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Dear Mr Barnes

**Modification to Cooma Road Quarry (SSD 5109)
Importing Excavated Natural Material**

I refer to the NSW Department of Planning & Environment's (DP&E) correspondence dated 25 February 2019, seeking the EPA's comments regarding the proposal by Holcim (Australia) Pty Ltd to modify its development consent (SSD 5109) to permit the importation of up to 500,000 tonnes per annum (tpa) of Excavated Natural Material (ENM) for backfilling and progressive rehabilitation purposes.

The EPA advises that Holcim (Australia) Pty Ltd holds Environment Protection Licence No. 1453 (EPL) for the scheduled activities of crushing, grinding, separating and extractive activities of between 500,000 and 2,000,000 tpa at the Cooma Road Quarry.

The EPA notes that the modification proposes to transport ENM to the quarry within consented and existing production limits, truck movement limits and operating hours and that the amount of ENM imported to the quarry annually will be accommodated within the quarry's approved production limit of 1.5Mtpa. The EPA further notes that existing environmental controls on site are proposed to be employed to manage environmental impacts that may result from the proposed modification.

The EPA has reviewed the information provided and advises that should approval for the proposed modification be granted, the management of ENM received at the licensed facility could be managed through the conditions of the EPL.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss, please contact me on (02) 6229 7002.

Yours sincerely

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