

14 November 2022

Ms Phoebe Jarvis  
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Office of the Independent Planning Commission NSW  
135 King Street  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Ms Jarvis

**MARTINS CREEK RAILWAY BALLAST QUARRY – IPC CASE NUMBER P-12347-20**

I am writing in support of the re-opening of the Martins Creek Quarry on behalf of the Stevens Group of Companies. The Stevens Group are developers operating throughout New South Wales to deliver a wide range of projects, ranging from Industrial land subdivisions through to major tourism projects. We are currently involved in delivering approximately 5000 residential allotments to meet housing demand and 500 large scale industrial allotments to provide employment opportunities in the Hunter region.

Quarry supply is essential to meet construction demand. There is no certainty around the quarry supply in the Greater Hunter Region where the bulk of our residential and industrial lands are located. Martins Creek Quarry, if permitted to re-open, would again be able to contribute to the supply of the construction materials essential to the delivery of land for housing and employment.

This quarry has historically supplied the majority of quarry materials for Daracon projects in the Lower Hunter. With current supply chain issues, it is essential that quality construction materials can be sourced locally.

As the proposal involves only 500kt per annum maximum of material coming out by road, it will not completely address the shortage, however, it will greatly assist.

It is our understanding that the new proposal will reduce localised issues with any quarry operation and we urge the decision makers to support the proposal.

Yours faithfully



**John Stevens**  
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