

Ms Eleisha Went
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Lismore City Council
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19/05/2023

Subject: Blakebrook Quarry (MP07_0020) Out of Hours Work Protocol

Dear Ms Went

I refer to your request of 17 May 2023 seeking approval for Blakebrook Quarry to operate its asphalt plant outside of the operating hours in condition 1 of Schedule 3 of its consent (MP 07_0020) for 10 nights per month during May and June 2023.

I understand that you are seeking to carry out these works under the Out of Hours Work Protocol (OHWP) that was approved on 15 February 2022 under condition 2A of Schedule 3 of the consent. The OHWP provides for hours of operation of 6 pm to 7 am Monday to Sunday for limited campaigns of up to five nights per month.

I understand that you are now seeking approval to operate under the OHWP for an additional five nights during May and June 2023 to deliver asphalt for Transport for NSW emergency repair works on the Bruxner Highway and Lismore Bangalow Road following damage during the recent floods.

You have advised that, as this work is located on a major state highway with large traffic volumes, delivering this work during normal hours would likely cause unacceptable traffic impacts and safety risks to workers and that these impacts would be minimised by delivering the works at night when traffic volumes are lower.

I accept that there is merit in allowing the proposed out of hours work for emergency road repair works following the recent flood damage, and that undertaking these works at night would minimise the potential traffic and safety impacts.

Accordingly, I approve your request to operate the asphalt plant for 10 nights per month during May and June 2023 in accordance with the approved OHWP, subject to the following conditions:

- only activities listed in the approved OHWP must be undertaken;
- all commitments and management controls included in the approved OHWP must be adhered to;
- the notification requirements and the complaints handling and reporting procedures included in the OHWP approval (dated 15 February 2022) must be met;

- the dispatch limits set out in condition 8 of Schedule 2 of the consent must be met; and
- the operation of the asphalt plant under the existing OHWP must only be undertaken up until 30 June 2023. Following which, a new OHWP must be prepared, in accordance with condition 2A of Schedule 3, for each limited campaign of asphalt plant operations outside of the operating hours prescribed in condition 1 of Schedule 3 of the consent. Each OHWP must be prepared in consultation with the EPA and any residents who may be affected by the works and approved by the Secretary prior to the commencement of any out of hours Asphalt plant operations.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Jarrod Blane on 02 8275 1831 or at jarrod.blane@dpie.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J Evans', with a stylized, cursive script.

Jessie Evans
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As nominee of the Planning Secretary