

Council Reference: 150.2025.32
Your Reference: PAE-126176496

24 June 2026

Department of Planning, housing and Infrastructure
4 Parramatta Square
12 Darcy Street
PARRAMATTA NSW 2150

Dear Mr Blane

**REQUEST FOR ADVICE ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR
BLUESTONE QUARRY (SSD-76210271)**

I refer to your request via the Major Projects Planning Portal for Singleton Council to provide advice to the Environmental Impact Statement on the Bluestone Quarry (PAE-126176496).

Council notes that the due date for submissions on the Major Projects Portal for council is noted as 2 July 2026, not 7 July 2026, as per the exhibition period.

Given the short timeframe provided to make a submission, Council at its ordinary meeting on 16 June 2026 resolved that Council:

1. *Objects to the proposed Bluestone Quarry;*
2. *Directs the Acting General Manager to work with council staff to prepare an objecting submission to the proposed Bluestone Quarry that includes, amongst other things, the following reasons for objection:*
 - a. *The proposed Bluestone Quarry has not sufficiently addressed the SEARs requirements and has not undertaken adequate consultation in accordance with the DPHI Social Impact Assessment Guideline for State Significant Projects, including a failure to amend the proposed Project to avoid impacts and address concerns raised by council staff and the community; and*
 - b. *The interaction of the proposed Project with the approved Hunter Gas Pipeline is unclear and unresolved, therefore the consent authority cannot grant an approval that has the potential to invalidate the existing approval for the Hunter Gas Pipeline; and*
 - c. *The proposed Project fails to recognise the contributions required under the Singleton Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan requires both a Haulage Maintenance Contribution and a section 7.12 contribution, levied at 1% of the Capital Investment Value of the proposed Project;*

- d. Any other matter determined by staff to be a relevant matter to support Council's objection.*
- 3. Directs the Acting General Manager to write to the DPHI outlining Council's objection to the proposed Bluestone Quarry by 2 July 2026 so as to meet the exhibition timeframe, with a further detailed objecting submission to be prepared and adopted by Council at a subsequent Council meeting.*

Council has a very tight timeframe to review the documents, develop a submission, review the submission prepared by council staff and endorse the submission and it is unlikely that staff will be able to prepare a report for councillors' consideration ahead of the end of the exhibition period.

The exhibition timeframe for considered review of the proposed Project is also too short to enable Council endorsement of any detailed, technical submission. As such, Council is making its objecting submission during the exhibition period to ensure its objection is noted within the statutory timeframe for making such an objection.

Council staff will work to prepare a detailed, technical submission for Council's consideration at the August Council Meeting. Council reserves its right to defer any submission to a subsequent meeting to provide Councillors with adequate time for review of the proposal and the staff submission. It should be noted that amendments to council's submission, or a subsequent submission, may occur as a result of this process.

If you have any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact Mary-Anne Crawford on telephone 02 6578 7290 or email mcrawford@singleton.nsw.gov.au.

Yours faithfully



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