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The Manager
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Attn: Mr C Dumpleton

Dear Sir/ Madam

Re: Cooma Road Quarry Continued Operations Project (SSD - 5109)

Thank you for your e-mail of 29th October, 2012 concerning the subject DA and EIS.

This is a response from the Mineral Resources Branch (MRB) of the Division of Resources and Energy, Department of Trade & Investment, Regional Infrastructure & Services. Other Branches and Divisions of DTIRIS may respond separately.

Mineral Resources Issues

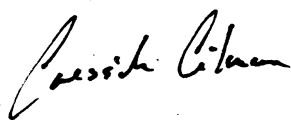
MRB has no objection to the subject proposal as an extension of a large, existing, hard rock quarry with a history of large scale production of high quality quarry products. Moreover, continued access to the proposed additional 4.5 Mt from a projected residual resource of 12 Mt of dacite and granite (end 2015) is likely to be in the Community's best interest, subject to meeting appropriate environmental and operational standards, because the community needs sustainable sources of suitable quarry products. Any comparison of environmental impacts with potential alternative sources should be based on a balanced comparison of net, long-term impacts, including both site and transport factors.

However, MRB notes that the EIS lacks clear illustration of how geology constraints site resources and potential quarrying operations, and thus neither explicitly satisfies MRB nor adequately informs the general public. Moreover, some of the limited geological description in the EIS is contradictory or erroneous and does not convince MRB that it has been written by a "competent person". As consent authority, DoPI would be justified in requiring such evidence to be presented appropriately before granting consent.

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Yours sincerely

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