



## NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



NSW Department of Planning and Environment  
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Your reference

Our reference DOC17/98017

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Dear Sir/Madam

### **Submission to the to the Woolgoolga to Ballina Pacific Highway Upgrade Project Modification 4 - Moonimba Quarry Development Application Modification**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposed modification to the Moonimba Quarry consent.

On Mount Moonimba which is located on the subject land, being lot 193 DP 755603 and on the adjoining land of lot 50 DP755609, there is located a number of strategically important Communications Facilities, that cover the local area and a large stretch of the Pacific Highway. These Communication sites are:

- ACMA ID: 202159 - Moonimba Trig off Boggy Creek Road
- ACMA ID: 135328 - Optus Site Woodburn Boggy Creek Road WOODBURN
- ACMA ID: 139958 - 2RBR Broadcast site Boggy Creek Road MOUNT MOONIMBA NSW 247
- ACMA ID: 280226 - Vodafone Site MOUNT MOONIMBA NSW 2471

Some of these facilities from a vital role within the emergency services radio and paging networks for the support the operations of the NSW RFS, SES, NSW Police, Ambulance, Fire & Rescue, National Parks, NSW Telco Authority and Essential Energy. Their operational and effectiveness relies on operating radio and paging networks keep working and access to maintain these radio and paging systems is paramount.

Also operating out of the sites are Telstra, Optus & Vodafone mobile phone networks, as well as a community Radio Station and other commercial operators.

Therefore, the RFS requests that the development consent ensures we have continued unfettered access to the radio sites during the quarrying activities. This could be through the existing or another constructed suitable road. Also an access management plan/protocol needs to be established between the quarry operators and the communication facilities users, so as access can be managed around

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blasting and other quarry site activities that might restrict access for short periods. The RFS have no objection with the quarrying activity, providing access to the communication facilities is maintained.

If you wish to discuss this matter any further, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Bruce Neilson', written in a cursive style.

Bruce Neilson  
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