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## Re: Stockton Quarry - Modification - 3 Stockton Sand Quarry (DA140-6-2005-Mod-3)

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## Dear Anthony

The Worimi Conservation Lands (WCL) Board of Management (the Board) have been notified by NPWS of the Stockton Sand Quarry Modification 3 Project. The Board understand that the DA modification seeks to remove the current 15m buffer adjacent to the WCL and have concerns this proposal will have significant impacts on the natural and cultural values of the park.

In 2015 the statutory Plan of management for the WCL was prepared by the Board and adopted by the Minister for Environment and the Minister for Lands and Water. Section 18.8 of the plan seeks to minimise the impacts of mining and mineral exploration activities on the natural and cultural values through appropriate environmental assessments and all necessary approvals being sought. The plan also highlights the Board's concerns that the effects of these operations on sand movement and erosion is not adequately understood. Therefore these operations on the dune system requires investigation and action required to minimise these impacts.

These concerns predate Boral's current modification application, which the Board expressed in 2017. Although Boral responded to the Board in December 2017 the matter was not resolved.



The Worimi Conservation Lands Board of Management acknowledge the Worimi people, the Traditional Custodians of this land, and pay their respect to Worimi Elders both past and present, and extends that respect to all Australians.

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The Board further express their serious concerns on the future impacts on the natural and cultural values of WCL that will result from the proposal to remove the buffer between the park and Boral's boundary, and strenuously object to the modification.

The Board understands NPWS has prepared a submission and this will provide further detail.

Kind regards

Jamie Tarrant **Chair Worimi Conservation Lands** Board of Management.



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