

Colin Phillips - Proposed Modification - ATB Morton's Salt ash Sand Quarry

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Subject: Proposed Modification - ATB Morton's Salt ash Sand Quarry
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Anthony,

I refer to the inquiry by ATB Morton as to whether the Department would be issuing Director-General's requirements for the company's proposal to modify its approval for its Salt Ash Sand Quarry.

Following a consideration of applicable statutes and case law, the Department accepts that the proposed increase in production rate up to 400,000 tpa can be reasonably characterised as a modification of the existing project approval, and accepts the company's application.

The Department agrees with the identification of key issues to be addressed, as set out in Coffey's letter of 4 June 2013, viz:

- noise;
- air quality;
- traffic and transport; and
- visual amenity.

The environmental assessment (EA) should address these identified issues, as well as including:

- a clear description of the proposed modification;
- the applicability of the use of s75W for this modification;
- consideration of any changes to the location of sensitive receivers near to the site and/or subdivisions near to the site;
- any changes to the listing of threatened flora and fauna that may have occurred at or near the site;
- consideration of cumulative impacts, particularly in relation to heavy vehicle numbers on Nelson Bay Road and usage of its intersections with Janet Parade and Richardson Road. This consideration should cover all existing approved sand transport at the time of EA submission (including Mackas Sand, which is likely to be approved during EA preparation);
- any changes in proposed employment levels and consequent impacts; and
- consideration of the need for landowner's consent for the modification application.

Should you need clarification of these requirements, please contact Colin Phillips.

Regards

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