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Mr Swati Sharma – Planning Officer
Department of Planning and Environment
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SYDNEY NSW 2001

Your Ref: DA 267-11-99 Mod 3

Dear Mr Sharma

**Proposed Section 75W Modification Request to an Existing Extractive Industry
Hodgson Quarry Products – Lots 1 and 2 DP 228308 and Lot 2 DP 312327, Roberts
Road, Maroota**

I refer to the proposed Section 75W Modification Request to amend an existing extractive industry operation to extend the length of time of the consent and to increase the depth of extraction. The following comments are provided for your consideration:

1. The proposed modification application has not adequately addressed the relevant statutory considerations as detailed below:
 - SEPP Mining and Extractive Industries (2007);
 - Sydney Regional Environmental Plan No. 9 – Extractive Industry;
 - Sydney Regional Environmental Plan No. 20 – Hawkesbury – Nepean River;
 - The Hills Local Environmental Plan 2012; and
 - Council's Development Control Plan Part B Section 1 – Rural.
2. The proposed modification application has not adequately considered potential for additional impact to adjoining property owners due to the proposed modifications.
3. The proposed modification application has not adequately addressed contingency planning in the event that groundwater is breached during extractive operations.

Should you have any further questions please contact me on 9843 0319 or
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Yours faithfully



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PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE PLANNER