

18 September 2025

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure
4 Parramatta Square
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Attention: Mr Ethan Brice

Via Online Submission through Major Projects Portal:

**Preliminary Submission on DA1-01-2000-Mod-3
Barina Quarry
2692 Collector Road NSW 2581**

Dear Sir / Madam

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the proposed modification to the Barina Quarry Project State Significant Development consent. Council officers have completed a preliminary review of the exhibited modification documents and are highlighting several matters for consideration.

Please note that this submission has been prepared by Council officers. The exhibition period for the modification documents did not permit a report to be presented to Council for endorsement, within the exhibition window. The matter will be presented to Council at the 24 September 2025 Ordinary Meeting of Council. A supplementary submission will be prepared for Council and submitted to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (the Department) by close of business 9 October 2025.

The following matters are provided by Council staff for the Departments consideration:

Heavy Vehicle Access Route

The Modification Report, prepared by Irwin Environmental Management, July 2025, notes that the proposed heavy haulage route is to be amended to prevent heavy vehicles (HV) exiting the site to the south. Officers recommend that this is reinforced by way of a condition of consent restricting HV movements to the north, through the most direct route to the Federal Highway.

Access Intersection with Collector Road

The Modification Report states that there are to be no changes to the existing site access, However, Figure 14 of *Austroads Guide to Road Design Part 4: Intersection and Crossings*, requires the access to be upgraded to a bitumen seal. Council officers recommend that this requirement be included as a condition of consent.

Traffic Impact Statement (TIA)

The proposed heavy vehicle movements are not increasing under the modification, however, the number of laden trucks is potentially doubling. The impact of the additional load created

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by this increase on Council's road needs to be considered when determining the road upgrade and maintenance program.

Although under the purview of Transport for NSW, Council officers note that the application of Design Speed and Safe Intersection Site Distance (SISD) for the assessment of the intersection with the Federal Highway is incorrect. Design speed of 120km/h and relevant SISD for that design speed should be adopted.

Disturbed Area Change

It is not clear in the Modification Report what the total disturbance area will be. There is conflicting disturbance areas observed on page 15, noted as a "minor" increase on page 36 and quantified in terms of additional disturbance on page 45. Additional detail is required to determine the actual change to disturbed area.

In addition, as the proposed truck movements and extraction rates are not intended to increase under the modification, additional information is required to clarify the need for increasing the disturbed area to the extent proposed.

Voluntary Planning Agreement / Contributions

Preliminary discussion have been undertaken in relation to the proposed Voluntary Planning Agreement with Upper Lachlan Shire Council (ULSC). Council staff acknowledge the difficulties managing multi-party VPAs, however, a formal arrangement is required to ensure QPRC has input into appropriate road design, construction and maintenance regime. The current VPA does not provide this and should not be finalised/form part of a final consent.

To address the above concern, a condition of consent is recommended requiring a formal mechanism to be established or proponent to upgrade or fund the upgrade of Collector Road within the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council LGA to a standard, satisfactory to Council, and to require contributions to road maintenance through compliance with Council's relevant extractive industries contributions plan.

Council officers note that requiring an upgrade of Collector Road to a standard suitable for the proposed operations should not be to the exclusion of contributions levied under the relevant extractive industries contribution plan.

Should you wish to discuss the comments or suggestions made, please contact Tim Reich of Council's Development and Environment Directorate on 1300 735 025.

Yours sincerely,

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