

**DETERMINATION OF A DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION
FOR STATE SIGNIFICANT, DESIGNATED AND INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT
UNDER SECTION 80 OF THE
ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT, 1979**

I, the Minister for Planning, under Section 80 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* ("the Act"), determine the development application ("the Application") referred to in Schedule 1 by granting consent subject to the conditions set out in Schedule 2.

The reasons for the imposition of conditions are to:

- a) minimise any adverse environmental impacts associated with the development;
- b) provide environmental criteria which define acceptable levels of performance;
- c) provide for environmental monitoring, reporting, and independent review; and
- d) ensure consistency of the development with the existing development consent applying to the site.

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Deputy Premier
Minister for Planning
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SCHEDULE 1

Development Application:	DA No. 250-09-01, lodged with the then Department of Urban Affairs and Planning on 21 September 2001;
Applicant:	Dixon Sand (Penrith) Pty Ltd ("the Applicant");
Consent Authority:	The Minister for Planning;
Land:	Lots 1 and 2, DP 547255, and Lots 29 and 196, DP 752025, Old Northern Road, Maroota, Baulkham Hills Shire local government area;
Proposed Development:	The operation of an extractive industry on Lots 1 and 2 DP 547255; the continued use of the existing central processing plant on Lot 196, DP 752025; and water management and rehabilitation

operations over Lots 1 and 2, DP 547255, and Lots 29 and 196, DP 752025.

State Significant Development

The proposed development is within a class of development classified as State Significant development by virtue of a declaration made by the then Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning on 3 August 1999 under section 76A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act*;

Integrated Development

The proposed development requires an additional approval from the EPA under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*. Consequently it is classified as integrated development under section 91 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

Designated Development

The proposed development would involve sand extraction and processing above the threshold in Schedule 3 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*. Consequently it is classified as designated development under clause 4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*.

BCA Classification:

This consent does not provide for construction of any buildings or structures.

Note: If the Applicant is dissatisfied with this determination, section 97 of the Act grants it a right of appeal to the Land and Environment Court, which is exercisable within 12 months of receiving notice of this determination. To determine the date from which this consent operates refer to section 83 of the Act. To determine the date upon which this consent may lapse refer to section 95(1) of the Act.

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In this consent, except in so far as the context or subject-matter otherwise indicates or requires, the following terms have the meanings indicated:

Act	<i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979</i>
AEMR	Annual Environmental Management Report
Applicant	Dixon Sand (Penrith) Pty Ltd
BCA	Building Code of Australia
Council	Baulkham Hills Shire Council
DA	Development Application
Department	NSW Department of Planning
Director-General	Director-General of the NSW Department of Planning, or delegate
DLWC	NSW Department of Land and Water Conservation
dust	any solid material that may become suspended in air or deposited
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EMP	Environmental Management Plan
EPA	NSW Environment Protection Authority
EPL	Environment Protection Licence issued under the <i>Protection of the Environment Operations Act, 1997</i>
Existing quarry	the existing extraction area, processing plant, raw material and product stockpile areas, offices and amenities, and environmental controls on Lots 29 and 196 DP 752025, Old Northern Road, Maroota, currently operating under development consent 796/00/HE
Existing consent	consent 796/00/HE awarded by the Land and Environment Court on 7 July 2000
GTA	General Term of Approval
Minister	Minister for Planning, or delegate
NPWS	NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service
operation	any activity that results in the production, or intended production, of quantities of quarry products to be transported off site including clearing, stripping, sand extraction and processing, and overburden emplacement.
POEO Act	<i>Protection of the Environment Operations Act, 1997</i>
Quarry extension	Clearing, stripping, and sand extraction on Lots 1 and 2, DP 547255, and processing, overburden emplacement, haul roads, water management, weighbridge, offices, and associated infrastructure on Lots 29 and 196, DP 752025, Old Northern Rd, Maroota.
Regulation	<i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation, 2000</i>
RTA	NSW Roads and Traffic Authority
Site, project site	the land to which this consent applies

1. GENERAL

Obligation to Minimise Harm to the Environment

- 1.1 The Applicant shall implement all practicable measures to prevent or minimise any harm to the environment that may result from the construction and operation of the quarry extension, and rehabilitation of the project site.

Scope of Development

- 1.2 ¹The Applicant shall carry out the development in accordance with:
- a) development application No. 250-09-01, lodged with the then Department of Urban Affairs and Planning on 21 September 2001;
 - b) *Maroota Quarry Extension - Environmental Impact Statement for Dixon Sand (Penrith) Pty Ltd* (one volume), dated August 2001 and prepared by Environmental Resources Management Australia Pty Ltd (ERM);
 - c) correspondence from ERM to PlanningNSW and EPA dated 23 October 2001 relating to noise impacts;
 - d) email from ERM to EPA dated 14 November 2001 relating to air impacts;
 - e) correspondence from ERM to PlanningNSW and EPA dated 6 December 2001 relating to noise impacts;
 - f) correspondence from ERM to PlanningNSW and EPA dated 19 February 2002 relating to noise impacts;
 - g) correspondence from ERM to PlanningNSW dated 20 February 2002 responding to a request for additional information;
 - h) correspondence from ERM to PlanningNSW dated 2 March 2002 relating to water management;
 - i) correspondence from ERM to PlanningNSW and EPA dated 27 March 2002 relating to air impacts;
 - j) email correspondence from ERM to PlanningNSW dated 2 May 2002 relating to threatened species including attached letter dated 8 April 2002;
 - k) correspondence from ERM to PlanningNSW and EPA dated 6 May 2002 relating to air impacts;
 - l) correspondence from ERM to PlanningNSW and EPA dated 27 May 2002 relating to water management;
 - m) correspondence from Dixon Sand (Penrith) to PlanningNSW dated 19 June 2002 relating to final landform and rehabilitation;
 - n) correspondence from Dixon Sand (Penrith) to PlanningNSW dated 8 August 2002 relating to final landform;
 - o) email correspondence from ERM to PlanningNSW dated 29 August 2002 relating to final landform;
 - p) fax correspondence from Dixon Sand (Penrith) to PlanningNSW dated 29 August 2002 relating to final landform;
 - q) correspondence from Dixon Sand (Penrith) to PlanningNSW dated 9 September 2002 relating to final landform; and,
 - r) the conditions of this consent.
- 1.3 In the event of an inconsistency between:
- a) the conditions of this consent and any document listed from condition 1.2a) to 1.2q) inclusive, the conditions of this consent shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency; and
 - b) any document listed from condition 1.2a) to 1.2q) inclusive, and any other document listed from condition 1.2a) to 1.2q) inclusive, the most recent document shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

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Relationship with Existing Consent

- 1.4 The Applicant shall minimise duplication of documentation and avoid unnecessary complexity by ensuring EMPs, AEMRs and other documentation required by this consent, and the community consultative committee for the site comply with both this consent and consent 796/00/HE. The Applicant may apply to synchronise the timing of these activities, subject to written approval of the Director-General.

Period of Approval

- 1.5 This consent provides approval for:
- a) sand extraction on Lots 1 and 2, DP 547255;
 - b) continued use of processing facilities, haul roads, water management, weighbridge, offices, and associated infrastructure on Lots 29 and 196, DP 752025;
 - c) transport of product from the site, and,
 - d) cessation of extraction operations, decommissioning of equipment, and rehabilitation and revegetation of the site,
- for a period of eighteen (18) years from the date the consent operates. Extraction on Lots 29 and 196 DP 752025 shall not occur beyond the period of approval under development consent 796/00/HE.

Note: Conditions of this consent may require activities to be carried out by the Applicant beyond the period of approval for sand extraction, processing, and rehabilitation on the project site.

Limits on Production

- 1.6 Combined production of quarry products from the existing quarry and the quarry extension shall not exceed 495,000 tonnes per annum.
- 1.7 Processing of extracted sandstone on the site shall not exceed 1750 tonnes per day.
- 1.8 The Applicant shall provide annual production data to the Department of Mineral Resources using the standard form for that purpose.

Provision of Documents

- 1.9 Where practicable, the Applicant shall provide all draft documents and reports required to be submitted to the Director-General under this consent in an appropriate electronic format. Final approved documents shall be provided in hard copy format. Provision of documents and reports to other parties, as required under this consent, shall be in a format acceptable to those parties and shall aim to minimise resource consumption.

Note: at the date of this consent, an appropriate electronic format for submission to the Director-General is the “portable document format” (pdf) or another format that may be readily converted to portable document format.

- 1.10 Nothing in this consent prevents the Applicant from combining reporting requirements under this consent with identical or similar reporting requirements for submission to another relevant party. Reporting requirements shall only be combined with the prior agreement of the Director-General of Planning and the Director-General (or equivalent) of the other relevant party.

Note: the purpose of conditions 1.9 and 1.10 is to provide for minimisation of resource utilisation (particularly paper) associated with administration of this consent.

1.11 Subject to commercial confidentiality the Applicant shall make the following documents available to the public upon request at the quarry site and Council, and shall post all documents on the internet, within 14 days of approval of the documents by the Director-General or relevant agency:

- a) this consent and the existing consent;
- b) any licences or approvals for the quarry obtained from Government agencies; and
- c) all documents required under this consent, including environmental management plans, AEMR's, and Independent Audits.

The Applicant shall ensure the address of the quarry internet site is publicised and freely available.

Dispute Resolution

1.12 In the event that a dispute arises between the Applicant and a public authority other than the Department, in relation to a specification or requirement applicable under this consent, the Applicant shall refer the matter to the Director-General, and if not resolved, to the Minister, whose determination of the dispute shall be final and binding on all parties. For the purpose of this condition, "public authority" has the same meaning as provided under section 4 of the Act.

Note: Section 121 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* provides mechanisms for resolution of disputes between the Department, the Director-General, councils and public authorities.

Participation in Cumulative and Regional Studies

1.13 The Applicant shall provide all existing relevant information to assist the Director-General in any cumulative/regional studies related to extractive industry activities.

Fit and Proper Person

1.14 ²The Applicant must, in the opinion of the EPA, be a fit and proper person to hold a licence under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997, having regard to the matters in s.83 of that Act.

Rehabilitation Bond

1.15 Prior to commencement of operations on Lots 1 and 2 DP 547255, the Applicant shall provide a Rehabilitation Bond in the sum of \$170,000 in the form of an insurance bond or bank guarantee acceptable to the Director-General from any bank licensed pursuant to the *Banking Act 1959 (Cth)*. The Rehabilitation Bond shall be made in favour of the Minister administering the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979* to ensure completion of the rehabilitation and landscaping works at the site. The sum of the Rehabilitation Bond is calculated based on \$2.00 per square metre for a maximum exposed area of 8.5 ha. Should progressive AEMR's or Independent Environmental Audits determine that the exposed, non-rehabilitated, area on the site is greater than 8.5 ha, the Director-General may direct the Applicant to increase the value of the Rehabilitation Bond at the rate of \$2.00 per square metre.

The Director-General may at any time, and without notice to the Applicant, demand all or part of the monies available under the Rehabilitation Bond if, in the Director-

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General's opinion, the Applicant has failed to make satisfactory progress on the rehabilitation and landscaping of the site. The Director-General shall apply the monies to ensure that the actions specified in the documents listed in condition 1.2 and/or any approved Site Environmental Management Plan are achieved.

The Rehabilitation Bond will be released when the Applicant submits documentation prepared by a qualified landscape and rehabilitation consultant certifying that the final rehabilitation has been completed in accordance with the conditions of this consent and/or any approved Site Environmental Management Plan to satisfaction of the Director-General.

2. COMPLIANCE

- 2.1 The Applicant shall ensure that employees, contractors and sub-contractors are aware of, and comply with, the conditions of this consent relevant to their respective activities.
- 2.2 Prior to commencement of operations on Lots 1 and 2, DP 547255, the Applicant shall commission an independent person(s) or organisation(s), approved by the Director-General, to certify in writing to the satisfaction of the Director-General, that the Applicant has complied with all conditions of this consent applicable prior to that event.
- 2.3 Notwithstanding condition 2.2 of this consent, the Director-General may require an update report on compliance with all, or any part, of the conditions of this consent. Any such update shall meet the requirements of the Director-General and be submitted within such reasonable period as the Director-General may agree.
- 2.4 Any compliance report or compliance update required under condition 2.2 or 2.3 of this consent shall be made available for public inspection on request.
- 2.5 If at any time, the Director-General is made aware of the occurrence of any adverse environmental impacts from the proposal, the Director-General may order the Applicant to modify or cease the activities causing those impacts until those concerns have been addressed to the satisfaction of the Director-General.

3. ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

Setbacks and Buffer Zones

3.1 Prior to commencement of operations on Lots 1 and 2, DP 547255, the Applicant shall engage a registered surveyor to mark out buffer zones and setbacks generally in accordance with the provisions of Baulkham Hills Development Control Plan 500 relating to extractive activities at the date of this consent. In this regard, a buffer zone shall be established which excludes areas from extraction between the quarry and nearby landuses or sensitive environmental areas. The boundary of the buffer zone(s) shall be located:

- a) not less than 250m from the boundary of Maroota Public School (Lot 18 DP 752025);
- b) not less than 10m from the boundary of Lot 117 DP 752025;
- c) not less than 50m from the existing house on Lot 1 DP 547255;
- d) in accordance with condition 3.50 around the threatened species conservation area; and,
- e) at the edge of the area of shallow groundwater indicated on Fig 2.1 of the EIS.

A survey plan of the buffer zone and setback boundary shall be submitted to the Director-General for approval at least one month prior to the commencement of operations on Lots 1 and 2, DP 547255. Once approved, the surveyed boundary shall be fenced to prevent vehicles entering the area(s). No works or operations on Lots 1 and 2, DP 547255 shall occur on the site until the approved boundary has been fenced.

3.2 After completion of extraction in Strip 5 (as shown in Figure 2.1 of the EIS), the Applicant may request from the Director-General a reduction of the setback from Maroota Public School in condition 3.1 to 250m measured from the centre of Lot 18 DP 752025. Any reduction in this setback shall be based on:

- a) results of environmental monitoring at Maroota Public School and within the buffer zone and demonstration of compliance with relevant environmental performance criteria;
- b) compliance of the development with the conditions of this consent and commitments made in documents listed in condition 1.2; and,
- c) results of consultation by the Applicant with Maroota Public School, Baulkham Hills Shire Council, relevant government agencies, the Community Consultative Committee, and the wider community.

The Applicant shall not extract any material from within the buffer zone set in condition 3.1 until written approval has been received from the Director-General.

Air Quality Impacts

Location of monitoring/discharge points

3.3 ³The following points referred to in the table below are identified for the purposes of monitoring and/or the setting of limits for the emission of pollutants to the air from the point.

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ID Number	Type of Monitoring Point	Type of Discharge point	Description of Location
1	Ambient air monitoring	-	To be determined between EPA and the Applicant

Air Quality Standards/Goals and Performance Criteria

- 3.4 The applicant shall ensure that dust emissions from the development do not cause exceedences of the following ambient air quality standards/goals at affected residences and Maroota Public School:

Table 1 Particulate Matter Criteria

POLLUTANT	STANDARD / GOAL	AGENCY
Total Suspended Particulate Matter (TSP)	90ug/m ³ (annual mean)	NH & MRC
Particulate matter < 10um (PM ₁₀)	30 ug/m ³ (annual mean)	NSW EPA
Particulate matter < 10um (PM ₁₀)	50ug/m ³ (24 hr average)	NSW EPA

Table 2 NSW EPA Amenity Based Criteria for Dust Fallout

POLLUTANT	AVERAGING PERIOD	MAXIMUM INCREASE IN DEPOSITED DUST LEVEL	MAXIMUM TOTAL DEPOSITED DUST LEVEL
Deposited dust	Annual	2 g/m ² /month	4 g/m ² /month

Note: dust is assessed as insoluble solids as defined by AS 3580.10.1-1991 (AM-19)

Dust Emissions

- 3.5 ⁴The site must be maintained in a condition which minimises or prevents the emission of dust from the site, including the prompt and effective rehabilitation of all disturbed areas.
- 3.6 To prevent dust emissions from vehicles the Applicant shall ensure that all vehicles entering or leaving the site, carrying a load that may generate dust, are covered to prevent dust emissions at all times, except during loading and unloading.
- 3.7 The Applicant shall install, operate, and maintain dust control measures and/or equipment on the following areas at the site:
- all processing equipment;
 - internal haul roads and disturbed areas;
 - truck loading areas; and,
 - all stockpiles including raw material, product, topsoil, and overburden.

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- 3.8 A mobile water tanker equipped with a pump and sprays must be provided to suppress dust from unsealed roads when in use.
- 3.9 Haul roads must be surfaced in selected hard, non-friable material. Soft mudstone, claystone and shale must not be used.

Soil and Land Management

- 3.10 The Applicant shall ensure that extraction is undertaken in accordance with the extraction plan and sequence in the EIS.
- 3.11 The Applicant shall minimise the removal of trees and other vegetation from the project site, and restrict any clearance to the areas occupied by quarrying activities, processing plant, and those areas necessary for fire control.
- 3.12 Any topsoil removed during operations must be stockpiled for use in the rehabilitation of the site. Topsoil should not be mixed with other overburden products. The topsoil stockpile location should have easy access and be protected from erosion. The topsoil stockpiles shall be sown with appropriate vegetation to stabilise the soil if they are to be stored for longer than six months. Topsoil stockpiles must have a maximum depth of 1.5 metres.
- 3.13 The Applicant shall complete rehabilitation and revegetation works of extracted strips to a point requiring only ongoing monitoring and management before commencement of works on the extraction strip following the next strip in the extraction sequence. Strips 5 and 6 shall be rehabilitated before the end of the period of approval for extraction under condition 1.5. In this regard, strips shall be rehabilitated in the following sequence:

Strip to be rehabilitated	Before event
1	Commencement of operations on strip 3
2	Commencement of operations on strip 4
3	Commencement of operations on strip 5
4	Commencement of operations on strip 6
5	End of period of approval (condition 1.5)
6	End of period of approval (condition 1.5)

- 3.14 The Applicant shall undertake all rehabilitation works and construction of the final landform of the eastern highwall of the quarry within 250m of Maroota Public School in school holiday periods only.
- 3.15 The Applicant shall implement appropriate measures, in consultation with DMR and Maroota Public School, to ensure public safety and restrict unsupervised access of school children to the quarry site. Those measures may include the erection of safety fencing around the highwall of the quarry or at the school boundary.
- 3.16 The Applicant shall regularly consult with adjoining property owners to ensure property management issues including maintenance of common fences, weed control measures, and bushfire management are coordinated. Details of consultation are to be reported in the AEMR.
- 3.17 The Applicant shall establish a riparian zone, revegetated with local native species, along the entire length of the reconstructed ephemeral waterway on the quarry extension site. The reconstructed waterway shall be located generally in accordance with the Final Landform Plan (Fig 2.5 of the EIS). The riparian zone

shall be no less than 20m wide measured horizontally and at right angles to the flow from the top of both banks. No exotic plant species, other than sterile cover crops, are to be planted in the riparian zone.

Water Quality Impacts

Pollution of waters

- 3.18 ⁵Except as may be expressly provided by a licence under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* in relation of the development, section 120 of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* must be complied with in and in connection with the carrying out of the development.

Surface Water

- 3.19 ⁶The stormwater system must be designed and installed in accordance with *Managing Urban Stormwater: Soil and Construction, Department of Housing 1998*, to contain and treat all rainfall and runoff at the site resulting from a 90 percentile, 5 day rainfall event (“the design event”).
- 3.20 ⁷The Applicant must maintain stormwater basins with the capacity to contain all rainfall and runoff generated from the “design event” specified in condition 3.19.
- 3.21 ⁸The Applicant must take all practical measures to avoid or minimise total suspended solids contained in wet weather discharges from the site.
- 3.22 The Applicant shall undertake appropriate measures to ensure that any vehicles which leave the site do not track materials onto public roads.
- 3.23 The Applicant shall consult with NSW Fisheries prior to commencement of operations in strip 4 (as described in the EIS) on Lots 1 and 2, DP 547255 and , if required, obtain a permit under the *Fisheries Management Act 1994* for works to be carried out on the site.
- 3.24 Discharge of stormwater from the site is to be clear of sediment and pollution in accordance with the provisions of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act, 1997*, and the EPL for the quarry, and to the satisfaction of the Environment Protection Authority.

Groundwater

- 3.25 The Applicant shall maintain the four groundwater monitoring bores established on Lots 1 and 2, DP 547255, throughout the life of the development.
- 3.26 The Applicant shall ensure that no extraction or excavation works occur within two (2) metres of the highest recorded wet weather groundwater level.
- 3.27 The Applicant is to ensure that groundwaters are not breached or contaminated by its operations. In the event of groundwaters being breached or contaminated, operations are to cease within the vicinity of the affected area and the Applicant shall consult with the Director-General, Council, and the Department of Land &

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Water Conservation to determine the basis upon which extraction may recommence.

- 3.28 The Applicant shall carry out remedial works to protect the groundwater system, to the satisfaction of DLWC, if it is determined that any of the existing dams on the site breach the groundwater table.
- 3.29 Maintenance and equipment refuelling operations shall only be carried out in the designated workshop and refuelling areas on the existing quarry site.

Bunding and Spill Management

- 3.30 The Applicant shall store and handle all hazardous chemicals, dangerous goods, fuels and oils, strictly in accordance with:
- a) all relevant Australian Standards;
 - b) a minimum bund volume requirement of 110% of the volume of the largest single stored volume within the bund; and
 - c) the EPA's Environment Protection Manual Technical Bulletin *Bunding and Spill Management*.
- In the event of an inconsistency between the requirements listed from a) to c) above, the most stringent requirement shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

Traffic and Transport Impacts

- 3.31 The total number of laden vehicle movements from the quarry site, including those provided for in the existing consent, is not to exceed a combined total of 60 laden movements per day or 120 vehicle movements per day.
- 3.32 The number of vehicles permitted to enter and leave the subject site between the hours of 6.00am and 7.00am is 15 laden vehicles, subject to compliance with EPA noise limits.
- 3.33 All vehicles are to enter and leave the site in a forward direction and prominent and permanent signposting to this effect is to be provided and maintained at all times.
- 3.34 The Applicant is to ensure that the Old Northern Road pavement in the vicinity of the intersection with the Crown Access Road is regularly maintained and kept free of sand, clay and soil at all times. All costs of these works are to be borne by the Applicant.
- 3.35 The Applicant shall advise its drivers and its clients not to arrive at the site prior to 5.45am on any day. Certified (under company seal) weighbridge dockets and a log book or equivalent computer records are to be kept to verify the arrival and departure times of vehicles. Copies of these records shall be summarised in the AEMR.

Noise Impacts

Noise Limit Interpretation and Measurement

- 3.36 ⁹All noise limits specified as part of this consent apply under:
- a) wind speeds up to 3 ms⁻¹ at 10 metres above ground level; and
 - b) temperature inversion conditions up to 3°C per 100 metres.

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- 3.37 ¹⁰For the purpose of assessment of noise levels specified in this consent, noise from the development shall be:
- measured at the most affected point on or within the receptor site boundary, or at the most affected point within 30 metres of the dwelling where the dwelling is more than 30 metres from the boundary to determine compliance with $L_{Aeq(15 \text{ minute})}$ noise limits in condition 3.40;
 - measured at 1 metre from the dwelling façade of the most affected classroom to determine compliance with $L_{Aeq(1 \text{ hour})}$ noise limits in condition 3.41; and
 - subject to the modification factors provided in Section 4 of the *New South Wales Industrial Noise Policy* (EPA, 2000).
- 3.38 ¹¹Notwithstanding condition 3.37 of this consent, should direct measurement of noise from the site be impractical, the Applicant may employ an alternative noise assessment method deemed acceptable by the EPA (refer to Section 11 of the *New South Wales Industrial Noise Policy* (EPA, 2000)). Details of such an alternative noise assessment method accepted by the EPA shall be submitted to the Director-General prior to the implementation of the assessment method.
- 3.39 ¹²Noise limits identified in condition 3.40 do not apply for residential premises where there is a negotiated agreement between the Applicant and the landowner of the premises.

Noise Limits

- 3.40 ¹³Noise from the premises must not exceed:
- An $L_{Aeq(15 \text{ minute})}$ noise emission criterion of 44 dB(A) between 7am and 6pm Monday to Saturday; and,
 - An $L_{Aeq(15 \text{ minute})}$ noise emission criterion of 37 dB(A) between 6am and 7am Monday to Saturday;
- at any residence not owned by the Applicant.
- 3.41 ¹⁴Noise from the premises must not exceed an $L_{Aeq(1 \text{ hour})}$ noise emission criterion of 45 dB(A) at the most affected classroom of Maroota Public School.

Hours of Operation

- 3.42 ¹⁵Construction of earth bunds around the Maroota Public School setback perimeter, required for the mitigation of noise and dust, must only be carried out between 7am and 6pm Monday to Friday during school holiday periods unless otherwise approved in writing by the EPA.
- 3.43 ¹⁶Loading of trucks and truck movements at the site must only be carried out between 6am and 6pm Monday to Saturday, and at no time on Sundays and Public Holidays. All other activities at the premises must only be carried out between 7am and 6pm Monday to Saturday, and at no time on Sundays and Public Holidays.

Operational Noise – Management of Operations

- 3.44 The Applicant shall design and implement a management system that ensures operations at the quarry site meet the criteria in conditions 3.40 and 3.41. In this regard, the Applicant shall:

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- a) construct all bunds on the eastern, southeastern and northern sides of the quarry extension site to at least 5 m above the existing ground level;
- b) not use the bulldozer concurrently with any other plant on strips 4, 5, and 6 of the quarry extension site for any operations at quarry depths between existing ground level and six metres below the existing ground level; and,
- c) only use the bulldozer for clearing, stripping and bund construction on the quarry extension site in calm wind conditions.

The Applicant shall report on monitoring results from the on-site weather monitoring station, and corresponding operations and noise impacts in adverse weather conditions, in the AEMR and compliance reports required under condition 3.46. The Director-General, in consultation with EPA, may approve variations to the operating restrictions in this condition based on actual noise monitoring conducted by the Applicant on the site and/or the results of compliance reports required in condition 3.46.

- 3.45 The Applicant shall design quarry operations to minimise the need for reversing of trucks and machinery where reversing beepers may contribute to noise impacts exceeding the criteria in conditions 3.40 and 3.41.

Operation Noise – Compliance Report

- 3.46 ¹⁷The Applicant must undertake noise monitoring after noise mitigation earth bunds at strips 4, 5 and 6 are completed. The results of the noise monitoring must be submitted to the EPA and the Director-General in a report within 3 months of the completion of the earth bund construction. The report must include a statement of whether compliance has been achieved with noise limits specified in the Environment Protection Licence and this consent.

Operational Noise – Negotiated Agreement with G&M Accurso

- 3.47 The Applicant is to implement the noise mitigation measures contained in the agreement with Mr and Mrs G&M Accurso dated 26 February 2002 titled *Letter of Agreement between Mr and Mrs G&M Accurso and Dixon Sand (Perith) Pty Ltd*. Noise limits contained in condition 3.40 do not apply to the Accurso residence (Lot 117, DP 752025) while the agreement is in force.
- 3.48 Should the agreement referred to in condition 3.47 be terminated for any reason the Applicant shall comply with noise criteria in condition 3.40.

Operation Noise - Residual Noise Management

- 3.49 In the event that noise from the site exceeds noise criterion in condition 3.40 or condition 3.41, or the negotiated agreement in condition 3.47 is terminated for any reason, then the Applicant shall actively manage residual noise (ie noise in excess of the criteria) at the affected receptor. Residual noise shall be managed in accordance with the residual noise management measures detailed in the approved Site Environmental Management Plan. As a minimum to ensure compliance, the Applicant shall undertake the following measures:
- a) implement a reactive management system where site operations are modified in adverse weather conditions identified through meteorological monitoring;
 - b) implement additional controls or treatments on individual sources on the site or on site operations, or otherwise modify operations to ensure compliance; or
 - c) provide other forms of benefit or amelioration of impacts of noise agreed between the Applicant and the affected party, as providing acceptable compensation for noise levels experienced; and,

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- d) identify long term strategies to eliminate noise levels that exceed the noise criteria in condition 3.40 or 3.41.

Impacts on Flora and Fauna

3.50 Prior to commencement of operations on Lots 1 and 2, DP 547255, the Applicant shall engage a suitably qualified and experienced ecologist to identify all threatened plant species on the site and clearly mark vegetation to be conserved, generally in accordance with the proposed conservation areas in documents listed in condition 1.2. The Applicant shall then define a buffer zone(s) around threatened species conservation areas as follows:

- a) a 50 metre buffer around the populations of *Tetratheca glandulosa* and shale-sandstone transitional forest; and,
- b) a reduced buffer of 20 m on the northern point of the conservation area.

The boundary of the conservation area shall be surveyed and fenced in accordance with condition 3.1. Fencing around the threatened species conservation area shall be sufficient to ensure excavation operations, truck movements, overburden dumping, dust generation, and weed infestation due to quarry operations do not adversely affect flora and fauna. No works or operations on Lots 1 and 2, DP 547255 shall occur on the site until the approved conservation area boundary has been fenced.

3.51 The Applicant shall ensure that all natural bushland directly adjoining the site and bushland to be conserved within the development site, is not damaged or disturbed by its operations.

3.52 Native bush regeneration and habitat reconstruction techniques shall be used to rehabilitate the threatened species conservation area, extraction areas, tailings ponds, and disturbed areas, and stabilise environmental bunds on the site in accordance with the SEMP. The specialised techniques shall be carried out under the direction of a qualified Plant Ecologist and shall include the re-use of stored topsoil that has not been contaminated with exotic grasses or weed species and the collection and propagation of species from the site.

Indigenous Heritage

3.53 If, during the course of any activities conducted under this consent, the Applicant becomes aware of any heritage or archaeological sites not previously identified, all work likely to affect the site shall cease immediately. The Applicant shall then consult with relevant authorities and decide on an appropriate course of action prior to recommencement of work. The relevant authorities may include NPWS, the NSW Heritage Office, and the relevant local Aboriginal community. Any necessary permits or consents shall be obtained and complied with prior to recommencement of work.

Waste Management Impacts

3.54 ¹⁸The Applicant shall not cause, permit or allow any waste generated outside the site to be received at the site for storage, treatment, processing, reprocessing or disposal, or any waste generated at the site to be disposed of at the site, except as expressly permitted by a licence under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*. This condition only applies to the storage, treatment, processing, reprocessing or disposal of waste at the site if it requires an

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- 3.55 ¹⁹All liquid and non-liquid wastes generated at the development shall be assessed, classified and managed in accordance with the EPA's Environmental Guidelines *Assessment, Classification and Management of Liquid and Non-Liquid Wastes* (EPA, 1999).
- 3.56 ²⁰Any waste generated at the development shall only be transported to an EPA-approved waste management facility for treatment, recycling and/ or disposal, where relevant.

Section 94 Contributions

- 3.57 The applicant shall pay or procure payment to the Council of a contribution under Section 94 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* at a rate in accordance with Baulkham Hills Shire Council's *Contributions Plan No: 6 – Extractive Industries*. The said contribution will be calculated and paid monthly from the date on which development consent became effective. The said contribution will be indexed and adjusted annually in accordance with *Contributions Plan No: 6 – Extractive Industries*. On or before the fourteenth day of each month for the duration of the consent, the applicant shall deliver or procure delivery to the Council of true certified copy weighbridge or other returns or records showing the true quantities of extracted/processed material transported from the property during the immediately preceding month and the Council will then, as soon as it can conveniently do so, issue an invoice to the applicant or its consenting assignee, who will pay to the Council within fourteen (14) days of the date thereof. The Council has the right to inspect and have the original records relation to any of the extracted/processed material, including numbers and types of laden trucks, trailers and load quantities transported from the property audited by any person nominated by its internal accountant any time when he may by written request so require. The Council will pay all of the said contribution payments into a specially identified account for payments towards the rehabilitation, restoration, repair and/or maintenance of Old Northern and Wisemans Ferry Roads from the intersection of the Crown Road access and the Baulkham Hills Shire boundary at Cattai Creek and other projects identified in the Plan of Management for Extractive Industries adopted by Council.

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4. ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING AND AUDITING

General Monitoring Requirements

- 4.1 ²¹The results of all monitoring required under this consent shall be
- in a legible form, or in a form that can readily reduced to a legible form;
 - kept for at least four years after the monitoring or event to which the results relate took place; and
 - produced in a legible form to any authorised officer of the EPA or the Director-General, upon request; and
 - kept with the following details for each sample required to be collected:
 - the date(s) on which the sample was collected;
 - the time(s) at which the sample was collected;
 - the point at which the sample was collected; and
 - the name of the person who collected the sample.

Meteorological Monitoring

- 4.2 ²²The Applicant shall monitor (by sampling and obtaining results by analysis) the parameters specified in Column 1. The applicant must use the sampling method, units of measure, averaging period and sample at the frequency, specified opposite in the other columns:

Parameter	Units of measure	Averaging Period	Frequency	Method
Rainfall	mm/hr	1-hour	Continuous	AM-4
Sigma Theta @ 10 m	°	1-hour	Continuous	AM-2
Siting	-	-	-	AM-1
Temperature @ 2 m	K	1-hour	Continuous	AM-4
Wind Direction @ 10 m	°	1-hour	Continuous	AM-2
Wind Speed @ 10 m	m/s	1-hour	Continuous	AM-2

Note: the purpose of condition 4.2 of this consent is to provide a mechanism for collection and recording meteorological data relevant to the site for use in on-going air quality and noise assessment and management.

Air Quality Monitoring

- 4.3 ²³For each monitoring point or utilisation area specified in condition 3.3, the Applicant must monitor (by sampling and obtaining results by analysis) the concentration of each pollutant specified in Column 1 of the table below. The Applicant must use the sampling method, units of measure, and sample at the frequency, specified opposite in the other columns:

Air			
Pollutant	Units of measure	Frequency	Sampling Method
Particulate matter – PM ₁₀	ug/m ³	1 day in 6 or continuous, or as otherwise approved by EPA	AM-18 or AS3580.9.8 - 2001
Particulate Matter (deposited matter)	g/m ² /month	continuous	AM-19
Siting	-	-	AM-1

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- 4.4 ²⁴Monitoring for the concentration of a pollutant emitted to the air required to be conducted under this consent, or a licence under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*, must be carried out in accordance with *Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in NSW (EPA 2001)* or latest document.

Noise Monitoring

- 4.5 The Applicant shall engage an independent person(s) to conduct noise monitoring at sensitive residential locations and Maroota Public School every six months, or as otherwise approved by the Director-General, during the operation of the development to determine compliance with the noise criteria in conditions 3.40 and 3.41. Noise monitoring shall seek to coincide with worst case operating scenarios for noise generation and adverse weather conditions.
- 4.6 Within six months of the date of this consent, the Applicant shall engage an independent person(s) to conduct road traffic noise monitoring at Maroota Public School to determine the actual impact of truck movements on existing traffic noise levels compared to predictions made in the EIS for the existing development consent (796/00/HE). In the event that monitoring indicates that the relevant criteria in EPA's *Environmental Criteria for Road Traffic Noise* is exceeded, the Applicant shall implement noise mitigation measures at the School in consultation with Maroota Public School, Council, RTA, and EPA.

Water Quality Monitoring

Surface Water

- 4.7 The Applicant shall undertake surface water monitoring and discharge monitoring in accordance with the EPL for the quarry.

Groundwater

- 4.8 The Applicant shall monitor groundwater levels in the four monitoring bores on Lots 1 and 2, DP 547255 monthly and following any periods of extreme wet weather. Water quality monitoring of groundwater shall be undertaken every six months. Results of groundwater monitoring shall be reported in the AEMR.

Flora and Fauna Monitoring

- 4.9 The Applicant shall prepare and implement a Flora and Fauna Monitoring Program to monitor the effects of the development on flora and fauna including known populations of *Tetratheca Glandulosa*, Shale-Sandstone Transitional Forest, *Darwinia fascicularis subsp. oligantha*, and *Kunzea Rupestris* on the site. The Program shall also monitor the success of revegetation works on the site. The Program shall be developed in consultation with NPWS and Council. The Program shall include annual surveys for threatened species during quarry operations, and include monitoring of the threatened species conservation area. The Applicant shall include the Flora and Fauna Monitoring Program in the SEMP (condition 6.3).
- 4.10 The Flora and Fauna Monitoring Program shall begin before commencement of operations on the quarry extension site and continue until at least two years beyond the period of approval in condition 1.5.

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Independent Auditing

- 4.11 The Applicant shall commission an independent person(s) to undertake an Environmental Audit of the entire quarry at the following stages of the development:
- a) before commencement of operations on strips 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6;
 - b) at the end of the period of approval set out in condition 1.5; and,
 - c) at the completion of the Flora and Fauna Monitoring program in condition 4.10,
- or as otherwise required by the Director-General.

The independent person(s) shall be approved by the Director-General prior to the commencement of the Audit. An **Environmental Audit Report** shall be submitted to the Director-General, DLWC, the EPA, NPWS, the RTA and Council within one month of the completion of the Audit. The Audit shall:

- a) be carried out in accordance with *ISO 14010 - Guidelines and General Principles for Environmental Auditing* and *ISO 14011 - Procedures for Environmental Auditing*;
- b) assess compliance with the requirements of this consent, and other licences and approvals that apply to the development;
- c) assess the development against the predictions made and conclusions drawn in the documents referred to under condition 1.2 of this consent;
- d) review the effectiveness of the environmental management of the development, including any environmental impact mitigation works; and
- e) independently review and validate monitoring systems and outcomes.

The Director-General may, having considered any submission made by DLWC, the EPA, NPWS, the RTA or Council in response to the Environmental Audit Report, require the Applicant to undertake works to address the findings or recommendations presented in the Report. Any such works shall be completed within such time as the Director-General may require. The Applicant shall make the Environmental Audit Report available for public inspection on request. The Director-General may make the Environmental Audit Report available on the Department's internet site.

- 4.12 The Applicant shall provide a compliance report(s) to the Director-General detailing the implementation of the recommendations of the Environmental Audit Report (refer to condition 4.11). The compliance report(s) shall be submitted to the Director-General within such time, and at such frequency, as the Director-General may require. The Applicant shall make the compliance report(s) available for public inspection.

5. COMMUNITY INFORMATION, CONSULTATION AND INVOLVEMENT

Complaints Procedure

5.1 ²⁵Throughout the life of the development, the Applicant shall ensure that the following are available for community complaints:

- a) a telephone number on which complaints about the development may be registered;
- b) a postal address to which written complaints may be sent; and
- c) an email address to which electronic complaints may be transmitted.

The telephone number, the postal address and the email address shall be advertised in at least one appropriate local newspaper prior to the commencement of operations on Lots 1 and 2, DP 547255. These details shall also be provided on the Applicant's internet site.

5.2 The Applicant shall record details of all complaints received through the means listed under condition 5.1 of this consent in a Complaints Register. The Register shall record, but not necessarily be limited to:

- a) the date and time, where relevant, of the complaint;
- b) the means by which the complaint was made (telephone, mail or email);
- c) any personal details of the complainant that were provided, or if no details were provided, a note to that effect;
- d) the nature of the complaint;
- e) any action(s) taken by the Applicant in relation to the complaint, including any follow-up contact with the complainant; and
- f) if no action was taken by the Applicant in relation to the complaint, the reason(s) why no action was taken.

The Complaints Register shall be made available for inspection by the EPA or the Director-General upon request. The Applicant shall also make summaries of the Register, without details of the complainants, available for public inspection.

Community Consultative Committee

5.3 The Applicant shall establish a Community Consultative Committee (CCC) to oversee the environmental performance of the development. The Applicant shall ensure that one committee is established for the entire site which meets the requirements of both this consent and the existing consent for the site while that consent operates. This committee shall:

- (a) Be comprised of :
 - 1 independent chairperson nominated by the Director-General in consultation with the Council, and agreed to by the Applicant;
 - 2 representatives from the Applicant, including the Environmental Officer;
 - 1 representative from Council;
 - 1 representative from the Maroota Public School; and
 - 2 representatives from the local community;whose appointment has been approved by the Director-General in consultation with the Council;
- (b) Meet at least once every six months; and
- (c) Review and provide advice on the environmental performance of the development, including the Site Environmental Management Plan, monitoring results, audit reports, compliance reports, AEMR's or complaints.

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- 5.4 Representatives from the Department may attend committee meetings. Representatives from relevant government agencies, the local community, the local Aboriginal community, or other individuals may be invited to attend meetings as required by the Chairperson.
- 5.5 The Applicant shall, at its own expense:
- (a) Ensure that 2 of its representatives attend all the Committee's meetings;
 - (b) Provide the Committee with regular information on the environmental performance and management of the development;
 - (c) Provide meeting facilities for the Committee;
 - (d) Meet all reasonable costs associated with operating the Committee;
 - (e) Allow the Committee to inspect the site, if necessary;
 - (f) Take minutes of the Committee's meetings;
 - (g) Make these minutes available for public inspection at the Council within 14 days of the Committee meeting, or as agreed by the Committee;
 - (h) Respond to any recommendations the Committee may have in relation to the environmental performance of the development;
 - (i) Forward a copy of the minutes of each Committee meeting verified by the independent chairperson, and any responses to the Committee's recommendations to the Director-General within 14 days of the Committee meeting.
- 5.6 The Applicant shall ensure that the Committee has its first meeting prior to the submission of the Site Environmental Management Plan.

Community Relations Plan

- 5.7 The Applicant shall prepare and implement a Community Relations Plan (CRP) to improve communications with the local community and Maroota Public School. The Plan shall be developed in consultation with Council, the CCC, and MPS. The Plan shall include, but not be limited to:
- a) Identification of stakeholders potentially affected by the development;
 - b) Details of strategies to ensure open communication between the Applicant and the community and Maroota Public School;
 - c) Details of strategies to monitor and evaluate social impacts of the development on the local community and Maroota Public School;
 - d) Measures to improve community relations including:
 - i) Quarry open days and education sessions to promote better understanding of quarry operations in the wider community;
 - ii) Participation in community activities;
 - iii) Strategies involving in-kind exchanges of expertise and resources for activities such as bush regeneration, Landcare, Streamwatch, and other community-based environmental programs.

The CRP shall be included in the SEMP.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Environmental Officer

- 6.1 Within 3 months of the operation of this consent, the Applicant shall nominate a suitably qualified and experienced Environmental Officer(s), approved by the Director-General. The Applicant shall employ an Environmental Officer(s) on a full-time basis throughout the life of the development. The Environmental Officer(s) shall be:
- a) the primary contact point for the Department, the EPA, DLWC, the RTA, NPWS, Council and the community, as applicable, in relation to the environmental performance of the development;
 - b) responsible for all Management Plans and Monitoring Programs required under this consent;
 - c) responsible for considering and advising on matters specified in the conditions of this consent, and all other licences and approvals related to the environmental performance and impacts of the development;
 - d) responsible for receiving and responding to complaints in accordance with condition 5.2 of this consent; and
 - e) given the authority and independence to require reasonable steps be taken to avoid or minimise unintended or adverse environmental impacts, and failing the effectiveness of such steps, to direct that relevant actions be ceased immediately should an adverse impact on the environment be likely to occur.

The Applicant shall notify the Director-General, EPA, DLWC, the RTA, NPWS and Council of the name and contact details of the Environmental Officer upon appointment, and any changes to that appointment that may occur from time to time.

Note: the Environmental Officer(s) referred to under condition 6.1 of this consent need not necessarily be limited to environmental management duties and may be any employee with appropriate qualifications.

Site Environmental Management Plan (SEMP)

- 6.2 The Applicant shall prepare and implement a **Site Environmental Management Plan** (SEMP) to detail an environmental management framework, practices and procedures to be followed during the operation of the development. The SEMP shall cover operations on both the existing quarry site and the quarry extension. The Plan shall include, but not necessarily be limited to:
- a) demonstration of consistency with commitments made in documents listed in condition 1.2 and compliance with the conditions of this consent;
 - b) identification of all statutory and other obligations that the Applicant is required to fulfil in relation to operation of the development, including all consents, licences, approvals and consultations;
 - c) a description of the roles and responsibilities for all relevant employees involved in the operation of the development;
 - d) overall environmental policies and principles to be applied to the operation of the development;
 - e) standards and performance measures to be applied to the development, and a means by which environmental performance can be periodically reviewed and improved;
 - f) management policies to ensure that environmental performance goals are met and to comply with the conditions of this consent;
 - g) procedures to be followed to ensure the protection and conservation of Aboriginal cultural heritage;
 - h) the CRP required in condition 5.7,

- i) the Management Plans listed under condition 6.3 of this consent; and,
- j) the environmental monitoring requirements outlined under conditions 4.1 to 4.12 of this consent, inclusive.

The SEMP shall be submitted for the approval of the Director-General no later than one month prior to the commencement of operation of the development, or within such period otherwise agreed by the Director-General. Operation shall not commence until written approval has been received from the Director-General. Upon receipt of the Director-General's approval, the Applicant shall supply a copy of the SEMP to Council, the EPA, the RTA, NPWS and DLWC as soon as practicable. The Applicant shall make the SEMP available for public inspection on request.

6.3 As part of the SEMP for the development, required under condition 6.2 of this consent, the Applicant shall prepare and implement the following Management Plans:

- a) an **Air Quality Management Plan** to outline measures to minimise impacts from the development on local and regional air quality. The Plan shall address the requirements of the EPA and Council. The Plan shall include, but not necessarily be limited to:
 - i) identification of all sources of dust emissions from the development and potentially affected properties;
 - ii) detailed procedures for management and minimisation of dust emissions during operations on site;
 - iii) procedures and schedules for rehabilitation of disturbed areas to minimise dust emissions;
 - iv) a protocol for handling dust complaints;
 - v) air quality monitoring, consistent with the requirements of this consent and any relevant Environment Protection Licence for the site; and
 - vi) a contingency plan should an incident or weather event lead to air quality impacts above environmental performance goals/ limits.
- b) an **Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan** to detail measures to minimise erosion during site preparation and operation. The Plan shall address the requirements of the EPA, DLWC and Council. The Plan shall include, but not necessarily be limited to:
 - i) results of investigations into soils associated with the site, in particular the stability of the soil and its susceptibility to erosion;
 - ii) details of erosion, sediment and pollution control measures and practices to be implemented;
 - iii) procedures for removal of farm dams on site to ensure that large volumes of water and sediment are not released to natural waterways;
 - iv) demonstration that erosion and sediment control measures will conform with, or exceed, the relevant requirements and guidelines provided in DLWC's publication *Urban Erosion and Sedimentation Handbook*, the EPA's publication *Pollution Control Manual for Urban Stormwater* and the Department of Housing's publication *Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction*;
 - v) design specifications for diversionary works, banks and sediment basins;
 - vi) an erosion monitoring program during site preparation works and construction of the development; and
 - vii) measures to address erosion, should it occur, and to rehabilitate/ stabilise disturbed areas of the site.
- c) a **Noise Management Plan** to detail measures to minimise noise impacts during the operation of the development and to manage residual noise (refer to condition 3.49 of this consent). The Plan shall be developed in consultation

with Council and the EPA. The Plan shall include, but not necessarily be limited to:

- i) identification of a noise sources associated with the proposed development;
 - ii) program to investigate and monitor noise levels from the development on periodic basis;
 - iii) a protocol for handling noise complaints;
 - iv) a program to investigate additional noise mitigation measures for the development if it is determined that noise criteria in this consent are being exceeded;
 - v) a specific program to identify and implement, where appropriate, noise mitigation measures on the site, or at the receptor, to reduce residual noise impacts at the receptors including requirements of condition 3.49 of this consent; and,
 - vi) a program to identify other forms of benefit or amelioration that may be applied, upon agreement of the Applicant and the affected party, at receptors the subject of condition 3.49 of this consent.
- d) a **Water Management Plan** to outline measures to control and manage surface water, stormwater and groundwater on the site. The Plan shall address the requirements of the EPA, DLWC and Council. The Plan shall include, but not necessarily be limited to:
- i) identification of all potential sources of surface water and groundwater pollution;
 - ii) management measures to ensure separation of clean and dirty water on site;
 - iii) measures to rehabilitate erosion-affected areas and areas the subject of excavation, including tree, shrub and/ or cover crop species and implementation;
 - iv) management procedures for all surface water collection and storage structures on the site, including a maintenance program for associated infrastructure (eg pumps, pipes, dam walls etc) and a program for desilting of those structures, where relevant;
 - v) a demonstration of consistency with the surface water management plan for the catchment, should one exist, or with the EPA's publication *Managing Urban Stormwater: Council Handbook* should a stormwater management plan for the catchment not exist;
 - vi) management measures to ensure the groundwater table is not breached by the quarrying operation;
 - vii) details of a program for monitoring surface water and groundwater quality and quantity at the site;
 - viii) details of measures to ensure a sustainable water management system is created in the final landform on the site; and,
 - ix) a strategy for the decommissioning of water management structures, including storage, and sedimentation dams once extraction is complete.
- e) a **Rehabilitation and Landscape Plan** to detail the proposed final landuse and landform for the site and measures to be undertaken to create that landform and vegetation cover. The Plan shall address the requirements of Council, NPWS, NSW Agriculture, NSW Fisheries, and DLWC. The Plan shall include, but not necessarily be limited to:
- i) details of all landscaping to be undertaken on the site;
 - ii) maximisation of flora species endemic to the locality in landscaping the site;
 - iii) Plans and cross-sections to scale, showing the proposed final landform demonstrating that it integrates with the surrounding terrain. The final landform shall be integrated across the entire site and adjoining land;

- iv) Site analysis used to determine compatible contours, shape, form, landscape features and quality of the final landform, including the identification of conservation areas;
 - v) Details of rehabilitation and habitat construction works to be undertaken in the conservation area and buffer zones;
 - vi) Details of the progressive rehabilitation of both extraction areas, environmental bunds, and setback/buffer zones;
 - vii) Details of stream restoration works including:
 - a. Methods to stabilise the bed and banks of the waterway;
 - b. Establishment of riparian zones using local native vegetation;
 - c. Vegetation monitoring, maintenance, and performance criteria; and,
 - d. Use of an environmentally sympathetic, soft-engineering approach;
 - viii) a schedule of works and associated time period for the rehabilitation of each disturbed and/or exposed extraction area or strip with the aim to restore vegetative covers and habitat at the earliest possible opportunity;
 - ix) procedures for weed control and feral animal control;
 - x) Details of all backfilling works, including source of materials and the grades and stability of all batters. Batter design should be in accordance with the provisions of DCP No 500 – Extractive Industries, and certification is to be provided by appropriately qualified engineers regarding the stability of all designed batters;
 - xi) Details including a soil drainage plan sufficient for growing crops that require free drainage.
- f) A **Bushfire Management Plan** for the site, developed in consultation with Council and relevant emergency services. The Plan shall be consistent with any bushfire management measures for State Forests and National Parks in the region;
- g) a **Traffic Management Plan** to outline measures to minimise traffic impacts associated with the development. The Plan shall address the requirements of Council and the RTA. The Plan shall include specific measures to minimise the impact of heavy vehicles, including restrictions on routes and times (particularly in relation to peak hours, holiday periods and times immediately before and after school hours, i.e. 8.30am - 9.00am and 3.00pm – 3.30pm);
- h) a **Transport Code of Conduct** to outline minimum requirements for the movement of heavy vehicles to and from the site. The Code shall meet the requirements of Council and the RTA. The Code shall include, but not necessarily be limited to:
- i) restrictions to routes (consistent with the Transport Management Plan required under g) above, where relevant);
 - ii) speed limits to be observed within certain periods along routes to and from the site;
 - iii) restrictions to the hours of transport operations under this consent;
 - iv) minimum requirements for vehicle maintenance to address noise and exhaust emissions;
 - v) behavioural requirements for drivers; and
 - vi) load coverage requirements.
- i) a **Flora and Fauna Management Plan** to detail measures to minimise impacts on flora and fauna, particularly populations of threatened plants, on the site during the operation of the development. The Plan shall be developed in consultation with NPWS and Council and include:
- i) details of the creation, landscaping and management of on-site vegetation to provide habitat for fauna species likely to occur on the site;

- ii) details of strategic vegetation management, outlining timeframes for clearing and re-vegetation activities and a map illustrating the Plan. The Plan should aim to maximise scope for new vegetation to establish and restore ecological integrity;
 - iii) details of the schedule for clearing activities incorporating seasonal habitat requirements for species such as bats and other mammals, with the objective of avoiding incidents during sensitive hibernation and breeding periods.
 - iv) details of pre-clearance inspections, including the identification and inspection of trees containing tree hollows, including stags, prior to clearing of any vegetation;
 - v) details of how micro habitats including dead trees, stags, stumps and hollow branches will, where practical, be salvaged and relocated to areas depauperate of tree hollow habitat and in the recreation of habitat areas;
 - vi) details of measures to care for any animals injured or found during clearing activities, including the use of WIRES to attend to fauna as necessary, and the methods for their relocation if appropriate. This shall include measures for harbouring and releasing nocturnal animals at night;
 - vii) measures to re-instate or relocate plants and vegetation communities and to use local endemic species and local provenance seed for revegetation;
 - viii) details of the methods for strategically placing felled trees between cleared and remnant bushland to provide runways of ground cover for dispersion of animals;
 - ix) strategies for the establishment of wildlife corridor links to adjoining habitat areas and integration of rehabilitation works with nearby mines;
 - x) details of strategies for the exclusion of grazing stock on areas of native bushland reconstruction;
 - xi) measures to monitor the success of revegetated areas, including revegetation in the threatened species conservation area, and plant additional species where necessary;
 - xii) consideration of Aboriginal heritage management to ensure that activities under the Plan do not impact on Aboriginal heritage values; and,
 - xiii) details of the flora and fauna monitoring required under this consent.
- j) a **Waste Management Plan** to outline measures to minimise the production and impact of waste produced at the development during operation, through the implementation of waste reduction, reuse and recycling principles. The Plan shall meet the requirements of the EPA and Council. The Plan shall include, but not necessarily be limited to:
- i) identification of the types and quantities of waste materials produced on the site during operation of the development;

- ii) programs aimed at minimising the production of waste at the site through the implementation of operational and management measures;
- iii) details of potential reuse and recycling avenues for waste materials produced on the site, including collection and handling procedures;
- iv) details of appropriate disposal routes in the event that reuse and recycling avenues are not available or are not practicable; and
- v) programs for involving and encouraging employees and contractors to minimise domestic waste production on the site and reuse/ recycle where appropriate.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTING

Incident Reporting

- 7.1 The Applicant shall notify the EPA and the Director-General of any incident with the potential for adverse off-site impacts on people or the environment as soon as practicable after the occurrence of the incident. The Applicant shall provide written details of the incident to the EPA and the Director-General within seven days of the date on which the incident occurred.

Annual Performance Reporting

- 7.2 The Applicant shall, throughout the life of the development, prepare and submit for the approval of the Director-General, an **Annual Environmental Management Report** (AEMR). The AEMR shall be prepared by an independent, qualified person(s), approved by the Director-General. The AEMR shall also serve as the Environmental Management Plan required under condition 6.1 of the existing consent. Requirements under condition 6.1 of the existing consent shall be incorporated into the AEMR. The AEMR shall review the performance of the development against the Site Environmental Management Plan (refer to condition 6.2 of this consent), the conditions of this consent and other licences and approvals relating to the development. The AEMR shall include, but not necessarily be limited to:

- a) details of compliance with the conditions of this consent;
- b) a copy of the Complaints Register (refer to condition 5.2 of this consent) for the preceding twelve-month period (exclusive of personal details), and details of how these complaints were address and resolved;
- c) a comparison of the environmental impacts and performance of the development against the environmental impacts and performance predicted in the EIS;
- d) results of all environmental monitoring required under this consent and other approvals, including interpretations and discussion by a suitably qualified person;
- e) a list of all occasions in the preceding twelve-month period when environmental performance goals for the development have not been achieved, indicating the reason for failure to meet the goals and the action taken to prevent recurrence of that type of incident;
- f) evaluation of the effectiveness of the environmental protection requirements and procedures in the SEMP and this consent;
- g) identification of trends in monitoring data over the life of the development to date;
- h) evaluation of the development against the principles of Ecologically Sustainable Development;
- i) a list of variations obtained to approvals applicable to the development and to the site during the preceding twelve-month period;
- j) environmental management targets and strategies for the following twelve-month period, taking into account identified trends in monitoring results; and,
- k) identify any modifications required to the SEMP.

The Applicant shall submit a copy of the AEMR to the Director-General, the EPA, DLWC, the RTA, NPWS and Council every year, with the first AEMR to be submitted no later than twelve months after the commencement of operation of this consent. The Applicant shall make the AEMR available for public inspection on request.
