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Dear Ingrid

Re: Wallerawang Quarry Modification 2 – Review of Statement of Environmental Effects
Dev Ref: DA 344-11-2001 MOD 2

I refer to your email dated 18 October 2018 inviting the Division of Resources & Geoscience (the Division) to provide comments on the Wallerawang Quarry Modification 2 (the Project or Modification) Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) submitted by Walker Quarries Pty Ltd (the Proponent).

The relevant units internal to the Division have been consulted where required in generating this advice. Further, the Department of Planning and Environment - Planning Services Division and the Proponent should be aware that matters pertaining to rehabilitation, final landform, environmental impacts of subsidence, subsidence management, mine operator and safety are assumed and assessed by the Resources Regulator.

The Division has issues of concern regarding the proposed Modification as it will not result in any changes to the size of the approved quarry footprint, quarrying methods, staged extraction or operating hours.

The Division has assessed the resource and economic impacts related to the Project as outlined in SEE and makes the following assessment. The Proponent states that employment at the quarry currently amounts to six full-time equivalent personnel. The proposed modification would provide continued employment for one more year for these workers. Consequently, it would provide an additional year of employment effects at the local level, both regarding the direct impact on workers' income, and the flow-on employment created as some of this income is spent in the local economy. Similarly, the wider economic benefits to the local area in the form of demand for goods and services would also be perpetuated for another 12 months. The Proponent's stated intention is that the additional 12 months would allow for the preparation of a proposal for a larger modification, without the need to put the operation on care and maintenance.

At the state level, the main economic effects of the modification would be in terms of royalty payments. The Proponent's production schedule estimates output of around 260,000 tonnes of product during the term of the modification. This would represent a significant increase from production in 2017-2018 of around 70,000 tonnes. If the 260,000 tonnes were produced, it would equate to around A\$180,000 in royalties to the NSW Government. There would also be the potential for employment numbers to increase as output rose.

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Additional Information:

The Division collects data on the quantity of construction materials produced annually throughout the State. Forms are sent to all operating quarries at the end of each financial year for this purpose. The statistical data collected is of great value to Government and industry in planning and resource management, particularly as a basis for analysing trends in production and for estimating future demand for particular commodities or in particular regions. Production data may be published in aggregated form, however production data for individual operations is kept strictly confidential.

The Division notes that DA 344-11-2001 includes the requirement for Walker Quarries to provide production data as per the existing *Condition 12(a)*:

In order to assist in the collection of construction material production data, the proponent should be required to provide annual production data, including tonnages for each size fraction of aggregate produced for the subject site to the Division as a condition of any new or amended development consent.

For enquiries regarding this matter please contact the Assessment Coordination Unit on (02) 4063 6534 or assessment.coordination@planning.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely



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