

EXHIBITION OF STATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

Bobs Farm Sand Quarry

Application No	SSD-99860959
Location	3631 Nelson Bay Road, Bobs Farm
Applicant	Newcastle Sand Pty Limited
Council Area	Port Stephens
Consent Authority	Minister for Planning and Public Spaces or Independent Planning Commission

Description of proposal

Bobs Farm Sand Quarry, which involves:

- development of a new quarry to extract and process up to 530,000 tonnes of sand per year for up to 10 years;
 - extraction of the resource using an excavator loading into articulated haul trucks;
 - import of up to 6,000 tonnes of VENM/ ENM;
 - onsite processing, dry screening, washing and stockpiling;
 - transport of material offsite via public roads; and
 - progressively rehabilitating the site
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About the exhibition

An exhibition process allows any individual or organisation to have their say about a proposed development.

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (Department) has received a State significant development application for the abovementioned project. The application, Environmental Impact Statement, and accompanying documents are on exhibition from **Wednesday 15 July 2026** until **Wednesday 12 August 2026**. You can view these documents online at planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects.

At the time of publishing this advertisement, the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces has not directed that a public hearing should be held.

Controlled Action under *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act)

Development in NSW can be subject to Commonwealth legislation, depending on the circumstances.

The Commonwealth Minister for the Environment and Water has decided that the proposed development – known as Bobs Farm Sand Quarry (EPBC 2026/10456) for Commonwealth purposes – is a “controlled action” under the EPBC Act.

The EPBC Act Part 3, Division 1 controlled provisions are Sections 18 and 18A (listed threatened species and communities).

The proposed development (EPBC 2026/10456) will be assessed under Part 4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. The assessment will be in accordance with the Bilateral Agreement between NSW and the Commonwealth, made under the EPBC Act. The assessment will be done in the manner specified in Schedule 1 of the Bilateral Agreement. This means the project will be assessed against the requirements of both acts.

The public notice for the project may be found at epbcpbpublicportal.environment.gov.au/all-referrals.

Have your say

To have your say on this project, you must lodge a submission online through the NSW Planning Portal before the close of exhibition.

To do this, search for this project at planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects and click on 'Make a submission'. You will need to log in or create a user account.

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

Resources to help you use the NSW Planning Portal are available at planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/help including a step-by-step [guide](#) on how to make a submission. If you require further assistance making a submission through the portal, please contact Service NSW on 1300 305 695.

If you think you'll need help making a submission using the portal, it's a good idea to contact Service NSW sooner rather than later. Ensure you give yourself plenty of time to make a submission before the project's exhibition end date.

Before making your submission: You should read the Department's:

- disclaimer and declaration at planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/help/disclaimer-and-declaration; and
- privacy statement at planning.nsw.gov.au/privacy.

Your submission will be published on the NSW Planning Portal in accordance with our privacy statement and disclaimer and declaration. You can elect to have your name withheld from the published list of submitters. If you choose this option, do not include personal information in the body of your submission or any attachments as your submission will be published in full.

When making a submission you will be required to include:

- your name and address;
- the name of the project and the application number;
- a statement on whether you 'support' or 'object' to the application or if you are simply providing comment;
- the reasons why you support or object to the application;
- a declaration of any reportable political donations you have made in the last two years (visit planning.nsw.gov.au/assess-and-regulate/development-assessment/planning-approval-pathways/donations-and-gift-disclosure or phone 1300 305 695 to find out more); and
- an acknowledgement that you accept the Department's disclaimer and declaration.

For more information, including the Department's submissions policy, please go to planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/have-your-say.

For more information about the project: Contact (02) 8275 1831

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