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Dear Mr Thiedeke

Austen Quarry (PMA-11106736)

I refer to your correspondence concerning a proposed modification to the **Austen Quarry**.

The Department requests that any proposed modification report addresses potential impacts arising from the modification on the approved biodiversity offsetting arrangements. In particular the Department notes that Hy-tech will need to address the merits of any proposed alternative arrangement to address biodiversity impacts, including any proposal to stage the retirement of biodiversity offset credits in line with the quarry stages.

In relation to other matters raised at the scoping meeting, including the addition of a Pugmill, the importation of bituminous material for asphalt production and increase in the stockpile area (on previously disturbed land), will also need to be clearly outlined and considered in your Modification Report.

Your next step will be to lodge your modification application through your dashboard on the major projects website (<http://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects>).

If your proposal is likely to have a significant impact on matters of National Environmental Significance, it will require an approval under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

This approval would be in addition to any approvals required under NSW legislation and it is your responsibility to contact the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment to determine if an approval under the EPBC Act is required (<http://www.environment.gov.au> or 6274 1111).

If you have any questions, please contact Robert Hodgkins, who can be contacted on 49042711 or Robert.Hodgkins@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Sprott'.

Matthew Sprott
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