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Attention: Mr Ethan Brice

Comments on Response to Submission - DA1-01-2000-Mod-3 Barina Quarry 2692 Collector Road NSW 2581

Dear Sir / Madam,

Thank you for the opportunity to make comment on the response to submission (RTS) for DA1-01-2000-Mod-3 Barina Quarry.

Council staff have reviewed the RTS reports and provided a draft comment on 1 February 2026.

The matters provided in the RTS Report, submissions analysis, and Council Staff draft comments to the RTS was presented to the Council on 19 February 2026 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Upper Lachlan Shire Council Resolution from the Ordinary Meeting sought to support this submission as previously dated 1 February 2026.

Community Concerns

Council shares the concerns of residents in the community at Currawang and Collector and maintains the position that this proposal is not in the public interest. Council requests that a public meeting be facilitated by the DPHI to provide an opportunity for the Community's concerns to be heard directly prior determination of this application.

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.

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Hugh Waters
Manager Planning and Regulatory Services