

16 November 2023

Australian Resource Development Group Pty Limited

APPLICATION NO: SSD-10432 (Our Ref. 25-2023-10-1)
PROPOSAL: Stone Ridge Quarry Project
PROPERTY: 150 Italia Road, BALICKERA (LOT: 65 DP: 753200)

Attention: Justin Meleo

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your correspondence dated 2 November 2023 requesting Council's comments on additional traffic and transport information, which responds to issues raised by Council in its submission to The Department of Planning and Environment. Council has reviewed the additional information, and makes the following comments.

Traffic and Transport

- It is understood that the proposed upgrade to the intersection configuration at Italia Road with Pacific Highway has been agreed with TfNSW following extensive consultation with Council. It is not known if any right turns restrictions have been incorporated in the agreed intersection configuration.
- ARDG have committed to restricting quarry traffic to turn left only as part of a management commitment directly related to the Project.
- The upgrade of the Italia Road/Pacific Highway intersection is being pursued under a separate approval process and proposed to be operational prior to the quarry exporting material through the intersection.
- It is understood that a ban on all right-out turns (including light vehicle movements) may impact property owners and businesses on Italia Road and has potential to increase use of backroads, other local roads and/or risky behavior by motorists in executing U-turn manoeuvres on the Pacific Highway.
- The TIA Addendum considers updated traffic numbers provided by Boral's future expansion application to demonstrate performance at the site access.
- The Stone Ridge Quarry access will utilise the existing Hamburger Trail, which is located directly opposite, and north of, the existing Seaham Quarry access. Together the two accessways would form a cross-intersection with Italia Road.
- The results of the SIDRA modelling demonstrate the cross intersection formed by the two quarry accessways is operating and under excellent conditions, with minimal queuing and delays in both peak hours.
- No objection in principle is raised from traffic management perspective.

- Minimal safety concerns anticipated with the proposed additional traffic including heavy vehicles that would generate from the proposed quarry development.

Considering the above findings, should DPIE decide to approve the proposed quarry development, the following conditions are recommended:

1. *No quarry product will be transported from the site until the Italia Road-Pacific Highway intersection works are completed to the satisfaction of Port Stephens Council/TfNSW.*
2. *A regulatory sign posting regime, at and in advance of the proposed intersection upgrade to prohibit quarry trucks turning right from Italia Road onto the highway, be submitted and approved through Councils Local Traffic Committee, and implemented at no cost to Council.*

Should you have any further enquires or if you wish to discuss the application, please contact me on the number below and I will be happy to assist.

Yours Faithfully

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Port Stephens Council

