

Appendix C – Agency Engagement Table

Bluestone Hard Rock Quarry Project - Agencies contacted through the Major Projects Portal and Responses

Organisation	Method of Engagement	Date	Date of response	Case ID	Advice Provided
Transport for NSW	Major Project Portal - Letter	1/12/25	11/12/25	PAE-100919473	Response provided in Public Authority Response Box - No further advice to be provided, will wait for exhibition of the EIS - No further engagement required at this point. Matters previously raised by TfNSW will be addressed in the Integrated Transport Assessment.
NSW DCCEEW – Water Group	Major Project Portal - Letter	1/12/25	9/12/25	PAE-100914962	Letter provided – Will await the exhibition of the EIS and will provide further comment at that time – No further engagement required at this point.
NSW DCCEEW – CPHR	Major Project Portal - Letter	1/12/25	15/01/2026	PAE-100919493	Letter provided – Will await the receipt of the BDAR. In the interim, CPHR would like to take this opportunity to advise the proponent to avoid and minimise impacts to areas with high biodiversity value, which would include (but is not limited to) any direct impact to known Threatened Ecological Communities, threatened flora species, and threatened species habitat such as hollow bearing trees and connectivity corridors. No further engagement required at this point.
DPIRD Fisheries	Major Project Portal - Letter	1/12/25	8/12/25	PAE - 100919711	Letter provided – Will await the exhibition of the EIS and will provide further comment at that time. DPIRD Fisheries re-emphasizes comments made by this Department at SEARs stage. The proponent should note that waterway crossing across key fish habitat (i.e. Strahler 3rd order or above streams) should be designed and construction to avoid creating a barrier to fish passage, in accordance with the following guidelines: Why do fish need to cross the road? No further engagement required at this point.

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DPIRD – NSW Resources	Major Project Portal - Letter	1/12/25	05/12/25	PAE - 100923206	Letter provided - NSW Resources notes the Project does not involve the recovery of Scheduled Minerals identified under Schedule 1 of the Mining Regulation 2016. Based on the review, it has no specific comments in relation to Mining Act 1992 considerations and raises no issues regarding the Project at this stage. No further engagement required at this point.
DPIRD – NSW Agriculture	Major Project Portal - Letter	1/12/25	02/12/25	PAE - 100924459	Response provided in Public Authority Response Box - SEARs requirements provided by DPIRD are not covered in the Project Description 8. No engagement is necessary at this stage but DPIRD will require the full EIS for review when available. No further engagement required at this point.
EPA	Major Project Portal - Letter	1/12/25	17/12/25	PAE- 100922456	Response provided in Public Authority Response Box. No further advice to be provided, will wait for exhibition of the EIS - No further engagement required at this point.
Heritage NSW	Major Project Portal - Letter	1/12/25	19/12/25	PAE- 100910206	Response provided in Public Authority Response Box. No further advice to be provided, will wait for exhibition of the EIS - No further engagement required at this point.
NSW RFS	Major Project Portal - Letter	1/12/25	06/01/2026	PAE- 100919469	Letter dated 6 January 2026 provided. Section 8.3.6 of Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019 provides for the consideration of mining activities (e.g. quarries) on bushfire-prone land. Any EIS should include a bushfire risk assessment and nominate appropriate mitigation measures to address the identified risk(s). The assessment/mitigation measures should be consistent with the provisions of 8.3.6. Particular attention should be made to any occupiable buildings and/or flammable materials located on site. No further engagement required at this point – matters raised will

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					be addressed in the Bushfire Risk Assessment.
Cessnock City Council	Major Project Portal - Letter	19/12/25	22/01/26	PAE 102616706	Letter dated 22 January 2026 provided. CCC provided comments on: ▪ Traffic and Road Infrastructure Impacts. ▪ Anambah to Branxton Regionally Significant Growth Area. ▪ Developer Contributions – Heavy Haulage. ▪ Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement. ▪ Social and Economic Impacts. These comments will be addressed in the EIS and respective specialist studies. No further engagement required at this point.
Crown Lands	Major Project Portal - Letter	1/12/25	12/02/26	PAE- 100914957	The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure – Crown Lands has reviewed the proposal. No Crown land, roads, or waterways are contained within the project footprint. Furthermore, no Crown land, roads, or waterways are adjacent to the project site in this instance. Accordingly, Crown Lands has no further comments on this project. Please note that should the project boundaries be amended to include any Crown land, roads, or waterways, further advice from Crown Lands should be sought. No further engagement required at this point.
Singleton Council	Major Project Portal - Letter	1/12/25	14/04/26	PAE- 100924462	Council stated that it had met with the applicant in 2025. No further information provided. No further engagement required at this point.