

DIVISION OF RESOURCES & GEOSCIENCE ADVICE RESPONSE

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Dear Lauren

Project: Marulan South Limestone Mine Continued Operations Project
Stage: Advice on Response to Submissions
Development Application: SSD-7009

I refer to your correspondence dated 3 October 2019 inviting the Division of Resources & Geoscience (the Division) to provide comments on the *Marulan South Limestone Mine Continued Operations Project* (the Project) submitted by Boral Cement Limited (the Proponent).

The Division has reviewed the Response to Submissions document and is satisfied with the information provided by the Proponent.

The Division requests to review the draft conditions of approval prior to finalisation and any granting of development consent. The Division has determined that, should the Project be approved, identified risks or opportunities can be effectively regulated through the conditions of mining authorities issued under the *Mining Act 1992*.

Additional information - biodiversity offset options

The Division requires that the Proponent consider potential resource sterilisation should any future biodiversity offset areas be considered. The Proponent must consult with the Division's Land Use Assessment team and any holders of existing mining or exploration authorities that could be potentially affected by the proposed creation of any such biodiversity offsets, prior to creation occurring. This will ensure there is no consequent reduction in access to prospective land for mineral exploration or potential for the sterilisation of mineral and extractive resources.

For further enquiries relation to this matter, please contact the Assessment Coordination Unit – Resource Assessments on 02 4063 6534 or assessment.coordination@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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