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The Secretary
NSW Planning, Industry and Environment

RE: Martins Creek Quarry Project SSD_6612 - Letter of Support

We refer to Daracons application before the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) in relation to Martins Creek Quarry Expansion. Fulton Hogan submits this letter in support of the project.

Fulton Hogan have utilised quarry materials from Martins Creek in various forms for many years, it has been one of the important quarries in the area to provide high quality construction materials to the industry. Martins Creek is one of four quarries in the region that have the required material properties to comply with TfNSW specifications for both asphalt and spray seal aggregates. Furthermore, Martins Creek Quarry manufacture high quality road base materials such as R73 heavily bound that is widely used in the construction of pavements in compliance with TfNSW specifications.

Over the next 6 years the Hunter Region will see several major road infrastructure projects completed that will include;

- Newcastle Inner City Bypass (Rankin Park to Jesmond)
- Hexham Straight
- M1 to Raymond Terrace Extension (North and South)
- Singleton Bypass
- Muswellbrook Bypass

It is worth noting that these projects will consume circa 500,000 tonnes of asphalt and large quantities of spray sealing aggregate. These projects will be delivered in addition to business as usual volumes that are currently supplied into the market for local and state government projects, subdivisions and other smaller projects in the area. In addition to the increased aggregate demand, these projects will require significant quantities of road base and engineered fill materials placing further strain on current quarry capacity and consent limits.

Fulton Hogan operate asphalt productions facilities, asphalt laying crews, spray seal crews and civil businesses in the Hunter Region and all of these businesses have been affected by quarry material shortages in recent times. Supply shortage issues are evident without the significant uplift that will be required by these large projects.

The Amended Development proposed by Daracon has the potential to help alleviate concerns over the regions ability to meet future construction demands required to meet a growing population in the Hunter Region.

Kind Regards



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