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Dear Mr Phillips

Subject: Proposed Stone Ridge Quarry Project, Wallaroo State Forest No. 781

Thank you for your request for our input into SEARs for the above project. This is a response from the NSW Department of Planning, Industry & Environment – Division of Resources & Geoscience.

The Division has reviewed the Scoping Report for the project and notes that a comprehensive resource quality and quantity assessment has been undertaken involving geotechnical drilling and testing of drill core.

The Division has no additional requirements to the general SEARs issued. However, we reiterate the following requirements:

All environmental reports (EIS or similar) accompanying Development Applications for extractive industry lodged under the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979* should include a resource assessment which:

- Documents the size and quality of the resource and demonstrates that both have been adequately assessed; and
- Documents the methods used to assess the resource and its suitability for the intended applications.

Furthermore, a condition of any new or amended consent should include the provision of annual production data to the Division.

Additionally, should Biodiversity Offsets be considered, the Division requests that both the Geological Survey of NSW – Land Use Assessment team and holders of existing mining and exploration authorities that could be potentially affected by planned biodiversity offsets be consulted.



Queries regarding the above information, and future requests for advice in relation to this matter, should be directed to the Division of Resources & Geoscience - Land Use team at landuse.minerals@geoscience.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steven Palmer'.

Steven Palmer

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