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Your Reference: SSD_6624, 22/17528, 16665
Our Reference (TRIM):OUT15/30608

Dear Mr Watt

Re: Sly's Quarry Expansion project (SSD_6624) – Response to Submissions Report

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on the above matter. This is a response from NSW Department of Industry – Geological Survey of New South Wales (GSNSW). The Department of Primary Industries (incorporating advice from Agriculture and Fisheries) and the Forestry Corporation of NSW may respond separately.

Specific Issues

GSNSW has reviewed the Response to Submissions Report attachment *Geological Resource Assessment – Supplementary Report (GHD, October 2015)* including the previously provided product testing reports.

It is the Department's preference that a geological drilling program is undertaken for quarry proposals and the proponent provide detailed drilling logs in the EIS. Failure to undertake such an assessment could lead to operational problems and possibly even failure of the proposal.

The further geological assessment provided in the Response to Submissions Report satisfies NSW Department of Industry's Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements.

Geoscience Information Services

The GSNSW has a range of online data available on line through the following website address:

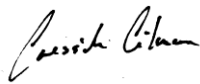
<http://www.resources.nsw.gov.au/geological/online-services>

This site hosts a range of data to enable research into exploration, land use and general geoscience topics. Additionally, the location of exploration and mining titles in NSW may be accessed by the general public using the following online utilities:

1. **MinView** allows on-line interactive display and query of exploration tenement information and geoscience data. It allows spatial selection, display and download of geological coverages, mineral deposits and mine locations, geophysical survey boundaries, drillhole locations, historical and current exploration title boundaries and other spatial datasets of New South Wales. This online service is available at:
<http://www.resources.nsw.gov.au/geological/online-services/minview>
2. **NSW Titles** enables the public to access and view frequently updated titles mapping information across NSW. This online service is available at:
<http://nswtitles.minerals.nsw.gov.au/nswtitles/>

Queries regarding the above information, and future requests for advice in relation to this matter, should be directed to the GSNSW Land Use team at landuse.minerals@industry.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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