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Dear Ms Evans

RE: Albion Park Quarry Modification 3 – Response To Submissions (LEC 10639/2005)

Thank you for consulting us with regard to the abovementioned Response To Submissions. In relation to Aboriginal cultural heritage, we note that the DPE RTS submission dated 13 October 2016 requested an updated desktop assessment of the potential Aboriginal cultural heritage impacts of the proposed modification.

The applicant has conducted an updated search of the Aboriginal heritage information management system (AHIMS). The AHIMS database does not record any sites present within the expansion area proposed under the Modification 3 application. However, a detailed desktop assessment has not been included with the Response to Submissions.

The applicant must ensure that the proposed Stages 5-6 extension area has been surveyed by an archaeologist and that the potential for Aboriginal objects to be present within the impact area has been adequately assessed. We note that the AHIMS database only includes recorded Aboriginal objects, and the absence of AHIMS records does not necessarily mean that there are no Aboriginal objects present.

A thorough, updated desktop assessment would include a review of recent Aboriginal cultural heritage assessments conducted in the Albion Park area. These findings should be considered when assessing the Aboriginal cultural heritage potential within the proposed expansion area. Current OEH guidelines for Aboriginal cultural heritage assessments are available on the OEH website at: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/licences/investassessreport.htm>.

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