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Dear Mr Hodgkins

**Dubbo Quarry Continuation Project (SSD-10417) (Dubbo Regional Council)**

Thank you for your correspondence dated 9 February 2021 regarding advice sought over the above project.

The NSW Department of Primary Industries (NSW DPI) Agriculture is committed to the protection and growth of agricultural industries, and the land and resources upon which these industries depend.

There are three main areas we wish to highlight in relation to dealing with the surrounding agricultural landuses and lands especially to in relation to the southern expansion area of this proposal.

1. Whilst the development has investigated the impacts on many of the surrounding landuses and residences (sensitive receptors) we consider the impact on agricultural landuses and enterprises around the southern extension still require attention. The commitment to notifying the residents in the surrounding area will assist with those landholders who have are responsible for stock management should blasting or flyrock issues arise. We recommend that sufficient notification of such events be undertaken so opportunities for stock to be managed during seasonal activities that may be impacted e.g. calving or lambing can be undertaken.
2. We note the complaint grievance mechanism to be set up. While the current operation notes that the current quarry operations have “generally” been compatible with adjacent landuses, the new expansion areas along with the variety of landuses in the immediate area requires a mechanism to be responsive and deal with the new circumstances of the quarry expansion.

3. In relation to the Rehabilitation and Landscape Management Strategy we note the efforts to manage weeds on site (described in Appendix J). Ideally a weed management plan will help coordinate and report on weed occurrence and control on site, and any offsite issues that may arise within the quarry site or adjacent landholdings over the quarry's operational period.

Should you require clarification on any of the information contained in this response, please contact me, on 0427949987 or by email at [landuse.ag@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:landuse.ag@dpi.nsw.gov.au)

Yours sincerely

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