

19 June 2013

Dear Sir or Madam:

**RE: Grant Rd Sand Quarry Extension application (No 08\_0099)**

I, Val Murray, am writing you to express my full support of Grants Rd Sand's Quarry Extension application (NO 08\_0099).

We currently employ a total of 50 staff and are customers of Grants Rd Sand. We purchase various products such as washed sand and road base for the use of civil projects. The extension will ensure an ongoing supply of sand and sandstone products to the Central Coast, Sydney and Newcastle area.

The quarry extension will:

- Guarantee local jobs not only within the quarry but also to subcontractors and continued services associated with the quarry;
- Provide construction material readily available and close to the markets of the Greater Sydney, Central Coast and Newcastle metropolitan areas;
- Ensure competition in the supply of quarried products;
- Secure the supply of much needed construction sand and associated products such as sandstone blocks and logs for the Central Coast, Sydney and Newcastle area;
- Allow an existing quarry with existing infrastructure to continue providing a much needed resource; and
- Enable sandstone blocks to be exported into the world market and earn valuable export dollars.

I urge you to approve the application for Grants Rd Sand to expand their quarry and continue to provide a much-needed resource for construction in the Central Coast, Sydney and Newcastle area. This will also provide economic benefits to diverse other businesses within the local area.

I also declare that I have not made any political donations in the past two years nor am I an associate of the applicant.

Should you wish to discuss matters further, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0417 240 718. Thank you for your attention towards this matter.

Regards,



Val Murray  
Managing Director