



## **DJB DEVELOPMENTS**

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To Whom It May Concern,

### **RE: SUBMISSION IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED BLUESTONE HARDROCK QUARRY PROJECT (SSD-76210271), ELDERSLIE**

I am writing on behalf of DJB Developments in support of the proposed Bluestone Hardrock Quarry at Elderslie.

DJB Developments holds an approved development consent for a concrete batching plant located approximately eight kilometres from the site of the proposed quarry in Belford. The consent was granted in December 2016 for an output of more than 300 cubic metres of concrete per day, and substantial works have already been undertaken to establish it.

Construction of our approved plant has to date been delayed by the absence of a secure, cost-effective local supply of quarry material. Approval of the Bluestone Hardrock Quarry would remove this constraint and allow us to finally proceed with construction. We are excited by the opportunity this presents to bring an already-approved project to life, creating jobs during both construction and ongoing operation, and enabling the supply of concrete to the region at a more cost-effective rate, helping ease the impact of the ever-increasing cost of living for local families and businesses.

#### **Need for the Development**

Growth requires resources and to support that growth we need resources located close to their end use market to minimise impacts on communities.

A new, well-located quarry such as the proposed Bluestone Hardrock Quarry represents a resource that will not only help to supply the current needs but also the needs into the future as other existing quarries exhaust their reserves.

#### **Economic Benefits**

Approval of the quarry, together with our own plant, will generate meaningful economic benefits for the region, including:

- Direct and indirect employment opportunities during construction and ongoing operation of our plant.
- Increased business activity for local contractors, suppliers, and service providers.



- A more cost-effective, locally supplied source of concrete for residential, commercial and infrastructure projects across the region.
- Investment in the local economy through wages, procurement, and ongoing operational expenditure.
- Greater supply resilience and competition within the regional construction materials market.

### **Reduced Transport Impacts**

With our plant located just eight kilometres from the proposed quarry, sourcing aggregate locally rather than trucking it in from further afield represents a substantial net reduction in transport distances once our plant is operational. This means fewer overall truck movements and kilometres travelled on regional roads, lower fuel consumption and emissions, less wear on the road network, reduced driver fatigue, and an improved quality of life for the families and communities along these transport routes.

### **Confidence in Modern Quarry Management**

We are confident the proposed quarry will be developed and operated using modern technology and contemporary environmental management practices and will be closely monitored by the EPA and other relevant authorities. In our view, the potential for environmental impact from a modern, well-managed operation of this kind is significantly lower than was the case with older-style quarrying operations, giving us confidence that the project can proceed responsibly.

### **Conclusion**

For these reasons, DJB Developments strongly supports the approval of the Bluestone Hardrock Quarry.

Thank you for considering our 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 'D Connolly', is written over a light grey circular background.

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