

Mr David Kelly
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30/06/2022

Dear Mr Kelly

**Gunlake Quarry Continuation Project (SSD-12469087)
Request for additional information**

I refer to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Submissions Report for the Gunlake Quarry Continuation Project (SSD-12469087) (the project). The Department has carefully reviewed both documents and the matters raised by Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW), Goulburn Mulwaree Council (Council) and the community on both documents. In particular, issues related to the proposal to substantially increase the number of heavy vehicles on the local and state road network.

To assist the Department's consideration of this key issue, it engaged Bitzios Consulting to undertake an independent review of the traffic and transport analysis of the project. Bitzios Consulting reviewed the:

- adequacy of the Traffic Impact Assessment included with the project's EIS and its consistency with the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements for the project;
- TfNSW's advice on the EIS;
- traffic and transport related issues raised in Council and community submissions; and
- responses to these issues and additional information provided within the Submissions Report.

The independent review report (Bitzios Report) is attached. The Department requires additional information referred to in Section 5.2 of this report. Additionally, the Department recommends that you consider the recommendations regarding improvements that could be made to the Transport Options Review, including completing comprehensive assessments of the social and environmental costs and benefits of transporting quarry products by rail and road and how these costs may be reduced.

The Department also requests additional information from previous assessments at Gunlake Quarry, and in particular the NSW Land and Environment Court's (NSW LEC) consideration of the several product transport assessment options that supported the Gunlake Quarry Extension Project application (SSD-7090). The Department requests that this information be consolidated into a single report which would help inform and improve the Transport Options Review.

Please provide the information by Friday 29 July 2022. If you cannot meet this deadline, please provide and commit to an alternative timeframe for providing this information.

If you have any questions, please contact Nagindar Singh, on 82896873 or via email at Nagindar.Singh@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessie Evans". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jessie Evans
Director, Resource Assessments
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Enclosed/Attached: The Gunlake Quarry Continuation Project (SSD-12469087) Traffic and Transport Peer Review, Bitzios Consulting, June 2022