



Upper Lachlan Shire Council

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Attention: Mr Ethan Brice

Preliminary Submission on DA1-01-2000-Mod-3 Barina Quarry 2692 Collector Road NSW 2581

Dear Sir / Madam,

Thank you for the opportunity to make a supplementary submission on the proposed modification to the Barina Quarry Project (State Significant Development) Consent.

As noted in the 20 September 2025 submission, Council officers had completed a preliminary review of the exhibited modification documents and highlighted several matters for consideration.

As noted in the 20 September 2025 submission, the exhibition period for the modification documents did not permit sufficient time for a report to be presented to Council for endorsement, within the exhibition window.

The matter and draft submission were presented to Council at the 16 October 2025 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

A supplementary submission has subsequently been prepared following the 16 October 2025 Meeting in accordance with Upper Lachlan Shire Council Resolution 177/25.

Upper Lachlan Shire Council Resolution 177/25

In accordance with Council resolution 177/25:

Upper Lachlan Shire Council draws your attention to the supplementary submission made by Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council (QPRC) on 9 October 2025 by the General Manager Rebecca Ryan. Upper Lachlan Shire Council supports the above-mentioned submission and requests that in accordance with the July 2024 *Guidelines to State Significant Development*, the Department considers the merits of the modification considering both the economic, social and ecologically sustainability of the proposed modification.

Council acknowledges the concerns of the residents in the community of Currawang and Collector and requests that the objections made by the Community be duly considered in the assessment of the modification.

Upper Lachlan Shire Council supports the request for a public forum to be held in relation to this proposed modification.

Access Intersection with Collector Road

The Modification Report states that there are to be no changes to the existing site access, However, Figure 14 of Austroads Guide to Road Design Part 4: Intersection and Crossings, requires the access to be upgraded to a bitumen seal. Council officers recommend that this requirement be included as a condition of consent.

Disturbed Area Change

It is not clear in the Modification Report what the total disturbance area will be. There is conflicting disturbance areas observed on page 15, noted as a “minor” increase on page 36 and quantified in terms of additional disturbance on page 45. Additional detail is required to determine the actual change to disturbed area. In addition, as the proposed truck movements and extraction rates are not intended to increase under the modification, additional information is required to clarify the need for increasing the disturbed area to the extent proposed.

Voluntary Planning Agreement / Contributions

Preliminary discussion has been undertaken in relation to the proposed Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) with Council (ULSC) and QPRC.

A Voluntary Planning Agreement has been Offered to Council.

On the 16 October 2025 Council Meeting, Council determined to not place the Offer on Exhibition and requested the Department consider the matters raised by the Community, QPRC and ULSC prior to further considering the Offer.

Despite this, a formal arrangement is required in the event the Department approves the modification to ensure ULSC has input into appropriate road design, construction and maintenance regime.

If the modification is approved, a formal mechanism is to be established on the proponent to upgrade or fund the upgrade of Collector Road within the ULSC LGA to a standard, satisfactory to Council, and to require contributions to road maintenance through compliance with Council’s relevant extractive industries contributions plan.

Council officers note that requiring an upgrade of Collector Road to a standard suitable for the proposed operations should not be to the exclusion of contributions levied under the relevant extractive industries contribution plan.



Alex Waldron
Chief Executive Officer