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Dear Ms Sharma

**Secretary's Requirements for a new Hard Rock Quarry, c.2.5km north-west of Coraki
(Lot 401 DP 633427, Seelems Road (SSD 15_7036))**

I refer to your email received on the 1 May 2015 requesting Secretary's Requirements (SRs) from the Heritage Council of NSW (Heritage Council) for a proposed quarry development at Coraki in Richmond Valley local government area, as State Significant Development proposal SSD 15_7036.

Attached to this request was a copy of the Preliminary Environmental Assessment prepared by Groundwork Plus, dated 17 April 2015. I note that an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment is under preparation including community consultation.

Accordingly, as Delegate of the Heritage Council, the following comments are provided:

- The heritage significance of the site and any impacts the development may have on this significance should be formally assessed. This assessment should include natural areas and places of Aboriginal, historic or archaeological significance. It should also include a consideration of wider heritage impacts in the area surrounding the site.
- The Heritage Council maintains the State Heritage Inventory which lists items protected under the Heritage Act 1977 and other statutory instruments. This register can be accessed at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/heritage/index.htm.
- The Heritage Assessment should include consultation with lists maintained by the Office of Environment & Heritage, the National Trust of Australia (NSW), the Australian Government under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 and Richmond Valley Council in order to identify any identified items of heritage significance in the area affected by the proposal. Such items may have been identified in a Heritage Study but may not have proceeded to statutory listing on Richmond Valley Local Environmental Plan. Please be aware that these lists are constantly evolving and that items with potential heritage significance may not yet be listed;
- Non-Aboriginal heritage items within the area affected by the proposal should be identified by field survey. This should include any buildings, works, relics (including relics underwater), gardens, landscapes, views, trees or places of non-Aboriginal heritage

significance. A statement of significance and an assessment of the impact of the proposal on the heritage significance of these items should be undertaken. Any policies or measures to conserve their heritage significance should be identified. This assessment should be undertaken in accordance with the guidelines in the *NSW Heritage Manual*. Field survey and assessment should be undertaken by a qualified practitioner or consultant with historic sites experience.

- The proposal should have regard to any impacts on places, items or relics of significance to Aboriginal people. Where it is likely that the project will impact on Aboriginal heritage, adequate community consultation should take place regarding the assessment of significance, likely impacts and management/mitigation measures. For guidelines regarding the assessment of Aboriginal sites, please contact the Environmental Protection & Regulation Group of the Office of Environment & Heritage;
- The Preliminary Environmental Assessment states that there is one site record on the Office of Environment & Heritage Aboriginal Heritage Information System (AHIMS) near the site ('Twin Pines Birth Place'), located to its south. Consult with the Aboriginal community about options to avoid or mitigate any adverse impacts on this site.
- The relics provisions in the *Heritage Act 1977* require an excavation permit to be obtained from the Heritage Council, or an exception to be endorsed by the Heritage Council, prior to commencement of works if disturbance to a site with known or potential archaeological relics is proposed. Where possible, refer to archaeological zoning plans or archaeological management plans held by Cowra Shire Council. If any unexpected archaeological relics are uncovered during the course of work excavation should cease and an excavation permit, or an exception notification endorsement, obtained.

If you have any further enquiries regarding this matter, please contact Stuart Read, Heritage Officer on (02) 9873 8554.

Yours sincerely



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As Delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW

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