



Department of Planning and Environment

Mr David Kelly

Our ref: SSD-12469087 Submissions Report

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Dear Mr Kelly

Subject: Gunlake Quarry Continuation Project – Request for Additional Information

I refer to the assessment of the Gunlake Quarry Continuation Project (the project) currently being undertaken by the Department. I understand that you have now been provided with all agency advice and community submissions received during and shortly after the close of the exhibition period for the project.

I note that the advice from Transport for NSW requires a 'Transport Options Review', which would include a rail-based option for product transportation, to be included in the Submissions Report. This requirement, I note, is consistent with its input to the Secretary's environmental assessment requirements (SEARs) for the project, which the Department requested that you have regard to during the preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). I also note that several community submissions objecting to the project have attributed a lack of a rail-based proposal for the transportation of products in the project, as an alternative to the solely road transportation, as the basis for their objections. These submissions expressed the view that the SEARs were not addressed adequately in the EIS.

Additionally, in undertaking its assessment, the Department must consider clause 16(1)(a) of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007*. To do this, the Department seeks further information as to other transport options.

Accordingly, I request that you provide a 'Transport Options Review' for the project that investigates all reasonable and feasible options for the transport of quarry products from the site. You may wish to include this review in the Submissions Report due soon, or alternatively submit it separately as an Addendum to the Submissions Report at a later date.

Please contact Nagindar Singh on 82896873 or via email at nagindar.singh@planning.nsw.gov.au if you need to obtain further information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jessie Evans'.

Jessie Evans
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As nominee of the Planning Secretary