

RECORD OF PRE-DEVELOPMENT ADVICE



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Attn: Kristina Robinson
The Department of Planning and Environment
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Dear Kristina,

Proposal: Calga Sand Quarry – Modification 5
Property: 2256 Peats Ridge Road, Calga, NSW
Application: DA 94-4-2004-Mod-5

Council refers to the Department's request for comment in relation to the proposed modification application for Calga Sand Quarry – Modification 5 (DA 94-4-2004-Mod-5), which seeks approval for changes to the approved rehabilitation methodology.

Summary of the proposed modification

The modification proposes to amend the existing consent to permit the importation of fill material for rehabilitation purposes, to address a shortfall of suitable on-site material required to achieve the approved final landform. The key elements of the proposed modification include:

- Importation of up to 400,000 tonnes per annum of fill material for quarry rehabilitation;
- Acceptance of Virgin Excavated Natural Material (VENM), Excavated Natural Material (ENM) and materials permitted under relevant Resource Recovery Orders and Exemptions;
- Continued rehabilitation of the site in accordance with the approved final landform, with no change to the approved development footprint;
- No increase in approved operating hours, traffic volumes, or vehicle movements; and
- Management of environmental impacts through existing approved Environmental Management Plans and ongoing monitoring.

The modification does not alter the nature or scale of the approved development and is sought under section 4.55(1A) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, as a modification involving minimal environmental impact.

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Council consideration and comments

Council has reviewed the submitted Modification Report and supporting documentation. In undertaking this review, Council has had regard to environmental health and contamination matters, including air quality, noise, groundwater, surface water and contamination risks.

Council's Principal Environmental Specialist has reviewed the proposal and advises that:

- The site is currently regulated under Environment Protection Licence No. 11295, which will continue to apply and is not affected by the proposed modification;
- Potential impacts relating to air quality, acoustics, groundwater and surface water will continue to be managed in accordance with the existing approved Environmental Management Plans and ongoing monitoring requirements;
- The proposed importation of fill material will be limited to VENM, ENM or materials subject to Resource Recovery Orders or Exemptions, and will be managed through the preparation and implementation of a Fill Import Management Plan, including material classification, tracking, verification testing and contingency measures;
- the proposed modification will result in no greater cumulative environmental impacts than those already permitted under the existing consent.

On this basis, Council is satisfied that the proposed modification is acceptable from an environmental health and contamination perspective and that appropriate controls are proposed to manage potential risks.

Having reviewed the proposed modification and supporting information, Council raises no objection to the proposed Modification 5. Council considers that the proposed changes are unlikely to result in any additional or unacceptable impacts beyond those already approved and can be appropriately managed through existing consent conditions, environmental management plans and regulatory controls.

Please note this submission has been provided by Councils technical staff and further comments may be provided once the proposal has been reviewed by Councils Environment & Planning Committee.

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Should you wish to discuss any of the above, please contact Amy Magurren, Senior Development Planner, on 0401 593 712 or email amy.magurren@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au

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