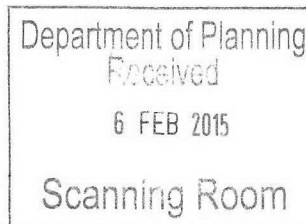




4 February 2015

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Our Reference: OUT15/2423

Dear Mr Dumbleton

Re: Oberon Quarry Continuation Project (SSD-6333) - Oberon LGA

Thank you for the opportunity to comment upon the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this proposal. This is a response from the NSW Department of Trade & Investment (DTIRIS) – Division of Resources & Energy (DRE). The Department of Primary Industries, incorporating advice from Agriculture, Fisheries and Forests NSW may respond separately.

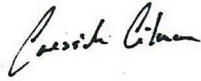
There are no issues regarding mineral resources. The quarry has operated for twenty years and extracted 2.7 Mt of an estimated 12.7 Mt resource. As the planned extraction will come from existing benches within the quarry and a relatively small (1.0 ha) extension on the western side, it is likely that there is sufficient remaining resource with the product continuing to be sold to existing markets.

The building and construction industries in NSW require ongoing replacement of supplies as sources are exhausted. The expansion of existing quarries, subject to environmental assessment, helps to ensure a continued supply of material for a range of building and construction uses in NSW. The resource in the subject area represents an important source of hard rock aggregate for the Central West and Sydney regions.

DRE collects data on the quantity and value of construction materials produced annually throughout the State. Forms are sent to all operating quarries at the end of each financial year for this purpose. The statistical data thus collected is of great value to Government and industry in planning and resource management, particularly as a basis for analysing trends in production and for estimating future demand for particular commodities or in particular regions. In order to assist in the collection of construction material production data, the proponent should be required to provide annual production data for the subject site to DRE as a condition of any new or amended development consent.

Should you have any queries in relation to this matter, please contact the DRE Land Use team at landuse.minerals@industry.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cressida Gilmore', written in a cursive style.

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