

## **APPENDIX A: SUBMISSIONS REGISTER SUMMARY**

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8/07/2025		Brad Dibb	Williamtown	Brad Dibb strongly objects to the mine extension due to increased noise, dust, and worsening flooding on his property. He reports significant flood damage to his home and shed in May, which never occurred before the mine began operations. He highlights ongoing drainage problems, including blocked and undersized systems, and says the sand mine is pumping water into the catchment area, worsening flooding. Despite reporting to EPA and council, no action has been taken. Brad is gathering evidence for legal action and calls for better drainage upgrades and engagement with affected residents.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Increased noise and dust impacts from mine extension</li> <li>2- Major flooding damaging property, linked to mine operations</li> <li>3- Poor drainage infrastructure causing overflow and flooding</li> <li>4- Sand mine pumping water into catchment area, worsening flooding</li> <li>5- Lack of response from authorities (EPA, council)</li> <li>6- Health and safety risks for young children due to flooding</li> <li>7- Need for better community consultation and support</li> </ol>
10/07/2025		Withheld	Williamtown	The resident opposes the sand mine extension due to ongoing and unresolved issues with truck traffic, noise, and water impacts on Barrie Close, particularly affecting property #13. They believe the extension will worsen noise, dust, and water problems.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Excessive truck traffic and associated noise on Cabbage Tree Road.</li> <li>2- Unresolved and significant water drainage issues affecting Barrie Close (#13).</li> <li>3- Potential increase in noise, dust, and water impacts from the extension.</li> </ol>
10/07/2025	10/07/2025	Withheld	Williamtown	A local resident objects to the quarry extension due to concerns about increased water issues, dust, noise, and truck traffic. They note trucks have previously used Barrie Close as a shortcut, causing additional disruption.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Potential increase in water-related problems.</li> <li>2- Increased dust pollution.</li> <li>3- Increased noise levels.</li> <li>4- More trucks using Barrie Close as a shortcut, increasing traffic and safety concerns.</li> </ol>
10/07/2025	28/07/2025	Peter Stewart	Williamtown	Peter Stewart, a resident of Williamtown for over 18 years, objects to the quarry expansion due to flooding that has worsened since the sandmine began operation. His property, including his front yard and veranda, has experienced significant flooding, and saturated grounds prevent normal use like mowing. As a Licensed Water Driller, he attributes the flooding to altered natural water drains caused by the sandmine. He is also concerned about dust, noise, and silica dust impacts if the mine expands towards Barrie Close.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Significant flooding on his property linked to altered water drainage by the sandmine.</li> <li>2- Inability to use his property properly due to saturated grounds.</li> <li>3- Increased dust, noise, and silica dust exposure from proposed mine expansion.</li> <li>4- Opposition to the quarry expansion to prevent further impact.</li> </ol>
14/07/2025		Sheryl Dibb	Williamtown	Extensive flooding and environmental degradation on her property to the mine's activities, and fears further impacts if the expansion proceeds.	<p><b>Flooding and water impacts:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Persistent and worsening flooding since the mine began operating.</li> <li>2- Flood damage to house and shed in May 2025.</li> <li>3- Yard remains saturated and unusable weeks after rainfall.</li> <li>4- Illegal water pumping by the mine onto Water Board land.</li> <li>5- Council has classed property as "Flood Liable Land" despite no such advice during purchase.</li> </ol> <p><b>Financial and emotional distress:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Over \$300,000 spent on renovations now at risk.</li> <li>2- No support from Port Stephens Council or Hunter Water Board.</li> <li>3- Significant mental health decline due to ongoing stress.</li> <li>4- Health and environmental issues:</li> <li>5- Silica dust and airborne pollutants affecting air quality.</li> <li>6- Water contamination from mine runoff.</li> <li>7- Soil pollution from dust settling and washing into yard.</li> <li>8- Resident suffers from COPD and mental health conditions—concerned about health impacts on herself and family.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Health and environmental issues:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Silica dust and airborne pollutants affecting air quality.</li> <li>2- Water contamination from mine runoff.</li> <li>3- Soil pollution from dust settling and washing into yard.</li> <li>4- Resident suffers from COPD and mental health conditions—concerned about health impacts on herself and family.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Amenity impacts:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Noise pollution from machinery and trucks.</li> <li>2- Loss of peaceful rural lifestyle.</li> </ol>

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15/07/2025		Kym Young	Williamtown	Long-term Williamtown resident objects to the mine extension due to worsening drainage and water pooling on their property since the mine began operations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Altered water flow patterns</li> <li>2- Increased water table levels</li> <li>3- Poor drainage after rainfall</li> <li>4- Concern that expansion will worsen flooding issues</li> </ul>
15/07/2025		Withheld	Williamtown	Long-term Barrie Close resident strongly objects due to repeated flooding issues since the sand mine commenced operations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Changes to natural water flow</li> <li>2- Repeated flooding of multiple properties</li> <li>3- Inadequate drainage now overwhelmed during rainfall events</li> </ul>
17/07/2025		Geoffrey Moxey	Williamtown	Objects to the proposal due to local amenity impacts affecting Barrie Close residents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Noise</li> <li>2- Dust</li> <li>3- Blocked drainage leading to water backing up and increased flood risk for reside</li> </ul>
17/07/2025		Withheld	Williamtown	Objects to further expansion due to existing environmental impacts and dust issues since the mine opened.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Ongoing environmental degradation</li> <li>2- Excessive dust</li> <li>3- Increased stress on local residents and the environment from further expansion</li> </ul>
21/07/2025		Withheld	Williamtown	The submitter strongly objects to the mine due to health risks and environmental degradation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- PFAS chemical contamination</li> <li>2- Silica dust affecting local residents</li> <li>3- Property value decline</li> <li>4- Unsustainable extraction; calls for recyclable alternatives in concrete production</li> </ul>
23/07/2025		k Rochester	Williamtown	This submission against Modification 4 because it significantly increases the quarry's size and sand extraction, leading to greater impacts on local residents. Past modifications have repeatedly expanded the quarry and relaxed conditions, benefiting the quarry financially but harming the community. The quarry has not sufficiently consulted affected residents. Key issues include increased traffic and noise, PFAS contamination risks, reduced biodiversity protections, dust problems, and risks of environmental contamination. The submission calls for better community consultation, stricter environmental controls, compensation for residents, and maintaining protections for vulnerable species.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Large increase in disturbance area and sand extraction worsening local impacts</li> <li>2- Inadequate consultation with most affected residents</li> <li>3- Increased truck noise, especially early mornings; request to delay laden truck start times</li> <li>4- Concerns over PFAS contamination and insufficient water testing</li> <li>5- Proposed operational changes likely to increase noise levels</li> <li>6- Request to maintain biodiversity offset requirements, especially for Eastern Osprey</li> <li>7- Quarry expansion closer to homes without resident agreement or compensation</li> <li>8- Sand tracking onto public roads posing health risks; request for washdown bay</li> <li>9- Need to keep internal roads bitumen sealed to reduce dust</li> <li>10- Maintain strict controls on diesel and machinery storage to avoid contamination</li> <li>11- Calls for Department to thoroughly consider and address these issues</li> </ul>
23/07/2025		Amanda Lorimer	Williamtown	Amanda Lorimer, a resident west of the mine on Cabbage Tree Road, opposes the mine and any extension due to concerns over corruption, unfulfilled rehabilitation promises, increased truck traffic, dust, health risks from airborne sand, destruction of natural flora and fauna including koala habitat, and flooding caused by disrupted natural water flow. She feels residents' homes and livelihoods are being jeopardized by the mining operations and urges opposition to the extension.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Against mine expansion because of past unfair actions.</li> <li>2- Increased truck traffic and dust pollution</li> <li>3- Health risks from airborne sand</li> <li>4- Damage to natural flora, fauna, and koala habitat</li> <li>5- Flooding caused by disruption of natural water flow</li> <li>6- Negative impacts on residents' homes and livelihoods</li> <li>7- Desire for accountability for damage caused</li> </ul>

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24/07/2025		Kelly Brown	Williamtown	Kelly Brown, a long-term resident, reports significant changes in natural water drainage on their 20-acre property since the sandmine began operations 4 years ago. Previously, water drained east toward Dawson's drain and the ocean, but now drains west, causing swamp-like, muddy conditions that impact daily life. The property floods persistently, preventing use of land for recreation and raising health concerns linked to PFAS contamination.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Altered natural drainage causing flooding and swamp conditions</li> <li>2- Persistent waterlogging preventing normal land use (horses, vehicles)</li> <li>3- Suspected link between flooding and existing sandmine operations</li> <li>4- Health worries related to PFAS contamination in flooded areas</li> <li>5- Strong opposition to further expansion due to existing impacts</li> <li>6- Emotional and financial distress from loss of land usability</li> </ul>
29/07/2025	29/07/2025	Shirley Davis	Williamtown	Shirley Davis, an owner-occupier directly affected by the Sand Quarry modifications, reiterates her longstanding concerns about noise, traffic, safety, and silica dust impacts, which have worsened since the quarry's opening. She highlights the significant increase in truck traffic beyond initial estimates, causing safety risks when entering her property, noise disturbances especially near her bedroom, and pollution concerns. Health issues for her and her husband, along with mental stress related to safety risks for their grandchildren, have been exacerbated by quarry operations. She questions why critical incident reports have not been updated since February 2024 despite known complaints. Shirley also expresses disappointment at being excluded from the list of consulted neighbors and expects more direct engagement and discussion about how the modifications impact her family.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Significant increase in traffic and haulage beyond initial estimates</li> <li>2- Safety risks entering and exiting property due to truck traffic</li> <li>3- Noise disturbances near residence, especially near bedroom</li> <li>4- Pollution from quarry operations and truck traffic</li> <li>5- Health and mental health impacts on family, especially elderly and grandchildren</li> <li>6- Lack of updated incident reporting on complaints and issues</li> <li>7- Exclusion from stakeholder consultation despite being highly affected</li> <li>8- Desire for direct consultation and engagement from the quarry management</li> </ul>
29/07/2025	29/07/2025	Julie Davis	Mayfield	Julie Davis submitted an objection on behalf of her mother, Shirley Davis, who lives at 407 Cabbage Tree Road Williamtown. The family has lived there for over 25 years and is concerned about increased haulage traffic from the quarry, which poses safety risks on the road near their home. The heavy truck movements also impact their health and quality of life, as Shirley and her husband have ongoing health issues worsened by noise, traffic, and pollution. Despite attending community meetings, Shirley feels overwhelmed by technical jargon and is not sufficiently engaged by the quarry operators. The family feels excluded from consultation regarding modifications that affect haulage and traffic, and requests better communication and consideration of their health, safety, and property value concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Increased haulage traffic causing safety risks on roads near their property</li> <li>2- Negative health impacts due to noise, traffic, and pollution from quarry operations</li> <li>3- Lack of clear communication and consultation with directly affected residents</li> <li>4- Feelings of exclusion from decision-making and community engagement processes</li> <li>5- Devaluation of property and impact on quality of life due to quarry activities</li> </ul>

Agency	Date	Contact person	Explanation	Issues	Recommendations
NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) Water Group	16/07/2025	Rob Brownbill - Manager, Water Assessment Water.assessments@dpie.nsw.gov.au	1- Groundwater conditions not confirmed for Mod 4 area; dune topography may cause perched aquifers (localized groundwater accumulation above main water table) and mounding. 2- Model predictions underestimate groundwater levels due to terrain and recharge variability, risking approval non-compliance. 3- Additional groundwater monitoring needed along northern boundary of the western extension to better track levels and support management. 4- Water Management Plan and Monitoring Program must be updated to include new bore locations and data reporting.	1- No groundwater investigation evidence across the Mod 4 area to confirm existing groundwater conditions and interaction with the modification. 2- Potential groundwater mounding below dune crest landform. 3- Significant variation between model predictions and observed groundwater levels, especially in northwest and northeast (near BH11). 4- Risk of non-compliance with Condition 6 Schedule 2 (excavation to remain at least 0.7m above max groundwater level).	<b>1- Conduct and present a groundwater mounding study in the Mod 4 sand dunes.</b> 2- Identify quarry bench levels consistent with Condition 6 of the project approval (excavation $\geq 0.7m$ above max groundwater level). 3- Install additional groundwater monitoring bores along the northern boundary of the western extension. 4- Update Water Management Plan and Groundwater Monitoring Program to include new monitoring sites. 5- Include new monitoring data in annual environmental reporting. 6- Support adaptive management of quarry operations based on
NSW EPA - Part 1	17/07/2025	Natasha Ryan- Unit Head - Operation Emily Holland on 4908 6852 or via email to info@epa.nsw.gov.au and cc Emily.holland@epa.nsw.gov.au.	Review of Cabbage Tree Road Sand Quarry Modification 4 Western Extension (SSD-6125) modification report submitted by Newcastle Sand Syndicate Pty Ltd. The EPA reviewed the report, focusing on water impacts, VENM import/processing, and other environmental controls	1- EPA cannot provide recommended conditions of consent yet as noise, air, and radiation assessments are still under review. 2- Misstatement in Modification Report about VENM licensing exemptions. 3- Potential risks with fuel and chemical handling near Hunter Water Tomago Sandbeds Special Area.	1- EPA expects Proponent to implement proposed controls and housekeeping to highest standards if approved. 2- VENM import and processing thresholds must be respected to avoid licensing violations; independent certification and chemical testing for VENM should be conducted. 3- EPA to provide supplementary advice once technical assessments are complete.
NSW EPA - Part 2	22/07/2025	Natasha Ryan- Unit Head - Operation Emily Holland on 4908 6852 or via email to info@epa.nsw.gov.au and cc Emily.holland@epa.nsw.gov.au.	Part 2 submission on the Cabbage Tree Road Sand Quarry Mod 4 (SSD-6125), focusing on air quality, radiation, and noise. Reviews updated technical assessments, following on from Part 1 submission.	1- EPA still cannot recommend conditions of consent due to unresolved noise concerns. 2- Proposed noise trigger levels represent a significant increase without sufficient justification. 3- Background noise monitoring may not comply with NPfI requirements (e.g., lack of weather-affected data exclusion, limited data). 4- Proponent did not justify revised monitoring position. 5- Air quality risks considered low, but receptors are close to operations. 6- Blanket radiation survey requirement proposed to be replaced with a risk-based approach.	<b>1- Require Proponent to justify increase in noise limits and show that NPfI requirements have been followed (weather exclusion, background level reporting, etc.).</b> <b>2- Reassess monitoring location to ensure site noise was not included in background levels.</b> 3- Maintain existing air quality management framework including PM10 monitors and reactive controls. 4- Support risk-based radiation surveys, but recommend full surveys where elevated readings, material sourcing from high-risk areas, or site history indicate likely presence of TENORM.
Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW)	6/07/2025	A/Superintendent Luke Loseby (Manager, Fire Safety Liaison Unit)- Fire Safety Liaison Unit, referencing FRNSW file number BFS25/4433. Cc: jarrod.blane@dpie.nsw.gov.au	FRNSW reviewed the Modification Report (Rev.1) for Cabbage Tree Road Sand Quarry Mod 4 (SSD-6125) and confirmed they have no comments or additional requirements at this stage.	No issues raised	No recommendations. FRNSW has no further requirements beyond existing legislative obligations.
Hunter Water Corporation	22-Jul-25	Varun Agashe (Manager Development Services) / Kirby Morrison (for contact) kirby.morrison@hunterwater.com.au.	Hunter Water reviewed the proposed Mod 4 for Cabbage Tree Road Sand Quarry. Their focus was on impacts to the Tomago Sandbeds catchment (a critical drinking water source and biodiversity area) and the proposed importation of VENM. No objection was raised, provided site management plans and controls are implemented as proposed.	1- Higher disturbance from the western extension increases risk to aquifer and nearby residents. 2- Rehabilitation to grassland may hinder success in nearby areas. 3- Ongoing occupation/management of the western extension post-operations poses long-term risk. 4- PFAS risk still exists despite being outside the EPA PFAS zone.	1- Maintain (Natural or Beneficial Effect)NorBE compliance with no changes to approved operations. 2- Rehabilitate eastern part of the western extension with a 30m native vegetation buffer to support broader rehabilitation goals. 3- Ensure strong rehabilitation management in disturbed areas. 4- Consider PFAS risk as part of ongoing site risk management 5- Management controls for VENM importation are considered acceptable.

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Heritage NSW	22/07/2025	James Cole (A/Practice Lead - Major Projects) / Alison Lamond (contact) - 0298738500, heritageemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au	Heritage NSW reviewed the Modification 4 report and Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) for Cabbage Tree Road Sand Quarry.	1- Insufficient evidence of adequate consultation process with Aboriginal stakeholders. 2- AHIMS search provided is older than 12 months at submission. 3- Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan for SSD not provided.	<b>1- Request the applicant provide detailed evidence of consultation, including: a) Confirmation that Worimi Conservation Lands (Nadine Russell) was contacted.</b> <b>2- Confirmation if Worimi Local Aboriginal Land Council is a Registered Aboriginal Party (RAP).</b> <b>3- Evidence draft assessment methodology and ACHA were provided to all RAPs.</b> <b>4- Provide an updated AHIMS search (&lt;12 months old).</b> <b>5- Provide copy of Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan as per SSD Condition 32.</b>
NSW Resources (DPI – NSW Resources)	21/01/2025	<a href="mailto:giselle.carney@dpird.nsw.gov.au">Giselle Carney (Acting Manager) / Elisa Paull (Project Officer)</a> <a href="mailto:giselle.carney@dpird.nsw.gov.au">giselle.carney@dpird.nsw.gov.au</a>	NSW Resources reviewed the Modification 4 proposal and confirmed it does not involve recovery of Scheduled Minerals under the Mining Regulation 2016.	None noted	No comment at this stage. Refer to Resources Regulator for regulatory oversight.
Resources Regulator	21/01/2025	<a href="mailto:anthony.margetts@service-now.com">Anthony Margetts (Chief Inspector of Mines)</a> <a href="mailto:nswresourcesregulator@service-now.com">nswresourcesregulator@service-now.com</a>	Regulator has no specific comments on the Modification. However, reminds that if the modification is approved, regulatory requirements under the WHS legislation will apply.	None specific to the proposal	Ensure compliance with Work Health and Safety (Mines and Petroleum Sites) legislation.
Port Stephens Council	12/06/2024	Srah Connell - Senior Strategic Planner 0249880462	Comments on impacts to threatened species, wastewater approval, local road usage, and noise monitoring updates.	1- Potential impact to <i>Diuris arenaria</i> and Mahony's Toadlet habitat. 2- Uncertainty regarding presence of <i>Eucalyptus camfieldii</i> . 3- Wastewater system approval under s68 unclear. If an alternative system has been or will be installed onsite, an application under Section 68 of the Local Government Act is required, in accordance with Port Stephens Council's Development Assessment. Framework for on-site sewerage 4- Local road amenity affected by trucks. 5- Noise monitoring location outdated due to revised boundary.	<b>1- Address <i>Diuris arenaria</i> and Mahony's Toadlet in BDAR with mitigation measures.</b> <b>2- Clarify presence of <i>Eucalyptus camfieldii</i> and update mitigation if required.</b> <b>3- Confirm s68 approval for wastewater system.</b> <b>4- Provide Driver's Code of Conduct. - Update NIA to reflect NM7 location and confirm Hunter Water review.</b>
NSW Rural Fire Service	22-Jul-25	Alan Bawden- Supervisor Development Assessment & Plan Built & Natural Environment Neil Pengilly on 1300 NSW RFS	The NSW RFS received correspondence regarding the Cabbage Tree Road Sand Quarry Modification 4 Western Extension. The original Major Projects approval (SSD 6125) was issued in May 2018, permitting extraction of 3.25 million tonnes of sand until 2033. Mod 2 approval included a sand wash plant with bushfire conditions requiring the site to be equipped to respond to fires and assist emergency services. MOD 3 was lodged but later withdrawn. No prior consultation with NSW RFS before MOD 3.	1- Mod 3 proceeded without RFS input. 2- Minimal fire-related conditions under Mod 2. 3- Mod 4 increases potential bushfire exposure.	1- Prepare a Fire Management Plan (FMP). •24 hour emergency contact details including alternative telephone contact including a provision for the details to be displayed on the entrance gate; • Site infrastructure plan - roads, voids, buildings, etc; • Fire fighting operations plan including: • type and location of hazardous materials; • location and access to on-site fire fighting water supply. 2- Maintain 20 m APZ around buildings. 3- Install a 10,000 L water tank with storz fitting. 4- Ensure emergency vehicle access around structures.