



Mr Mathew Radnidge

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Dear Mr Radnidge

**Karuah East Quarry Project Modification 8 (MP09_0175)
Request for Additional Information**

I refer to the application for the Karuah East Quarry Project Modification 8, which proposes to implement a number of acoustic mitigation measures and an assessment under the *Noise Policy for Industry 2017* (NPfl).

The Department considers that the SEE contains insufficient justification for the proposed modification and does not agree that the modification is necessary in order to implement better practice acoustic measures through enclosing the jaw and cone crushers to reduce noise impacts from Karuah East Quarry's operations or to upgrade existing equipment.

It is a requirement under condition 6(a) of Schedule 3 of Karuah East Quarry's development consent to implement best practice construction, traffic and operational noise management measures. The enclosure of the crushers (which has already taken place) and the upgrade of other equipment can proceed without modifying existing conditions of consent.

Indeed, the Department considers that the only element of the modification which cannot proceed without changing consent conditions is the proposed amendment of the existing operational noise criteria in condition 3 of Schedule 3 of the development consent, which has not been justified.

The operational noise criteria were originally determined by assessment of operational noise emissions under the *Industrial Noise Policy 2000*. The Department requests an appropriate justification for modifying the operational noise criteria, including an explanation of why reassessment under the NPfl is now necessary.

You are requested to provide this information, or notification that the information will not be provided, to the Department by **Friday 6 September 2019**. If you are unable to provide the requested information within this timeframe, you are requested to provide, and commit to, a timeframe detailing the provision of this information.

If you have any questions, please contact Anthony Barnes, who can be contacted on 8289 6709 or at anthony.barnes@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

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