

15 November 2022

Martins Creek Quarry Project

Dear Sir/Madam,

WesTrac would like to register the company's support for the Martins Creek Quarry Project. When approved, this quarry will provide materials essential for ongoing local construction projects, in addition to larger Federal and State Government infrastructure projects in the Hunter, Central Coast and Sydney regions. In addition to the long-term benefit of employment and economic benefit for the region and state, this operation will also provide high quality materials to projects, negating the need to haul such materials from more distant quarries.

WesTrac is the Caterpillar dealer for NSW, WA and the ACT, and the company directly employs over 1,300 people in NSW, of which approximately 1,150 are employed outside the Sydney metropolitan area. Our workforce includes professional, trades and support staff working in the mining and construction industries. We also have a large apprenticeship training program, helping develop the tradespeople of the future. This quarry will be supported from our Tomago facility, from where we provide onsite support, field service, workshops, parts and administrative activities, all contributing to the local and greater Hunter communities.

Daracon is an established WesTrac customer and we have extensive engagements with them throughout the group's NSW operations. In addition to direct employment opportunities, WesTrac has continued to invest in high-end technology to support Daracon and other customers. In the past 12 months, we have spent over \$15m on capital equipment to expand our technical support capacity to our customers. The Martins Creek Quarry provides us with the certainty to make these investments and provide ongoing skilled employment opportunities in regional NSW.

WesTrac supports bringing the Martins Creek Quarry back to full production to reduce the need for transporting materials from more remote locations. Martins Creek Quarry will provide local jobs, local materials and local economic benefit, essential as we transition away from fossil fuel industries.

Yours sincerely



Chief Executive, WesTrac NSW/ACT

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