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Emailed: Anthony.Barnes@planning.nsw.gov.au

Dear Mr Barnes

Re: South Ballina Sand Quarry Extension - MP 06_0297 MOD 3 - EA Exhibition.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on the above matter. This is a response from the NSW Department of Planning & Environment – Division of Resources & Geoscience, Geological Survey of New South Wales (GSNSW).

General Information

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on the above matter. I refer to your email of 21st July regarding the South Ballina Sand Quarry (MP 06_0297 MOD 3) to increase the existing approved sand quarry footprint.

The building and construction industries in NSW require ongoing replacement of supplies as sources are exhausted. The expansion of existing quarries, subject to environmental assessment, helps to ensure a continued supply of material for a range of building and construction uses in NSW. The South Ballina Sand Quarry represents an important source of sand and soil products for local and regional markets.

GSNSW has reviewed the Environmental Assessment for the South Ballina Sand Quarry Extension and we have no resource concerns with the modification; however provide the following comments relating to conditions of consent.

DRG collects data on the quantity of construction materials produced annually throughout the State. Forms are sent to all operating quarries at the end of each financial year for this purpose. The statistical data collected is of great value to Government and industry in planning and resource management, particularly as a basis for analysing trends in production and for estimating future demand for particular commodities or in particular regions. Production data may be published in aggregated form, however production data for individual operations is kept strictly confidential.

In order to assist in the collection of construction material production data, the proponent should be required to provide (or continue to provide) annual production data for the subject site to the NSW Division of Resources and Geoscience as a condition of any new or amended development consent.

Geoscience Information Services

The GSNSW has a range of online data related to mineral exploration, land use and general geoscience topics:

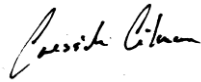
<http://www.resources.nsw.gov.au/geological/online-services>

The location of current exploration and mining titles in NSW, explanations of mining and production titles and the roles of community and government in the decision making process for mining/resource projects may be accessed by the general public using the following online utilities:

<http://www.commonground.nsw.gov.au/#/>

Queries regarding the above information, and future requests for advice in relation to this matter, should be directed to the GSNSW Land Use team at landuse.minerals@industry.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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