

Ms Hunny Churcher
Environmental Officer
Dixon Sand Pty Ltd

11/06/2021

Dear Ms Churcher

**Haerses Road Quarry (DA 165-7-2005-PA-6)
MTSGS Buffer Zone – 2 Year Groundwater Monitoring Program**

I refer to the Maroota Tertiary Sands Groundwater Source (MTSGS) 2-Year Baseline Groundwater Monitoring Program (BGMP), which was submitted to the Secretary on 3 September 2020, in addition to the supplementary material provided to the Department on 25 May 2021, as required under conditions 16 and 17 of Schedule 3 of DA 165-7-2005.

I note that the BGMP and the Secretary's approval are required before extraction of friable sandstone within the MTSGS buffer zone (approved as part of Modification 1) can commence.

The Department has carefully reviewed the BGMP and acknowledges the findings conclude the extraction of friable sandstone can safely proceed to the approved depth without causing disturbance to the MTSGS and notes that the Natural Resource Access Regulator has been consulted with during the preparation of the BGMP.

I therefore wish to confirm that the Secretary is satisfied that the BGMP meets the relevant conditions of consent and that the pre-extraction requirements relating to the MTSGS buffer zone and BGMP have been met and extraction can now occur (subject to any other relevant consent conditions being met).

Finally, the Department requests that Dixon Sand update its Soil and Water Management Plan to align with the findings, monitoring and reporting requirements and recommendations of the BGMP, as well as those recommendations provided in the Natural Resource Access Regulators correspondence of 24 May 2021.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Joel Herbert on (02) 8289 6614.

Yours sincerely



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