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Department of Planning, Industry and Environment  
Submission via Major Projects Portal

**Re: Menangle Quarry (DA85/2865) - vegetation management plan**

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To whom it may concern,

In September 2020, the NSW Land and Environment Court approved the Menangle Sand and Soil Quarry Extension – Modification 1 (MOD1) to DA85/2865. The modification allows the extraction of sand and soil in a new area, the Stage 8 area, that is about 13 ha, and extends about 2 kilometres along the Nepean River south of the current Stage 7 area. The LEC Notice of Orders/approval conditions include a range of conditions related to the management of vegetation and rehabilitation within the extracted Stage 6, 7 and 8 areas.

Approval Condition B81 states: “By the end of December 2020, or other timing as agreed by the Planning Secretary, the Applicant must submit a Vegetation Management Plan for Stages 6 and 7 to the Planning Secretary for approval.”

Preparation of the Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) is reasonably straight forward and well underway. However, rather than preparing the VMP in isolation, we are preparing it in conjunction with the Biodiversity and Rehabilitation Management Plan (to meet Conditions B70–B73) to ensure there is consistency in the vegetation management across the whole of the quarry (Stages 6, 7 and 8) and that vegetation management considers post-quarrying land-uses. So while the VMP is a relatively simple component of the biodiversity and rehabilitation management planning, the latter is complex for the site and is taking some time.

The purpose of this email is to formally request (on behalf of Menangle Sand and Soil Pty Ltd) a two-month extension to submit the Vegetation Management Plan for Stages 6 and 7.

We appreciate your consideration of this matter and of course, please let me know if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely



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