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Our Ref: DOC20/369191

Your Ref: SSD-8804

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Dear Mr Herbert

Subject: Howlong Sand & Gravel Quarry Expansion – SSD-8804 – EIS Exhibition

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on the above matter. This is a response from the Department of Regional NSW – Mining, Exploration & Geoscience (MEG).

MEG has reviewed the Environmental Impact Statement for the Howlong Sand and Gravel Expansion particularly the resource assessment and is satisfied that the proponent has adequately assessed the resource to be extracted.

MEG has no concerns with the proposed expansion however requests that the proponent provide annual production data to the Department for the site as a condition of any new or modified development consent.

MEG notes that should the project be approved the proponent is proposing to consult the Biodiversity Conservation Trust on the best approach to satisfy the assessed ecosystem credit requirements. MEG would appreciate the opportunity for early consultation in relation to the proposed location of any biodiversity offset areas (both on and off site) or any supplementary biodiversity measures to ensure there is no consequent reduction in access to prospective land for mineral exploration, or potential for sterilisation of mineral or extractive resources.

Queries regarding the above information should be directed to the GSNSW - Land Use team at landuse.minerals@geoscience.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

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

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