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Your ref: PA 06\_0074 MOD 2

**Attention: George Mobayed**

Dear Mr Mobayed

**Modification to Peppertree Quarry Project (06\_0074 MOD 2)  
Exhibition of Environmental Assessment**

I refer to your letter of 16 June 2011 and advise that the NSW Office of Water (NOW) has reviewed the Environmental Assessment for the modification proposal and provides the following comments and recommended conditions of approval (**Attachment A**) for your consideration.

Overall, the modification proposed is likely to provide improved environmental outcomes with a more sustainable water use strategy, ongoing surface water and groundwater monitoring and the implementation of a revegetation/rehabilitation plan for the riparian zone.

The applicant needs to be cognisant of and adhere to the conditions under the existing *Water Act 1912* licence until such time conditions relating to water supply works approval and entitlement have been finalised by NOW in the *Water Sharing Plan for the Greater Metropolitan Region Unregulated River Water Sources*.

Reference should be made to NOW's *Guidelines for Controlled Activities (2010/2011)* <http://www.water.nsw.gov.au/Water-Management/Law-and-Policy/Key-policies/default.aspx> in setting minimum Core Riparian Zone widths on both sides of watercourses and for additional vegetated buffers to allow for edge effects.

If you require any further information please contact Brett McCulloch, A/Planning and Assessment Coordinator on (02) 6676 7381 at the Murwillumbah Office.

Yours sincerely

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**NSW Office of Water's Recommended Conditions of Approval**

1. The proponent to ensure that there is sufficient water for all stages of the project to the satisfaction of the NSW Office of Water and if necessary, adjust the scale of the quarrying operations to match the water entitlements.
2. The proponent to prepare a Surface Water Management Plan in consultation with and to the satisfaction of the NSW Office of Water prior to the commencement of works.
3. The proponent to prepare a Groundwater Management Plan in consultation with and to the satisfaction of the NSW Office of Water prior to commencement of works.
4. The proponent to obtain the relevant licences to the satisfaction of the NSW Office of Water under the *Water Act 1912* and the *Water Management Act 2000* (whichever is relevant) for all activities that intercept or extract groundwater prior to commencement of these activities.
5. The proponent to adhere to the Core Riparian Zone widths on both sides of watercourses and the additional vegetated buffers to allow for edge effects detailed in the NSW Office of Water's *Guidelines for Controlled Activities (2010/2011)*.

**End of Attachment A**  
**10 August 2011**