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Dear Mr Barnes

**South Ballina Sand Quarry (MP 06_0297 MOD 3)
Comment on the Environmental Assessment**

I refer to your email of 21 July 2017 to the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) in respect to the above matter. Comment has been sought from relevant branches of DPI. Views were also sought from NSW Department of Industry - Lands that are now a division of the broader Department and no longer within NSW DPI.

Any further referrals to DPI can be sent by email to landuse.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

DPI provides the following recommendations for consideration in assessment of the proposal, with detailed comments at **Attachment A**.

Recommended Conditions of Consent:

- The proponent must produce a Water Management Plan in consultation with DPI Water. This plan must include details of proposed water take, licensed entitlement, details of expansion of a groundwater monitoring program and details of a corresponding trigger action response plan.

Recommended changes to existing consent conditions:

- Update Condition 16 (in Schedule 3) to specify a minimum quarry floor level of 3.1m AHD.
- Revise wording of Condition 18 (Schedule 3) to include an expanded groundwater monitoring and impact assessment program.

Additional recommendations

- The Annual Environmental Management Report should report against the Water Management Plan.
- The Annual Environmental Management Report should be required to be published online, or if not, submitted to DPI Water for consideration.
- DPI Water should be considered a relevant agency for the purposes of Schedule 5 of the approval.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Isaacs', with a stylized, cursive script.

Mitchell Isaacs

Director, Planning Policy & Assessment Advice

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DPI appreciates your help to improve our advice to you. Please complete this three minute survey about the advice we have provided to you, here:

<https://goo.gl/o8TXWz>