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Dear James,

Stone Ridge Quarry Project (SSD-10432) – Environmental Impact Statement
Attention: James McDonough

I refer to your request for advice on the proposal sent on 12 July 2023 to Forestry Corporation of NSW (FCNSW) about the above matter.

Forestry Corporation of NSW (FCNSW) wishes to advise the Department of Planning & Environment (DPE) that we support the Stone Ridge Quarry project proposed by Australian Resource Development Group Pty Ltd (ARDG). FCNSW has been engaged with ARDG in respect to extractive industry resource investigations, for more than 8 years. On 1st November 2018, after an extended period of negotiation and with Ministerial approval, FCNSW and ARDG signed off on a proposal to develop an extractive industry at the Stone Ridge site in Wallaroo State Forest. The Agreement is conditional on ARDG securing the necessary consent and licence approvals to proceed with the project that form part of the state significant development process.

The Stone Ridge Quarry project is aligned with FCNSW strategy to grow the value of the forest estate whilst meeting the legislated objectives of FCNSW to maximise the net worth of the state's investment, operations that comply with the POEAA, benefit the interests of the community and contribute towards regional development. The project has a quality hard rock resource, location to transport infrastructure, ability to supply a pipeline of state significant projects and supply a potential shortfall in the construction material market as a result of the decision to not grant consent to the Martins Creek Quarry proposal in 2023.

If you have any queries on this advice, please contact Chris Brown, Extractive Resources & Land Development Manager, on 6585 3744.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Brown
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