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Dear Ms Evans

RE: Response to submissions – Eagleton Hard Rock Quarry, Barleigh Ranch Way, Eagleton (SSD 7332)

I refer to your e-mail dated 16 October 2017 inviting comments on the Response to Submissions (RTS) document for the above noted State Significant Development for Eagleton Hard Rock Quarry which involves:

- extracting and processing up to 600,000 tonnes per annum of hard rock for 30 years;
- clearing approximately 30 hectares of vegetation;
- constructing on-site infrastructure to support quarry activities; and
- transporting material off-site by truck.

The Heritage Council of NSW provided comments on the proposal on 8 March 2017. It was noted that the Environmental Impact Statement documents did not include a thorough assessment of potential impacts to historic heritage and had omitted consideration of historical archaeology. It was recommended the applicant be requested to provide a more comprehensive assessment of historical heritage based on the historical context of the land.

The RTS includes Appendix J - *Historical Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Values of the Site of a Proposed Conglomerate Quarry at Eagleton near Seaham, NSW*, prepared by Maxim Multicon Pty Ltd, dated June 2017, which adequately addresses the above noted Heritage Council of NSW concerns. The report concludes that the proposal will have no noticeable impact upon the heritage values of the study area, its surroundings or the broader environment. Based on the historical land use assessment, the study area has no identifiable archaeological potential, however, appropriate mitigation measures have been recommended for the management of unexpected finds and potential relics during the course of works. Should the application be approved, the recommendations in Section 4.4 of the above report should form part of the Conditions of Consent.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice, please feel free to contact Shikha Jhaldiyal, Heritage Officer at the Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage, via email at shikha.jhaldiyal@environment.nsw.gov.au or by telephone on 02 9873 8545.

Yours sincerely

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As Delegate of the NSW Heritage Council
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