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Dear Mr Phillips

Attention: Colin Phillips

Department of Planning Received 2 3 DEC 2011 Scanning Room

RE: Heritage Branch comments on Environmental Assessment on public exhibition for Teralba Quarry Project- 10 0183.

I refer to your letter of the 1 December (received by the Heritage Branch on the 2 December) requesting any comments the Heritage Branch may have on the Environmental Assessment (EA) currently on public exhibition for Teralba Quarry Project- 10\_0183. It is noted that the Applicant has forwarded hard copies of this Environmental Assessment and its associated Appendices to facilitate this review. It is noted that the Heritage Branch has previously provided comments on this project in July 2011.

Accordingly, the Heritage Branch has considered these reports and has the following comments:

- It is noted that the Applicant has amended the EA to take into account previous Heritage Branch comments regarding the need to search the State Heritage Inventory for any heritage in or around the project site. The results of this search have been incorporated in to the EA (Section 5.11.2.3).
- The EA has determined that there are no elements of non-Aboriginal heritage impacted by the proposal.
- Based on the information contained within the EA, the Heritage Branch concurs with this conclusion.
- The Applicant has a number of Draft Statement of Commitments (DSoC) regarding Aboriginal heritage, specifically, Action 13.1 which requires that if unexpected Aboriginal cultural objects are found works will cease and a suitably qualified archaeologist is contacted to attend site and assess the finds.
- The Heritage Branch considers that an additional Statement of Commitment which mirrors Action 13.1 but for non-Aboriginal archaeology should be included as a precautionary measure. This new Statement of Commitment for non-Aboriginal archaeology should also state that if unexpected non-Aboriginal archaeology is

discovered, the Heritage Council of NSW is notified in accordance with Section 146 of the Heritage Act.

Inquiries on this matter may be directed to Katrina Stankowski on 98738569 or via email at Katrina.Stankowski@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

22/12/2011

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