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Dear Carl,

LIVERPOOL RANGE QUARRY (SSD 68063715) – ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Liverpool Range Quarry (SSD-68063715) proposed at Rotherwood Road, Cassilis.

It is understood that the proposal involves the establishment of a hard rock quarry for the purpose of supplying products for construction, operation and maintenance of the approved Liverpool Range Wind Farm Project (SSD-6696) including:

- construction of a site access road off Rotherwood Road;
- clearing and earthworks for site preparation;
- installation of on-site processing plant and associated equipment;
- extraction, processing and transportation of up to 700,000 tonnes per annum of hard rock quarry products (from a total resource of approximately 2 million tonnes) to supply the Liverpool Range Wind Farm Project (SSD-96696);
- project life of approximately 3 to 4 years, in line with the construction period of the Liverpool Range Wind Farm.
- undertaking general site maintenance; and
- stabilisation and rehabilitation of the site following quarry closure.

Council has reviewed the EIS and provides the following comments for the department's consideration:

1. Waste Management Plan

- 1 kL seems a very conservative estimate for waste oil / grease for the size of the operation. Given the remote location and proximity to more than one shire boundary, within the EIS potential facilities for disposal of non-recyclable waste should be identified.

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2. Road and Traffic Impacts

- Council is concerned with the impacts of project traffic on pavement life reduction due to accelerated loading from heavy vehicle quarry movements over a short 2/4 year cycle. Therefore, we request that the proponent be required to undertake a detailed assessment of these impacts for Council's consideration, as the roads authority.
- Due to the significant increase in heavy vehicle movements on Rotherwood Road, as shown in Table 6.15 of the EIS, Rotherwood Road, between Vinegaroy Road and the quarry entrance, should be fully upgraded and sealed to the following standards:
 - Design pavement width 7.2m with a 6m bitumen seal.
- We note that Appendix 1 to Appendix 5 of the Traffic Impact Assessment are missing. It is requested that a complete Traffic Impact Assessment with appendices be provided.
- The road segment IDs referenced in the EIS and Traffic Impact Assessment are not clearly defined. It is requested that chainages be provided for each road segment so that the location of proposed road upgrades can be clearly identified.
- Heavy vehicle movements should be restricted to Rotherwood Road, Yarrawonga Road and Vinegaroy Road within the Upper Hunter Shire Local Government Area. A condition of consent should be imposed prohibiting the use of any other Council roads for heavy vehicle haulage.

3. Planning Agreement

- It is requested that the developer enter into a planning agreement with Upper Hunter Shire Council. The planning agreement should include a community enhancement component and a road maintenance component to provide funding for the ongoing maintenance of haulage routes for the life of the quarry. The key terms of a planning agreement should be accepted by the parties before development consent is granted.

Should you have any questions, please contact Council's Director Environmental & Community Services, Mathew Pringle on 6540 1139.

Yours faithfully



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