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STATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT (SSD) 12469087 – THE GUNLAKE QUARRY CONTINUATION PROJECT - RESPONSE TO SUBMISSIONS

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) refers to the notification that was received seeking comments on the above State Significant Development (SSD) and apologies for the delay in providing its formal response.

TfNSW has completed a review of the information provided, including the *Gunlake Quarry Continuation Project Submissions Report* prepared by EMM dated 14 March 2022, while focusing on the impact to the state road network.

TfNSW notes:

- the key state road is the Hume Highway to which the site has access via the local road network (e.g. Red Hills Road) when using the primary transport route (refer to **Attachment 1**);
- the SSD application will generate additional traffic using the primary transport route (an increase in the maximum inbound and outbound truck movements via the primary transport route to 375 inbound and 375 outbound movements per day (currently approved at 295 inbound and 295 outbound movements per day) with no more than 4.2 million tonnes per annum of saleable products transported from the site in any calendar year (currently approved at 2.6 million tonnes in any calendar year). The impact of this traffic on the state road network and its connections with the local road network needs to be considered and adequately mitigated; and
- it has previously provided comments on the application (refer to the TfNSW letter dated 3 December 2021).


Having regard to the above, TfNSW does not believe that sufficient information has been provided as part of the current SSD application to address the matters detailed in the TfNSW letter dated 3 December 2021. TfNSW provides the comments in **Attachment 2** for your consideration.

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TfNSW staff would be happy to be involved in an MS Teams meeting with the Department of Planning and Environment staff and the applicant/quarry operator should there be a need to discuss/clarify the comments in Attachment 2.

Should you require further information in relation to the above please contact me on 0418 962 703.

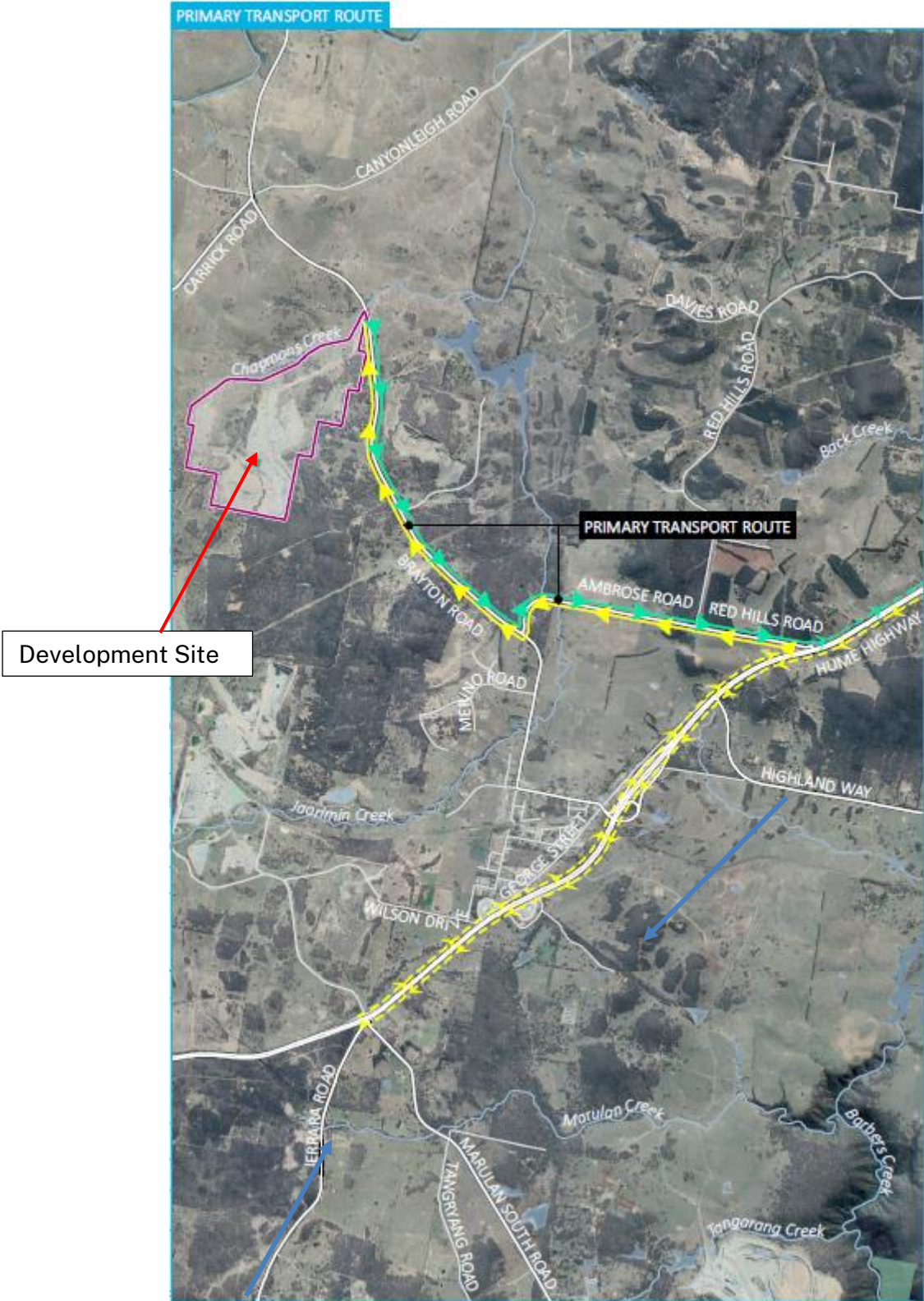
Yours sincerely



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1. Intersection of Red Hills Road and the Hume Highway:

TfNSW notes that all access to the site for heavy vehicles will be gained via the intersection of Red Hills Road and the Hume Highway. TfNSW also notes that the current SSD application will result in an increase in heavy vehicles using this intersection to access the development site.

In its letter dated 3 December 2021, TfNSW sought details on “*Measures that will be implemented to stop/prevent vehicles departing the Hume Highway via Red Hills Road cutting the corner (southern side of the Red Hills Road/Hume Highway intersection) and damaging existing infrastructure within the road reserve (e.g. existing pits, etc)*”. The cutting of this corner is evident in the Google image provided in **Attachment 3**. The response provided by the applicant to the above concern was “*Gunlake notes that TfNSW has a responsibility to maintain, and if required improve, this intersection*”.

TfNSW does not believe the above response is appropriate noting the number of heavy vehicles that this SSD application will generate turning left into Red Hills Road at this intersection (i.e. maximum of 375 inbound movements). TfNSW should not be left maintaining/repairing damage done as a result of larger vehicles traversing outside the painted edge line. As such, TfNSW believes that the proponent must identify measures that will be implemented to stop/prevent heavy vehicles departing the Hume Highway via Red Hills Road cutting the corner and damaging existing infrastructure within the road reserve such as pits, guide posts, etc. The above will require a concept design for what is being proposed to be submitted to TfNSW for review and approval.

2. Reporting of truck movements:

TfNSW notes that the current approval for the Extension Project (SSD 15/7090) contains requirements in relation to monitoring and keeping track of product transport (i.e. Condition 23 in Schedule 3).

The information required by this condition is currently difficult to find on the applicant’s website and when found, what is available contains minimal information (i.e. two lines per month one of which is the average movements and one of which is the max movements, only one report available). TfNSW is of the view the currently provided information does not comply with the requirements of the above condition (i.e. information on daily maximum movements, reports for the 6 month periods prior to the currently published report).

TfNSW requests details are provided from the applicant on how this information will be provided as part of any new approval that is issued for the current SSD application. This includes, but is not limited to, where it will be located on the website so it is easier to find, the structure/layout of how it will be reported so it provides all required information, etc).



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Area of concern