



Proposed Modification to Redisand Salt Ash Sand project approval 07_0094

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INTRODUCTION

This report has been prepared to provide background information in relation to the proposed s75(w) modification to the Salt Ash Sand Quarry project approval (07_0094).

BACKGROUND

The Salt Ash Sand Quarry (the Quarry) is a dry extraction sand quarry situated on the southern side of Nelson Bay Road, approximately 40km north of Newcastle.

Redisand is the operator of the Quarry and has prepared this report to obtain the Department of Planning's direction in the preparation of environmental assessments to modify Redisand's major project approval (07_0094) to allow for, amongst other things, increased sand extraction at the Quarry.

PROJECT STATUS

Salt Ash Sand Quarry

The Quarry operates under major project approval 07_0094, granted under Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* approved on 29 October 2010. The approval allows for the transporting of no more than 201,000 tonnes of extractive materials from the site in a calendar year.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED MODIFICATION

Salt Ash Sand Quarry

Overview

Redisand seeks approval to modify PA07_0094 under Section 75(W) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, to allow for:

- An increase to the allowable tonnage to be extracted and removed from the site from 201,000 tonnes to 400,000 tonnes.
- An increase in operating hours from 7:00am to 5:00pm (Monday to Friday) to 6:00am to 6:00pm (Monday to Friday).
- The modification of extraction sequence (staging) to allow for the orderly progression through stages and to assist in effective rehabilitation.

The modification will not propose any changes to the extraction boundaries as previously approved.

Need

Redisand has approval to operate until 31 December 2030. The proposed modification of the project approval, with regards to increased tonnage and operation hours, reflects the market demand. With a number of sand quarries closing throughout Sydney in recent history, demand within the region has increased exponentially.

The modification to the hours of operation will effectively allow for the increased tonnage extracted from the site to be transported both locally and intrastate.

The application will also propose the modification to the approved extraction sequence. Namely, Stage 2 will become Stage 3 and Stage 3 will become Stage 2. The altering of the extraction sequence will allow for uniformed extraction and improved rehabilitation of each respective stage.

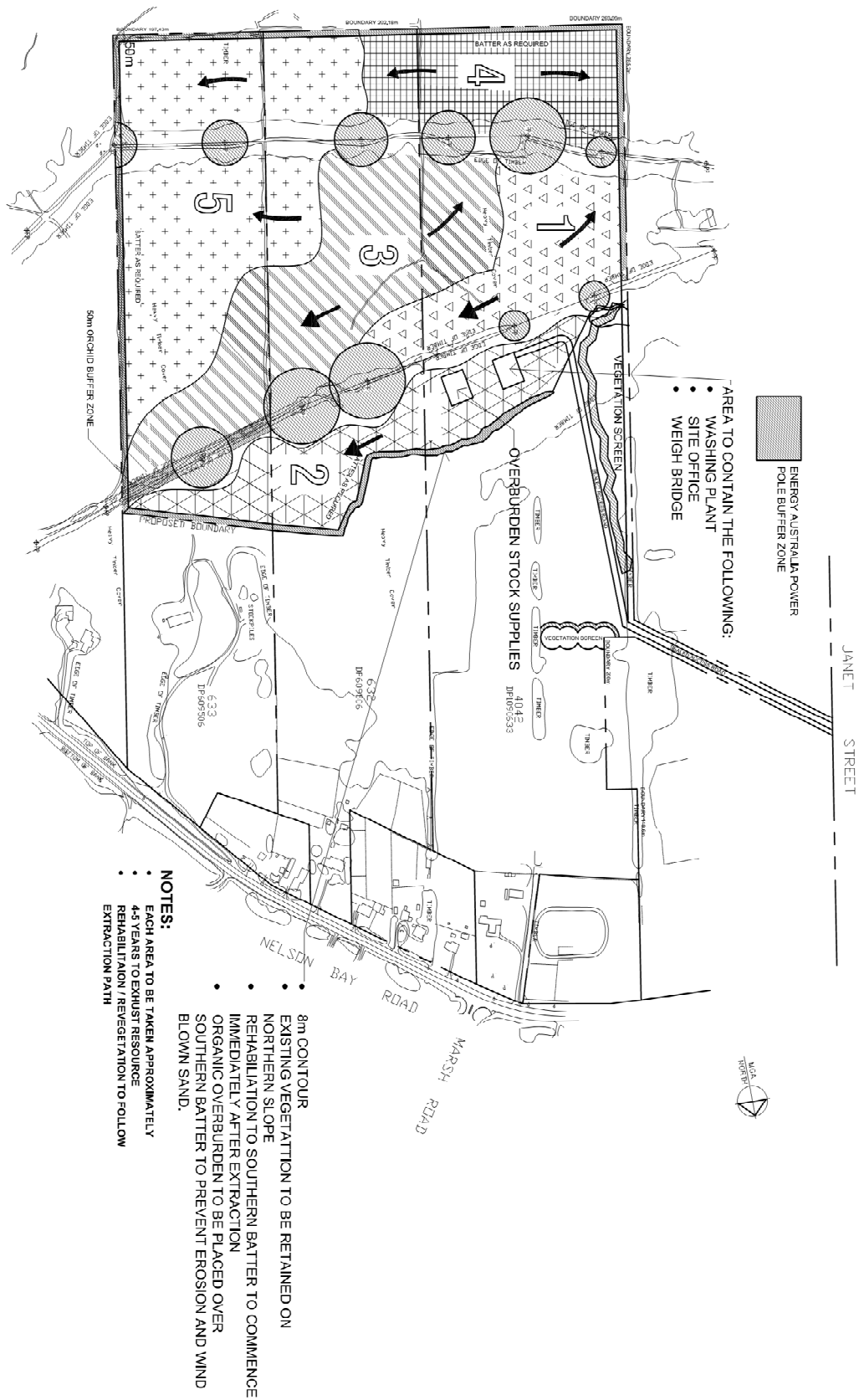


Figure 1 – Approved Quarry Layout

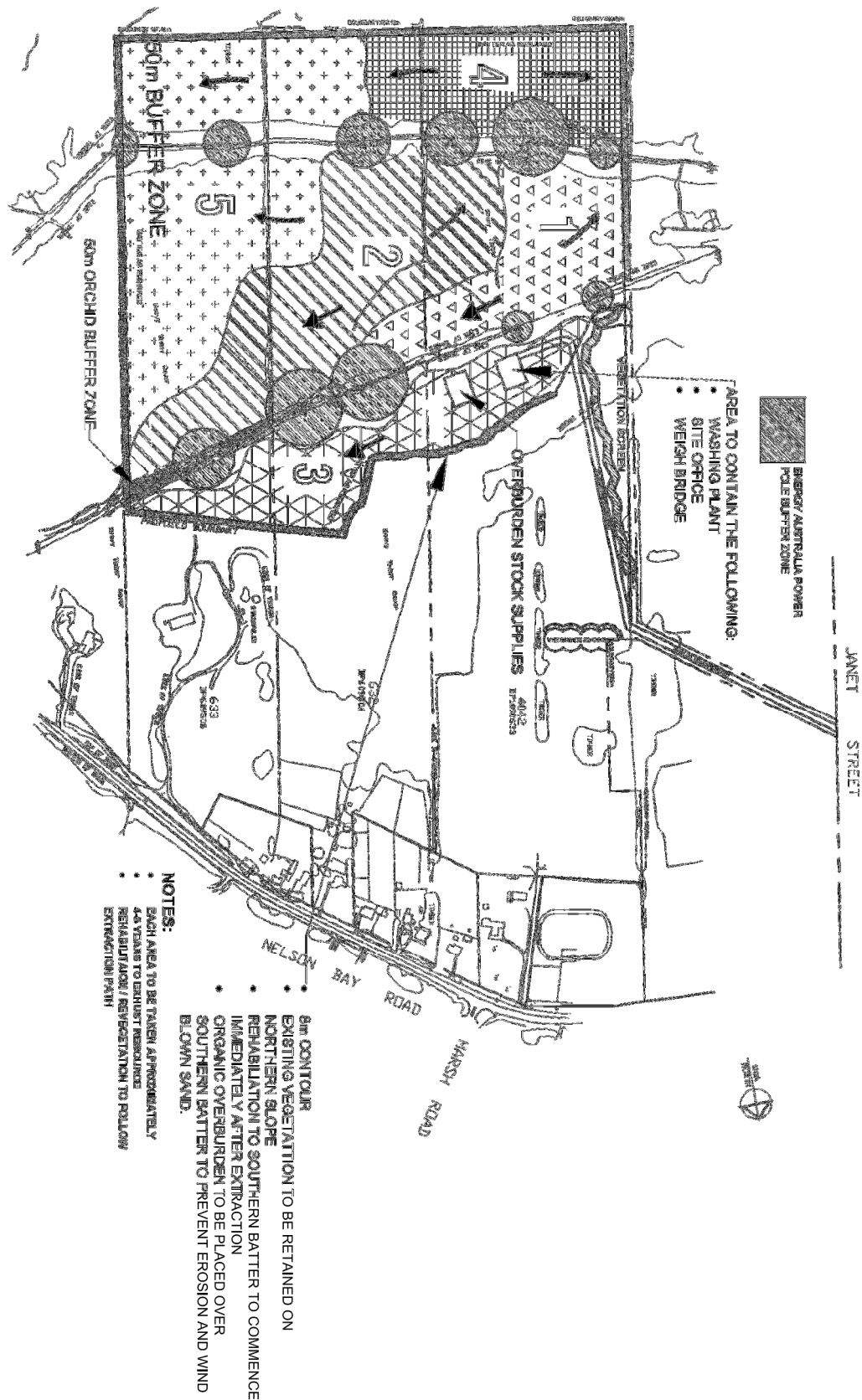


Figure 2 – Proposed Quarry Layout

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Should a member or members of the community require additional information on the proposed modifications, or would like to receive a more detailed briefing, a Redisand representative would be happy to meet and discuss the proposal in further detail. The Redisand town planner, Luke Johnson is contactable on (02) 4961 6822.