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Hi Kendall,

Further to my phone call with you earlier today, we draw to the IPC's attention critical information **not included** by Port Stephens Council in its response of 14 November 2024 to the IPC's request for a response to questions taken on notice by Council. This information should have been provided by Council in response to Question 1 in which Council was asked to "*confirm any discussion or correspondence with the Applicant regarding the proposed access point to the site from Italia Road...*"

The information not provided by Council to the IPC relates to correspondence of 16 November 2023 from Council to ARDG (refer attached). This important correspondence was Council's feedback to additional traffic and transport information provided by ARDG on 2 November 2023 (at Council's request) as part of the EIS Response to Submissions (RTS) process. ARDG's amended Project design was finalised following this correspondence from Council and included in the RTS Report for the Project.

Critically, the information not provided by Council to the IPC:

1. acknowledges Council's understanding that the proposed access point to the Stone Ridge Quarry would utilise the Hamburger Trail at Italia Road and that from a traffic management perspective, **Council had no objection** (refer the last four dot points on page 1 of the attached correspondence); and
2. is consistent with the advice provided by Council's traffic engineers to ARDG during consultation on the Project regarding their requirement for the site access to be located directly opposite the entrance to Boral Seaham Quarry (*i.e.* retaining a single conflict point on Italia Road).

Council's recent response to the IPC that the site access point is "*unsuitable for the Project*" **is contradictory** to its written advice to ARDG of 16 November 2023. In addition, the site access point was not raised as an "outstanding matter" by Council in its response to DPHI of 24 May 2024 regarding ARDG's RTS Report.

We also draw to your attention that the omitted correspondence **post-dates** the reference to Council's correspondence to DPHI of 2 August 2023 (refer Item 1 of Council's response to IPC).

We trust that this information is of assistance to the IPC.

Regards

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