

SUBMISSION Dunmore Quarry Dunmore Lakes Extraction Project - Modification 2

I support Kiama Council's position to:

1) Advise the Department of Planning of our strong opposition to Modification 2 for the reasons set out in the attached submission, and because:

- The areas proposed in Modification 2 are physically separated from those considered in the original approval and have a far greater likelihood of causing environmental impact.
- Areas 5A and 5B are both located in very close proximity to the Minnamurra River, and unlike the existing extraction areas, has the potential to impact on ecologically important ecosystems such as Coastal Wetlands and Bangalay Sand Forest, in addition to impacts on tourism and the scenic amenity that is of very high value to the Kiama Community.
- Area 5A is located opposite Kiama Municipal Council's Waste and Recycling Depot and sand extraction in that location will potentially impact upon groundwater hydrology, mobilising contaminated groundwater with resultant impacts on the adjacent Minnamurra River. This potential risk has not been sufficiently evaluated.
- The proposal appears to be inconsistent with the Objectives in Part 2 Section 6 of the Coastal Management Act 2016 (and the former SEPP 71) which are as follows:
 - (a) to protect coastal wetlands and littoral rainforests in their natural state, including their biological diversity and ecosystem integrity,*
 - (b) to promote the rehabilitation and restoration of degraded coastal wetlands and littoral rainforests,*
 - (c) to improve the resilience of coastal wetlands and littoral rainforests to the impacts of climate change, including opportunities for migration,*
 - (d) to support the social and cultural values of coastal wetlands and littoral rainforests,*
 - (e) to promote the objectives of State policies and programs for wetlands or littoral rainforest management.*
- The potential impact on Flora and Fauna is likely to be significant and has not been evaluated sufficiently. Area 5B is surrounded on three sides by the Minnamurra River and coastal wetland containing mangrove forests and salt marsh.

- Area 5B is very low-lying and council is concerned that the extraction will impact on natural groundwater and surface water (flood) flows with resultant impacts on the adjoining coastal wetland ecosystems.
- According to the supporting documentation, 56% of Area 5B is made up of Bangalay Sand Forest vegetation that is classified to be in either moderate or good condition and it is proposed to remove completely 4.53 hectares of this ecologically endangered forest.
- Council is concerned about noise and dust pollution to the residents of The Village (part of Minnamurra, off Riverside Drive), located within 500 metres of Area 5A.
- Council is concerned that increased heavy vehicle traffic on Riverside Drive to service area 5A (including proposed backfill at that site) will add a significant traffic risk on the primary northern access road to the suburbs of Minnamurra, Kiama Downs and Gainsborough and has not been adequately addressed.
- Neither council nor the community has been provided access to Area 5B to allow evaluation of the impacts of the proposed Modification.

2) Request the Department of Planning terminate the current assessment process and consider this a new proposal, as Areas 5A and 5B are distant from the current approved extraction areas and will have a range of different impacts.

3) Request the Department of Planning, either as part of this (or any new) proposal, offer a guided site tour in conjunction with the proponents to Kiama and Shellharbour councillors and staff and interested community group representatives

4) Amend the Submission to the NSW Department of Planning and Industry to add the points raised above and include a copy of the council resolution.

5) Forward a copy of this resolution to Shellharbour Council (and councillors) for their information as soon as practicable.