy carrier
Additional environmental impact indicators		
Global warming potential, excluding biogenic uptake, emissions and storage	GWP-GHG	kg CO_2 equivalents (GWP100)
Global warming potential, aligned with the IPCC 2013 Fifth Assessment Report *	GWP-GHG (AR5)	kg CO_2 equivalents (GWP100)
Particulate matter	PM	disease incidence
Ionising radiation – human health	IRP	kBq U-235 eq
Eco-toxicity (freshwater)*	ETP-fw	CTUe
Human toxicity potential – cancer effects*	HTP-c	CTUh
Human toxicity potential – non cancer effects*	HTP-nc	CTUh
Soil quality*	SQP	dimensionless
Potential environmental Impact Indicators (EN15804+A1)		
Global warming (GWP100a) – A1	GWP (A1)	kg CO_2 equivalents
Ozone layer depletion (ODP) – A1	ODP (A1)	kg CFC-11 equivalents
Acidification – A1	AP (A1)	kg SO_2 equivalents
Eutrophication – A1	EP (A1)	kg PO_4^{3-} equivalents
Photochemical oxidation – A1	POCP (A1)	kg C_2H_4 equivalents
Abiotic depletion – A1	ADPE (A1)	kg Sb equivalents
Abiotic depletion (fossil fuels) – A1	ADPF (A1)	MJ, net calorific value
Global warming (GWP100a) – A1	GWP (A1)	kg CO_2 equivalents
Additional Greenstar v1.3 Indicators		
Human Toxicity cancer Green Star	HTc (GS)	CTUh
Human Toxicity non-cancer Green Star	HTnc (GS)	CTUh
Land use Green Star	LU (GS)	kg C deficit equivalents
Ionising radiation Green Star	IR (GS)	kBq U-235 equivalents
Particulate Matter Green Star	PM (GS)	kg PM2.5 equivalents
WSI Green Star	WSI (GS)	m^3 equivalents

**Disclaimer – The results of these environmental impact indicators shall be used with care as the uncertainties on these results are high or as there is limited experience with the indicator.*

***Disclaimer – This impact category deals mainly with the eventual impact of low dose ionizing radiation on human health of the nuclear fuel cycle. It does not consider effects due to possible nuclear accidents, occupational exposure nor due to radioactive waste disposal in underground facilities. Potential ionizing radiation from the soil, from radon and from some construction materials is also not measured by this indicator.*

**** - GWP-GHG (IPCC AR5) is an additional GWP100 indicator that is aligned with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) 2013 Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) (IPCC 2013), national greenhouse gas reporting frameworks in Australia and New Zealand and previous versions of the Construction Products PCR (PCR2019:14). It excludes biogenic carbon and indirect radiative forcing.*

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The use of results of modules A1-A3 or A1-A5, without considering the results of module C may mislead the communication and decision-making. The estimated impact results are only relative statements, which do not indicate the endpoints of the impact categories, exceeding threshold values, safety margins and/or risks.

PRIMARY ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATORS (in accordance with EN 15804:2012**+A2**:2019) – **1m³ of ready-mix concrete**

Abbreviation	Unit	A1-A3	A4	A5	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
GWP-Total	kg CO_2 eq.	292.3	2.671	17.28	0.5217	4.459	8.954	1.069	-15.99
GWP-Fossil	kg CO_2 eq.	291.5	2.670	17.25	0.5217	4.458	8.940	1.068	-15.96
GWP-Biogenic	kg CO_2 eq.	0.7254	0.00009272	0.02701	0.00002227	0.0001548	0.007479	0.00008730	-0.01294
GWP-Luluc	kg CO_2 eq.	0.05156	0.00006837	0.01046	0.00001836	0.0001141	0.007005	0.00004370	-0.01457
ODP	kg CFC 11 eq.	2.854E-06	3.521E-08	1.854E-07	7.802E-09	5.878E-08	1.142E-07	1.583E-08	-7.788E-09
AP	mol H+ eq.	1.336	0.01385	0.1145	0.004913	0.02312	0.07908	0.009706	-0.09065
EP-F	kg P eq.	0.04592	1.979E-06	0.001385	4.727E-07	3.304E-06	0.00001916	3.842E-06	-0.0006184
EP-M	kg N eq.	0.09720	0.003636	0.03284	0.002309	0.006070	0.03337	0.004411	-0.02303
EP-T	mol N eq.	2.932	0.04058	0.4154	0.02530	0.06774	0.3653	0.04834	-0.2529
POCP	kg NMVOC eq.	0.7708	0.01531	0.1199	0.007485	0.02557	0.1083	0.01462	-0.08049
ADPE	kg Sb eq.	0.03892	8.970E-08	0.001168	2.148E-08	1.497E-07	1.460E-06	4.225E-08	-1.978E-06
ADPF	MJ	1710	34.69	145.6	6.888	57.91	104.2	13.73	-210.1
WDP	m^3 equivalent deprived	35.20	0.01264	43.95	0.009253	0.02110	2.084	0.01255	-28.18

RESOURCE USE PARAMETERS (in accordance with EN 15804:2012**+A2**:2019) – **1m³ of ready-mix concrete**

Abbreviation	Unit	A1-A3	A4	A5	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
PERE	MJ	66.48	0.05806	7.112	0.01292	0.09693	3.818	0.06507	-20.23
PERM	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PERT	MJ	66.48	0.05806	7.112	0.01292	0.09693	3.818	0.06507	-20.23
PENRE	MJ	1731	34.69	146.3	6.888	57.91	104.2	13.73	-210.1
PENRM	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PENRT	MJ	1731	34.69	146.3	6.888	57.91	104.2	13.73	-210.1
SM	kg	250.3	0	7.509	0	0	0	0	0
RSF	MJ	4.269	0	0.1281	0	0	0	0	0
NRSF	MJ	93.23	0	2.797	0	0	0	0	0
FW	m^3	0.7217	0.0004411	0.6755	0.0002224	0.0007365	0.03603	0.0004752	-0.6777

WASTE CATEGORIES AND OUTPUT FLOWS (in accordance with EN 15804:2012**+A2**:2019) – **1m³ of ready-mix concrete**

Abbreviation	Unit	A1-A3	A4	A5	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
HWD	kg	1.068	0.0002376	0.03262	0.00001127	0.0003966	0.0006656	0.00009082	-0.0007274
NHWD	kg	109.1	0.0008908	75.28	2.191E-06	0.001487	0.09945	393.0	-0.2031
RWD	kg	0.00005883	1.312E-06	6.165E-06	0	2.190E-06	6.438E-06	8.400E-07	-0.0004478
CRU	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MFR	kg	0.1420	0	0.004260	0	0	2005	0	0
MFRE	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EE - e	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EE - t	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT INDICATORS (in accordance with EN 15804:2012**+A2**:2019) – **1m³ of ready-mix concrete**

Abbreviation	Unit	A1-A3	A4	A5	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
GWP-GHG	kg CO_2 eq.	292.3	2.671	17.28	0.5217	4.459	8.954	1.069	-15.99
GWP-GHG (AR5)	kg CO_2 eq.	297.5	2.674	17.45	0.5226	4.464	8.967	1.070	-16.01
PM	disease incidence	0.00001970	2.418E-07	2.410E-06	1.408E-07	4.038E-07	2.038E-06	2.734E-07	-1.439E-06
IRP	kBq U-235 eq	996.6	0.002530	29.91	0.0005257	0.004224	0.01091	0.001452	-0.6921
ETP-fw	CTUe	813.2	1.293	27.63	0.2501	2.158	4.478	0.5933	-29.01
HTP-c	CTUh	4.891E-07	1.070E-10	1.511E-08	2.812E-11	1.786E-10	7.458E-10	7.397E-11	-1.799E-09
HTP-nc	CTUh	0.00001373	5.402E-09	4.253E-07	5.141E-10	9.019E-09	1.562E-08	1.433E-09	-6.838E-08
SQP	dimensionless	618.1	0.05164	28.32	0.01325	0.08621	27.46	16.22	-134.7

ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT INDICATORS (in accordance with EN 15804:2012**+A1**:2013) – **1m³ of ready-mix concrete**

Abbreviation	Unit	A1-A3	A4	A5	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
GWP (A1)	kg CO_2 eq.	296.8	2.670	17.41	0.5219	4.458	8.948	1.069	-15.98
ODP (A1)	kg CFC 11 eq.	4.119E-07	2.782E-08	9.126E-08	6.163E-09	4.645E-08	9.037E-08	1.251E-08	-7.798E-09
AP (A1)	kg SO_2 eq.	0.7679	0.006353	0.06736	0.003442	0.01061	0.04982	0.006867	-0.07239
EP (A1)	kg PO_4^{3-} eq.	0.1427	0.001261	0.01444	0.0007792	0.002105	0.01134	0.001499	-0.009799
POCP (A1)	kg C_2H_4 eq.	0.02210	0.0005067	0.001813	0.00008763	0.0008459	0.001311	0.0003096	-0.004960
ADPE (A1)	kg SO_2 eq.	0.0003607	8.990E-08	0.00001160	2.148E-08	1.501E-07	1.461E-06	4.240E-08	-2.055E-06
ADPF (A1)	MJ	1465	0.3558	69.17	0.05429	0.5939	20.70	0.8695	-134.0

ADDITIONAL GREEN STAR (V1.3) IMPACT INDICATORS – **1m³ of ready-mix concrete**

Abbreviation	Unit	A1-A3	A4	A5	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
HTc (GS)	CTUh	1.171E-08	2.497E-11	4.278E-10	3.605E-12	4.169E-11	9.016E-11	1.146E-11	-4.093E-10
HTnc (GS)	CTUh	4.225E-10	2.736E-12	1.548E-11	2.076E-13	4.568E-12	4.099E-12	4.709E-13	-1.889E-11
LU (GS)	kg C deficit eq.	68.26	0.02846	2.384	0.006366	0.04752	2.571	1.162	-427.2
IR (GS)	kBq U235 eq.	0.1839	0.002543	0.01336	0.0005257	0.004245	0.01096	0.001459	-0.6963
PM (GS)	kg PM2.5 eq.	0.00001970	2.418E-07	2.410E-06	1.408E-07	4.038E-07	2.038E-06	2.734E-07	-1.439E-06
WSI (GS)	m^3	1.913	0.0004295	2.295	0.0003091	0.0007171	0.1051	0.0005929	-0.9014

Results for additional scenarios

The latest standard requires reporting additional environmental information for two boundary scenarios, 100% recycling (Scenario 1) and 100% landfill (Scenario 2), whenever the declared end-of-life scenario is not 100%. In such cases, only the results for Modules C3, C4, and D are adjusted, while the impacts associated with all other modules remain unchanged.

PRIMARY ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATORS (in accordance with EN 15804:2012**+A2**:2019) – 1m3 of ready-mix concrete

		Scenario 1: Recycling			Scenario 2: Landfill		
Abbreviation	Unit	C3	C4	D	C3	C4	D
GWP-Total	kg CO_2 eq.	10.71	0	-19.12	0	6.515	-0.0009891
GWP-Fossil	kg CO_2 eq.	10.69	0	-19.09	0	6.515	-0.0009874
GWP-Biogenic	kg CO_2 eq.	0.008946	0	-0.01548	0	0.0005323	-7.976E-07
GWP-Luluc	kg CO_2 eq.	0.008379	0	-0.01743	0	0.0002665	-8.419E-07
ODP	kg CFC 11 eq.	1.366E-07	0	-9.314E-09	0	9.654E-08	-7.474E-12
AP	mol H+ eq.	0.09460	0	-0.1084	0	0.05918	-5.632E-06
EP-F	kg P eq.	0.00002291	0	-0.0007397	0	0.00002343	-3.393E-08
EP-M	kg N eq.	0.03992	0	-0.02755	0	0.02690	-1.495E-06
EP-T	mol N eq.	0.4370	0	-0.3025	0	0.2947	-0.00001641
POCP	kg NMVOC eq.	0.1296	0	-0.09628	0	0.08914	-5.194E-06
ADPE	kg Sb eq.	1.746E-06	0	-2.366E-06	0	2.576E-07	-1.062E-10
ADPF	MJ	124.7	0	-251.3	0	83.71	-0.01253
WDP	m^3 equivalent deprived	2.493	0	-33.71	0	0.07652	-0.003934

RESOURCE USE PARAMETERS (in accordance with EN 15804:2012**+A2**:2019) – 1m3 of ready-mix concrete

		Scenario 1: Recycling			Scenario 2: Landfill		
Abbreviation	Unit	C3	C4	D	C3	C4	D
PERE	MJ	4.567	0	-24.19	0	0.3968	-0.001143
PERM	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0
PERT	MJ	4.567	0	-24.19	0	0.3968	-0.001143
PENRE	MJ	124.7	0	-251.3	0	83.71	-0.01253
PENRM	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0
PENRT	MJ	124.7	0	-251.3	0	83.71	-0.01253
SM	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0
RSF	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0
NRSF	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0
FW	m^3	0.04310	0	-0.8106	0	0.002897	-0.00009229

WASTE CATEGORIES AND OUTPUT FLOWS (in accordance with EN 15804:2012**+A2**:2019) – 1m3 of ready-mix concrete

		Scenario 1: Recycling			Scenario 2: Landfill		
Abbreviation	Unit	C3	C4	D	C3	C4	D
HWD	kg	0.0007962	0	-0.0008696	0	0.0005538	-2.213E-06
NHWD	kg	0.1190	0	-0.2430	0	2396	-1.035E-08
RWD	kg	7.700E-06	0	-0.0005356	0	5.122E-06	0
CRU	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0
MFR	kg	2399	0	0	0	0	0
MFRE	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0
EE - e	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0
EE - t	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0

ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT INDICATORS (in accordance with EN 15804:2012**+A2**:2019) – 1m3 of ready-mix concrete

		Scenario 1: Recycling			Scenario 2: Landfill		
Abbreviation	Unit	C3	C4	D	C3	C4	D
GWP-GHG	kg CO_2 eq.	10.71	0	-19.12	0	6.515	-0.0009891
GWP-GHG (AR5)	kg CO_2 eq.	10.73	0	-19.14	0	6.527	-0.0009910
PM	disease incidence	2.438E-06	0	-1.721E-06	0	1.667E-06	-9.035E-11
IRP	kBq U-235 eq	0.01305	0	-0.8278	0	0.008851	-0.00003987
ETP-fw	CTUe	5.356	0	-34.70	0	3.618	-0.001638
HTP-c	CTUh	8.921E-10	0	-2.152E-09	0	4.511E-10	-1.095E-13
HTP-nc	CTUh	1.869E-08	0	-8.180E-08	0	8.736E-09	-4.232E-12
SQP	dimensionless	32.85	0	-161.1	0	98.89	-0.008103

ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

Material Circularity Indicator (MCI) results

The Material Circularity Indicator (MCI) is a framework used to evaluate a product's performance within a circular economy, consistent with ISO 59020. It assesses how effectively materials are retained within a product system while preserving their highest possible value over time.

MCI offers a standardised metric that can be applied across a broad range of circular economy approaches, including material avoidance, product durability, reuse, remanufacturing, recycling, regenerative sourcing, composting, and energy recovery. Results can be expressed either as an MCI Score or as a percentage of circularity (% MCI).

The Material Circularity Indicator (MCI) for the product was calculated in accordance with the Circularity Indicators: An Approach to Measuring Circularity methodology developed by the Ellen MacArthur Foundation and Granta Design (2015, updated in 2019). A value of 84% is used for the MCI recycling and recovery rate of waste aggregate and concrete based on the National Waste and Resource Recovery Report 2024 (DCCEEW, 2025). Under the current calculation boundaries, fly ash and slag are excluded as recycled inputs; however, they are likely to be included in future updates to better reflect the product's total avoidance of virgin material.

Benefits of MCI

Integrating MCI scores into Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) strongly complements traditional Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) data. While an EPD provides transparent, third-party verified information on environmental impacts throughout a product's life cycle, the MCI provides a dedicated metric focusing specifically on the circulation and utility of material flows.

Both the Infrastructure Sustainability rating scheme and the Green Building Council of Australia Ratings tool recognise and reward projects that use products with a Material Circularity Indicator (MCI) score.

% MCI result

The percentage circularity (% MCI) is derived using the same methodology and assumptions as the MCI Score but presents the outcome on a more intuitive scale ranging from 0% (fully linear) to 100% (fully circular).

A result of 0% reflects a fully linear system that relies entirely on virgin inputs and generates a product or waste stream that is entirely unrecovered. At the other end of the scale, a result of 100% indicates an ideal circular system using only recovered or sustained resources while ensuring all output flows are fully recovered. The MCI result for QS502PR45 is 41.75 %.

Product	% MCI result
QS502PR45	41.75 %

OTHER LIFE CYCLE STAGES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS EPD

While the LCA study and EPD only consider the cradle to gate (modules A1-A3) with options modules A4-A5, modules C1-C4 and module D of the environmental impacts of Holcim's ready-mix concrete, practitioners using the EPD for the purpose of whole-of-life building studies or the functional comparison of different building products on a whole-of-life basis will consider concrete's other life cycle stages. Some of the environmental impacts of benefits associated with other life cycle stages not included in this EPD are described in the following sections.

Lifetime absorption of CO_2

Carbonation is a natural process whereby concrete absorbs carbon dioxide (CO_2) from the atmosphere through a chemical reaction between the CO_2 in the ambient air and hydration products within the concrete ($CaOH_2$). Ready-mix concrete can be subject to carbonation from the use stage onward (i.e. after construction and curing). From a life cycle impact accounting perspective, this process can also be referred to as 'reabsorption', since the CO_2 emitted during the cement manufacturing process can be partly offset by the lifetime absorption of CO_2, therefore reducing the net CO_2 emissions associated with concrete over its lifetime.

The carbonisation process is a commonly known process in building design and is typically taken into consideration by engineers when specifying special-class concrete.

The total amount of CO_2 absorption during the life cycle of concrete is subject to a range of factors and varies over time. The calculation has been standardised in the British and European Standard BS EN 16757:2017 *Sustainability of construction works – Environmental Product Declarations – Product Category Rules for concrete and concrete elements.* It is recommended that practitioners make use of this standard when conducting whole-of-life building studies and if the building materials include substantial amounts of concrete. Please note that CO_2 absorption has not been considered in this EPD and is not reflected in the EPD results tables.

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