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Dear Mr Warren

**Karuah South Quarry Project (SSD-8795)
Request for Amendment to Development Application**

I refer to your letter dated 19 November 2021 requesting the Planning Secretary's agreement to amend the development application (DA) for the Karuah South Quarry Project (SSD-8785) (the project) in accordance with clause 55AA of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* (EPA&A Regulation).

The Department has carefully considered the information you provided to support your request to amend the DA as it was originally submitted and exhibited in 2019, and I can advise that the proposed changes to the project could be considered in an Amendment Report to SSD-8795.

The Department has reviewed your proposed approach to preparing the Amendment Report and is satisfied with your identification of key focus study areas to assess the potential impacts of the project as proposed to be amended, comprising biodiversity, water resources, visual, blasting and fly-rock, air quality and noise.

Notwithstanding the above, I must remind you that assessments of the potential impacts of the amended project should cover all relevant environmental aspects. I can advise the technical assessments should be consistent with contemporary guidelines, policies and relevant legislation governing the assessment of these aspects and should include all feasible mitigation measures to avoid or mitigate potential impacts of the project.

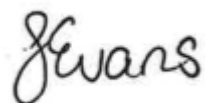
I further consider that the Amended Report should provide updated potential socio-economic impacts of the amended project, prepared with due regard to the Department's guidelines on social impact assessments and economic evaluations.

The Amendment Report must be prepared having regard to the Department's guideline *State significant development guidelines – preparing an amendment report* forming part of the SSD Guidelines (Appendix D) under the Rapid Assessment Framework which commenced on 1 July 2021. I emphasise that, in accordance with these guidelines, the purpose of the Amendment Report is to assess the economic, environmental and social impacts of the amended project.

I note that this advice provides guidance to assist the preparation of an Amendment Report and is not a formal acceptance of an amendment to SSD-8795 under clause 55AA of the EP&A Regulation. Please contact the Department at least two weeks before you propose to submit the Amendment Report. This will enable the Department to provide lodgement instructions.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Nagindar Singh on 82896873 or via email at nagindar.singh@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Evans". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'E'.

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