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To Whom it may Concern,

I am writing in support of the proposed Bluestone Hardrock Quarry Project (SSD-76210271)

On behalf of Flynn Haulage & Earthmoving Pty Ltd (FHE), I write in support of the proposed development of the Bluestone Hardrock Quarry located at Elderslie.

FHE is a family-owned business that has 21 employees, who all reside in the Newcastle, Lake Macquarie & Hunter Region. We are based in the small regional township of Hinton,

FHE operates a fleet of nine late model Truck & Dog trailers, providing haulage services to locally based developers, as well as national & international development companies.

Our Trucks have been utilised to cart quarry materials to the now complete Hunter Expressway (M15), as well as other current ongoing state significant projects including, but not limited to the M1 to Raymond Terrace Bypass, the Singleton Bypass, the Newcastle inner City Bypass and the Snowy Hydro Hunter Power Project, located at Kurri Kurri.

Furthermore, FHE has carted quarry materials to numerous residential & commercial development projects in all LGA's located in the Newcastle, Hunter & Central Coast regions.

As a company actively engaged in earthmoving, civil construction, infrastructure, and land development projects throughout the region, we understand the critical importance of maintaining a reliable and sustainable supply of construction materials.

Recently the Hunter Region has seen the downsizing in operations at two local quarries, namely the Daracon Quarry, located in Martins Creek & the Woodbury Civil Quarry, located in Black Hill. Both quarries are situated less the 35km 'as the crow flies' from the proposed Elderslie quarry.

The proposed quarry represents an essential piece of infrastructure that will help meet the current and future demand for aggregates, road base materials, and other quarry products required for residential, commercial, industrial, and public infrastructure projects.

Need for the Development

The continued growth of the region has resulted in increasing demand for construction materials. Major infrastructure projects, housing developments, road upgrades, and community facilities all depend on access to high-quality quarry products.

Establishing additional local supply sources will assist in addressing forecast material shortages and reduce reliance on more distant quarries.

The proposed quarry will provide a secure, long-term source of materials that are fundamental to economic development and community growth.

Economic Benefits

Approval of the quarry will generate significant economic benefits, including:

- Creation of direct and indirect employment opportunities during establishment and operational phases.
- Increased business activity for local contractors, suppliers, transport operators, and service providers.
- Support for regional infrastructure and development projects.
- Investment in the local economy through wages, procurement, and ongoing operational expenditure.
- Enhanced competition and supply resilience within the construction materials market.

For companies such as ours, access to competitively priced local quarry products is essential for maintaining project efficiency and controlling construction costs.

Reduced Transport Impacts

Locally sourced materials reduce the distance required to transport aggregates and other quarry products to construction sites. This provides several benefits, including:

- Reduced heavy vehicle travel distances.
- Lower fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.
- Reduced wear and tear on regional road networks.
- Improved supply chain efficiency and reliability.

The availability of materials closer to end users contributes to more sustainable construction practices and delivers economic and environmental advantages.

Environmental Management

We acknowledge that quarry developments must be carefully planned and managed to minimise environmental impacts. Based on the information provided within the development application and supporting technical assessments, the proposed quarry incorporates appropriate measures to address:

- Noise management.
- Dust suppression and air quality protection.
- Surface water and groundwater management.
- Biodiversity and habitat protection.
- Traffic and transport management.
- Progressive rehabilitation of disturbed areas.

Modern quarry operations are subject to stringent environmental controls, monitoring requirements, and regulatory oversight. These measures provide confidence that the quarry can operate responsibly while protecting environmental values.

Modern transport companies, like FHE, are also subject to strong regulatory requirements. We see ourselves as industry leaders in our region & pride ourselves on our compliance with all regulations. We were one of the first transport companies in our region to install GPS tracking software in our trucks, to manage compliance with heavy vehicle speeds limits.

FHE has also installed Electronic Work Diaries (EWD's) for all our truck drivers, EWD's that have been approved by National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) greatly improve compliance with National Heavy Vehicle Fatigue laws over the paper-based work diary books, that are still utilised by many heavy vehicle drivers.

Community Benefits

The quarry will contribute to the delivery of essential infrastructure that benefits the wider community. Roads, schools, hospitals, housing developments, and public facilities all require quarry products during construction and maintenance.

By supporting a stable local supply of materials, the development will help facilitate timely project delivery and reduce overall construction costs for both public and private sector projects.

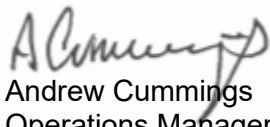
Conclusion

Flynn Haulage & Earthmoving Pty Ltd strongly supports the approval of the proposed Bluestone Hardrock Quarry Development Application.

The proposal will provide an important source of construction materials, support regional economic growth, create employment opportunities, improve supply chain resilience, and contribute to the delivery of essential infrastructure. Subject to compliance with all relevant approval conditions and environmental management requirements, we believe the development represents a positive outcome for the region and should be approved.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this submission. Should you require any further information regarding our support for the proposal, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'A Cummings', is positioned above the printed name.

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