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QUEANBEYAN CITY COUNCIL – SSD-5109 – COOMA ROAD QUARRY CONTINUED OPERATIONS PROJECT

Dear Sir/Madam

Reference is made to your letter dated 29 October 2012 regarding the subject development application forwarded to Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) for consideration.

RMS has significant road safety concerns with the existing quarry access and any proposed intensification of its use for the quarry, given that the existing layout is designed as a standard rural property access in the high speed environment with no provision of deceleration lanes. Furthermore, the access has insufficient sight distance to/from the south on Old Cooma Road.

However, RMS notes Queanbeyan City Council's plans to realign Old Cooma Road and provide an upgraded access to the quarry from the newly constructed road. RMS has been advised that works are likely to commence in early 2013 with Stage 1 of the project due for completion mid to late 2013.

RMS cannot support the proposed increase in extraction rates at the Cooma Road Quarry until such time that the proposed realignment of Old Cooma Road and the upgrade of the quarry access is completed.

Given the above, RMS will not object to the application in principle, subject to the following being included in the conditions of development consent:

Prior to traffic operating under the development consent

- Only one access point to Old Cooma Road from the subject property will be permitted.

- The junction of the quarry access and Old Cooma Road shall be upgraded in accordance with Council's approved plans (C07117 SK050 - referred to RMS Southern Design in email correspondence in May 2012).

- The access shall have Safe Intersection Sight Distance at the access in accordance with Austroads Guide to Road Design – Part 4a: Unsignalised and Signalised Intersections Table 3.2, in both directions, i.e. 181m in both directions for a design speed of 80km/h.

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In this regard, where fencing or vegetation is proposed at the site frontage, landscaping plans shall indicate clear sight lines to Old Cooma Road in both directions.

- Council should ensure that a suitable drainage treatment across the driveway is provided to prevent water proceeding onto, or undermining, the travel lane of Old Cooma Road.

- Where required, lighting shall be upgraded/provided in accordance with Australian Standard AS/NZS1158.

- All roadworks, traffic control facilities and other works associated with this development, including any modifications required to meet RMS standards, will be at no cost to RMS. All works shall be completed prior to traffic operating under this consent.

Conditions of development consent relating to road work, traffic control facilities and other structures on the classified road network contrary to those outlined above are unlikely to receive RMS consent under the Roads Act, 1993.

RMS highlights that in determining the proposed road works under Part 5 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979, it is the determining authority's (Queanbeyan City Council's) responsibility to consider the environmental impacts of any road works which are ancillary to the activity. Depending on the level of environmental assessment undertaken to date and nature of the works, the determining authority may consider it necessary to undertake further environmental assessment for any road works.

Upon the Department's determination of the subject development application, it would be appreciated if the Department of Planning and Infrastructure could forward a copy of the Notice of Determination to RMS within the appellant period for advice and consideration. If you have any questions please contact Rachel Nicholson on 4221 2769.

Yours faithfully

10 DEC 2012

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CC – The General Manager, Queanbeyan City Council (via email)