

Office of the Independent Planning Commission
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SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Madam/Sir,

Re: Submission on Martins Creek Quarry - State Significant Development (SSD) Assessment 6612

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the Martins Creek Quarry Project (SSD-6612).

Port Stephens Council (Council) has made several submissions to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment in relation to this project. Our most recent submission in July 2021 was made in response to the amended application where Council noted that 'haulage route 2' had been removed, that the proposed haulage route would not access any roads within the Port Stephen Local Government Area (LGA) and that therefore Council's haulage contributions condition would not apply to the development.

Council also noted that the amended application and response to submissions stated that "Other local roads may be used as required to service local projects on a campaign basis", and sought clarification as to what a 'campaign basis' meant. The submission then stated that if there is a clearer indication on the number and nature of the traffic use on the local road network that this should be restricted through a condition of consent or within an approved document to assist with enforcement.

The response to this submission in the final Submissions Report is as follows:

'It is unknown at this stage which local projects would be sourcing quarry products from the quarry, it is not possible to identify which local roads would be used and how often deliveries would be made. It is expected that through its development application, each of the local projects would identify where resources would be sourced from and would gain approval for the increased truck movements on the local road network through PSC LGA as part of that development consent, should it be required'.

In relation to not being able to identify which local projects would be sourcing quarry products and therefore not being able to identify which roads would be used, the revised submissions report and amended project documentation to several projects within the Port Stephens LGA including works to widen the Williamtown Airport runway and the M1 – Beresfield to Raymond Terrace upgrade.

To use proposed haulage route 1 to reach the projects referred to above would add significant time and costs to the applicant. Council wishes to seek further clarification and assurances that the local road network will not be used to transport quarry products in an effort to save time and costs to the Quarry.

If further assurances are not possible, haulage route 2 should be reinstated to enable Council's Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan to apply, and therefore enable Council to collect funds from the Quarry for road maintenance in the event that the Port Stephens local road network is used.

In relation to the response that each of the local projects' respective development applications would identify where resources would be sourced from and therefore gain approval for the increased truck movements on the local road network through their development applications, Council's contributions plan applies a haulage condition to the extractive industries only, and therefore a local project for a use that is not defined as being an 'extractive industry' does not capture the wear and tear to the road network.

For any further information, please contact Emily Riley, Strategic Planner on 4988 0386 or by email at Emily.riley@portstephens.nsw.gov.au

Best wishes,



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