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Dear Mr Greyling

Re: Dunmore Quarry (Development Consent 470-11-2003) - Modification No.9 - Croome West Extension - Exhibition

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on the above matter. This is a response from the NSW Department of Planning & Environment – Division of Resources & Mining, Geological Survey of New South Wales (GSNSW).

The building and construction industries in NSW require ongoing replacement of supplies as sources are exhausted. The extension of existing quarries subject to environmental assessment helps to ensure a continued supply of material for a range of building and construction uses in NSW. The resource in the subject area represents an important source of hard rock aggregate and other products for the Sydney Metropolitan, Illawarra and Southern Highlands markets.

GSNSW has reviewed the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed modification and notes that the EIS includes an adequate description of the local and regional geological setting however contains no information in relation to the methods used to assess the size and quality of the resource in the western extension area.

GSNSW notes that applications to modify, expand, extend or intensify an existing consent that has already been adequately reported in publicly available documents, may restrict detailed documentation to the additional resources to be extracted, if accompanied by a summary of past resource assessments and past production.

GSNSW considers it is in the best interests of the proponent and the community to fully assess the resource to be extracted and it would be helpful to append or reference such past resource assessments (if they are not deemed commercial-in-confidence) in the EIS.

GSNSW understands that the site has a large high quality resource and extraction has been occurring for about 95 years and as such the proponent would have a detailed knowledge of the resource in the western extension area from the local geology and

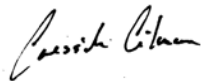
exposures in the current pit. GSNSW therefore has no concerns with the proposed extension and supports maximising resource recovery at the site.

The Division of Resources and Mining collects data on the quantity of construction materials produced annually throughout the State. Forms are sent to all operating quarries at the end of each financial year for this purpose. The statistical data collected is of great value to Government and industry in planning and resource management, particularly as a basis for analysing trends in production and for estimating future demand for particular commodities or in particular regions. Production data may be published in aggregated form, however production data for individual operations is kept strictly confidential.

In order to assist in the collection of construction material production data, the proponent should be required to provide (or continue to provide) annual production data for the site as a condition of any new or amended development consent.

GSNSW notes that the proponent is planning a detailed assessment of potential biodiversity impacts of the proposed development including an appropriate biodiversity offset strategy. GSNSW requests that the proponent give consideration to avoiding potential resource sterilisation in the choice of any biodiversity offset areas.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cressida Gilmore', written in a cursive style.

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