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Department of Planning Industry and Environment  
Attention: James McDonough

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Dear Mr McDonough

**Martins Creek Amended Application and Response to Submissions (SSD-6612)**

Thank you for your correspondence dated 03 June 2021 about Martins Creek Quarry 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.

DPI understands that DPIE – Planning is seeking advice with respect to matters it should consider in the determining the project proposal. While the DPI - Agriculture does not have any regulatory involvement in this project, we have undertaken a brief review of this proposal and noted that the project proposal is unclear on the final rehabilitation outcomes for the site that may consider the establishment of native grasslands or exotic pasture in low lying areas (Chapter 14.1.12 Rehabilitation and Land Use). While the final landuse will be further investigated during the development of a Quarry Closure Plan at the final 3 years of the quarry, if an agricultural land use is determined for the final site landuse, the rehabilitation plan should address:

- The availability, placement and use of soil to achieve the proposed landuse,
- The grasses and pasture establishment required to achieve a sustainable groundcover.
- A monitoring regime to achieve the final landuse over an identified time period to achieve a safe, stable and non –polluting natural looking landform that includes an agricultural functioning system.

Should you require clarification on any of the information contained in this response, please contact Helen Squires, Agricultural Land Use Planning Officer, by email at [landuse.ag@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:landuse.ag@dpi.nsw.gov.au)

Yours sincerely

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