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Dear Colin

Cabbage Tree Road Sand Quarry proposal (SSD-6125) comments on draft conditions of consent

I refer to your email dated 19 January 2018 seeking comment on draft consent conditions for the proposed Cabbage Tree Road Sand Quarry. The quarry site is located north of Cabbage Tree Road, Williamtown (Lot 1 in DP 224587, Lot 121 in DP 556403, Lot 11 in DP 629503, and Lot 1012 in DP 814078).

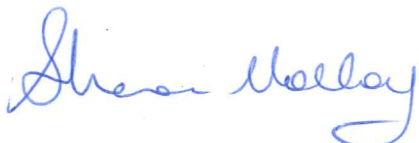
The Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) has reviewed draft consent conditions 32 and 33, in Schedule 3, that deal with the requirement for an Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan, and draft conditions 34 to 39, which relate to biodiversity and rehabilitation.

The note for draft Condition 36 'Security of Offsets' refers to the possible use of conservation agreements to secure the offsets for this project. Conservation agreements may only be used to secure offsets for projects approved after that date where it has previously been agreed with OEH. OEH has not endorsed the use of conservation agreements for this project. In addition, the proponent has already agreed to secure the offsets with biodiversity stewardship agreements. Therefore, OEH recommends that the note for Condition 36 is removed and the condition is modified to refer to the offsets being secured with biodiversity stewardship agreements.

Condition 36 should also refer to 'any land based offsets' and not 'the Biodiversity Offset Strategy' being secured using biodiversity stewardship agreements.

If you require any further information regarding this matter, please contact Steven Cox, Senior Team Leader Planning, on 4927 3140.

Yours sincerely



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