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Via email: carl.dumbleton@planning.nsw.gov.au

Response to request for additional information in relation to the listing status of the Large-eared pied bat for Marulan Quarry (SSD-65146459)

Dear Carl

Global Quarries Australia Pty Ltd (Global Quarries) propose to develop a quarrying operation on Lot 3 DP 247199, Lot 7001 DP 1025585, and Lot 4 DP 247199 and a portion of the Hume Highway road verge in Marulan in the Southern Tablelands of NSW (the project).

This letter has been prepared in response to the request for additional information issued by Department of Planning and Infrastructure on 01 June 2026. The response provides additional details and clarification of the applicant's position in regards to the listing status of the Large-eared pied bat as outlined in Table 1.

If you require any further information to assist with the assessment, please don't hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karl Rosen', with a stylized, flowing script.

Karl Rosen
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Issue	Submission issue	Response
1	Listing status of Large-eared pied bat Please provide updated information regarding the <i>Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (1999)</i> (EPBC Act) listing status for the Large-eared pied bat. In the documentation submitted to the department, it is listed as “vulnerable”. However, it has been listed as “endangered” under the EPBC Act since August 2024. Would you please provide information regarding whether the species assessment for the bat requires updating within the submitted information.	The BDAR includes references to the Large-eared Pied Bat being a ‘vulnerable species’ abbreviated to V, instead of the species’ status as an ‘endangered species’ (E) since August 2024 in the executive summary, section 8.4.3, Table 8.4, Table 9.5, Appendix B, Table C.8 and Appendix section E-6. The change in listing status for the Large-eared pied bat from a ‘vulnerable species’ to an ‘endangered species’ under the EPBC Act in August 2024 is a ‘listing event’. Commonwealth DCEEW made an EPBC Act section 75 decision to assess the proposal as a controlled action in January 2024 under the assessment bilateral agreement with New South Wales (proposal NSW 2023/09672) due to the potential for significant impacts on ‘Listed threatened species and communities’ (sections 18 & 18A of the EPBC Act). For listing events that occur after a section 75 decision is made section 158A of the EPBC Act provides that approval process decisions under Parts 7–9 of the EPBC Act will not be affected by the listing event. That is, the listing event does not need to be considered. This is because the validity of the section 75 decision, or any other approval process decision, made before the listing event: ‘is not affected by the listing event, nor can it be revoked, varied, suspended, challenged, reviewed, set aside or called in question because of, or for reasons relating to, the listing event’ (section 158A(3)) Section 158A(4) adds that the listing event must be disregarded in making any further approval process decisions under Parts 7–9. (EPBC Policy Statement - Listing Events under the EPBC Act page 4). It should be noted that the reference to the former listing status of the Large-eared Pied Bat in the certified BDAR does not materially affect the conclusions of the BDAR. It does not affect the thresholds such as the significance of impacts or assessment of impacts to Matters of NES so that there are not unacceptable or unsustainable impacts on those matters pursuant to amended bilateral agreement. As such it is considered there are no updates required to the BDAR.