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Resource Assessments
Department of Planning and Environment
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Swati Sharma,

**PACIFIC HIGHWAY (A1): EXHIBITION OF POSSUM BRUSH QUARRY MODIFICATION 4
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT – DA 283/97**

Reference is made to the Department's email dated 19 November 2015 regarding the subject exhibition of the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Possum Brush Quarry Modification 4 which was forwarded to Roads and Maritime Services (Roads and Maritime) for consideration in accordance with the requirements of the *State Environmental Planning Policy – Mining, Petroleum Products and Extractive Industries, 2007*.

Roads and Maritime understands that the modification primarily seeks to continue operations within the quarry for thirty (30) years and increase the average permitted production and transportation of finished quarry product from 200,000 tpa to 370,000 tpa, with a maximum limit of 500,000 tpa. The modification seeks to permit a maximum of 36 heavy vehicle movements (18 in / 18 out) per hour and a maximum of 420 heavy vehicle movements (210 in / 210 out) per day.

Roads and Maritime's primary interest is in the impact of the modification on the safety and efficiency of the Pacific Highway / Possum Brush road intersection.

Roads and Maritime response

Roads and Maritime has reviewed the information provided, including the Traffic Assessment (TA) prepared by R.W.Corkery and Co. dated November 2015. Roads and Maritime has no objections to the modification provided the following matters are included in the Department's project approval:

- A maximum of 420 (210 in / 210 out) heavy vehicle movements shall be permitted on any one weekday of operation of the quarry.

Comment: It is noted that the current approval DA 283/97 MOD 3 does not specify any maximum heavy vehicles movements, hourly or daily, from / to the quarry.

- A maximum of 36 (18 in / 18 out) heavy vehicle movements shall be permitted in any one hour of operation of the quarry.
- The applicant shall liaise with Roads and Maritime to ensure vegetation within the Pacific Highway median is maintained to provide maximum sight distance for vehicles using the Pacific Highway / Possum Brush Road intersection. Prior to any works being undertaken within the Pacific Highway road reserve the applicant will require the approval of Roads and Maritime.
- Appropriate advance warning truck turning signage shall be installed on the northbound and southbound Pacific Highway approaches to the Possum Brush Road intersection, to the satisfaction of Roads and Maritime.
- The driver's Code of Conduct shall be submitted to Roads and Maritime for review and acceptance prior to the commencement of operations under the DA 283/97 MOD 4.

Roads and Maritime acknowledges that the Failford Road / Triton Road Pacific Highway upgrade project will significantly improve the safety of the vehicles accessing the highway from Possum Brush Road. However, at this time there is no confirmed timeframe for the construction of these works and as such the modification must be assessed on the existing intersection conditions.

On the Minister's determination it would be appreciated if a copy of the Project approval is forwarded to Roads and Maritime for our records.

Should you require further information please contact Hunter Land Use on 4924 0688 or by email at development.hunter@rms.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely



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