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Attention: Mr Philip Nevill

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Dear Mr Nevill

**Stockton Sand Quarry (DA 140-6-2005)
Modification 3- Comments from the Environment Protection Authority**

I refer to your email to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) received 25 January 2019 inviting comments in relation to the Stockton Sand Quarry Project modification application. The modification is applied for under DA 140-6-2005 MOD 3 (Modification 3), that relates the expansion of the approved extraction area by approximately 3.2 hectares, located in Coxs Lane at Fullerton Cove in the Port Stephens local government area.

The EPA has reviewed the Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) in relation to the modification application and understands that the modification represents a minor variation to the currently approved project and that no significant increase in environmental impact is anticipated.

If the modification is approved, the following conditions should be included to ensure consistency with similar sand mining operations in the Port Stephens local government area.

Recommended conditions of approval

- the proponent must not extract sand within 0.7 metres of the maximum predicted groundwater level at the premises at any time.
- the proponent must ensure that rehabilitation of final landform levels remain one metre above the maximum predicted groundwater level at the premises.

If you require any further information regarding this matter please contact Genevieve Lorang on (02) 4908 6869.

Yours Sincerely

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