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Dear Mr Watt

Request for response to Response to Submissions Report for Dolwendee Quarry Project (SSD 6519)

Reference is made to your correspondence received on 7 July 2016 requesting a review of the Response to Submissions Report from the Heritage Council of NSW (the Heritage Council) for the above proposal.

The response on behalf of the Heritage Council to the exhibition of the Environmental Impact Statement indicated that no historic heritage impact assessment was completed for the project and this document was required to ensure significant historic heritage and potential archaeological deposits were appropriately managed. In response to that advice, the Applicant has undertaken a historic heritage assessment including consideration of historical archaeological values for this project. The following documents, submitted in support of the Response to Submissions were reviewed to address these matters:

- Dolwendee Quarry Project, Response to Submissions Report, prepared by Upper Hunter Holdings Pty Ltd, dated 6 July 2016; and
- Review of historical heritage values of Lots 2, 3, and 4 in DP 1160936, at Wybong NSW, proposed Dolwendee Quarry, prepared by Maxim Multicon Pty Ltd, dated March 2016.

The following comments are provided on the suitability of this assessment as follows:

The historic heritage assessment included a review of historical sources for the site and a site visit. No evidence of historic structures were present on the site and the historical record indicated that the site was used for grazing as part of a large land holding since historic occupation of the area. The report did not recommend any additional investigation of historical heritage values and concluded a stop work procedure would be an appropriate management strategy in the unlikely event historic heritage issues were identified during the proposed activity.

The Heritage Division considers the report satisfactorily identifies the low likelihood of the project impacting items of historic heritage significance and that archaeological potential across the project area was nil.

The Heritage Division recommends an appropriate condition of approval to address unexpected finds should include:

- a) A stop work procedure should be included in the project which should clarify in the event an unexpected find is identified, works must cease in that area. A suitably qualified and experienced heritage professional/archaeologist should assess the find and identify if it has significance (local or state). If the item has significance, how to manage this item within the development activity. The stop work procedure should be included in all site inductions involving excavation for the project with appropriate examples of what may be considered an unexpected find.

If you have any questions regarding the above matter, please contact Rebecca Newell, Archaeologist, at the Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage on telephone (02) 9873 8517 or by e-mail: Rebecca.Newell@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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