



**Notification of Hearing - Calga Sand Quarry
Project Application MP 06_0278**

Background to the appeal

The Minister for Planning is involved in two sets of Land and Environment Court proceedings that challenge the merits of the project approval for the southern extension of the Calga Sand Quarry. The project approval was granted by the Planning Assessment Commission (as delegate of the Minister) on 23 December 2013. The two appeals will be heard together.

The appeals have been brought by the following objectors: Trustee for the Gerald and Catherine Barnard Family Trust trading as Australia Walkabout Wildlife Park Pty Ltd, and Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council. The Minister and Rocla Materials Pty Ltd (the proponent) are the respondents in the appeals.

On appeal, the Court becomes the approval authority and, after hearing expert and lay evidence, it determines whether the project should be approved on its merits.

Hearing

The Land and Environment Court will hear the appeals from **1 September 2014 to 12 September 2014**. Additional hearing dates may be scheduled if required. .

If you objected to the project and wish to participate in the hearing, you can:

- advise the Department if you have an interest in giving verbal evidence at the hearing; or
- attend Court as an observer.

A copy of any written submissions sent to the Department, or any documents provided to the Commission for its public meeting on 18 November 2013, will be included in the documentary evidence before the Court.

If you are interested in giving verbal evidence at the hearing, please write to us or email us as soon as possible – and no later than 14 August 2014 – with your contact details, including name, telephone number and email address (if any). Please also indicate whether you have a preference for giving evidence locally when the Court visits the area, or in Sydney.

Contact details

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If you wish to attend the hearing as an observer, you may do so without notice. However, it would be helpful to know in advance how many people the Court will need to accommodate. You can contact us on the above email or postal address if you wish.