

8 April 2022

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Dear Jessie,

SANCROX QUARRY EXPANSION (SSD 7293) – RESPONSE TO FURTHER REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

We refer to your correspondence, dated 22 March 2022, requesting a response to the issues identified in the Department's assessment of the proposed Sancrox Quarry Expansion Project (SSD-7293).

Your correspondence identifies two issues, and these have been addressed below.

1. ***The Department requests an updated flyrock assessment for the project that includes predicted throw distances and proposed measures such as blast design, buffer zones and any other relevant measures to mitigate flyrock impacts.***

Hanson is currently working with Orica in relation to the Sancrox Quarry blast design, which includes potential fly rock assessment for the Sancrox Quarry expansion project. The Sancrox Quarry blast design methodology will establish the best options for mitigation to enable the development of an exclusion zone that will ensure the health and safety of neighbours and on-site workers. The Sancrox Quarry blast design will be available in approximately 4 weeks' time.

2. ***The Department notes that Hanson intend to purchase the Crown Road that traverses Lot 2 DP574308 post-approval, and requests that Hanson provides landowner's consent for Lot 2 DP574308.***

Hanson is the owner of Lot 2 DP574308 as well as the applicant for the proposed Sancrox Quarry Expansion development. As such, Hanson is able to provide landowner's approval to the Department, if required.

In relation to the Crown Road, as can be seen in the figure below, the Crown Road does not form part of Lot 2 DP574308, but does cut through the lot in a number of places. Hanson does not propose to undertake quarrying within the Crown Road reserve and has not proposed any works or any other development on the Crown Road under SSD 7293. As such, land owners consent from the Crown is not required in relation to SSD 7293.

Hanson acknowledges that the Sancrox Quarry Expansion EIS identifies that Hanson holds an Enclosure Permit (number: 49229 issued under the *Roads Act 1993*) for the Crown Road, and proposes the closure and purchase of a section of Crown Road in order to reduce property fragmentation and facilitate more efficient delivery of the future biodiversity offset area. Since no works are proposed on the Crown Road reserve, and that the acquisition of the Crown Road is not operationally critical, for ease of assessment of the project, the process to close and purchase the Crown Road will be carried out after SSD 7293 is determined. As such, there is no requirement of the Crown Road reserve land to be associated with application SSD 7293.

