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Dear Mr Watt

**Re: Dolwende Quarry Project (SSD 6519) – Review of Environmental Impact Statement.**

The Heritage Division of the Office of the Environment & Heritage (OEH) as Delegate of the NSW Heritage Council received your letter on the 8 December 2015 referring the Dolwende Quarry Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) (herein referred to as the 'Project') for comment. Attached to your request was:

- 'Dolwende Quarry Project Environmental Impact Statement' prepared by KMH Environmental Pty Ltd dated 3 December 2015 (the Main Report).

It is understood the project involves the establishment of a new sandstone and conglomerate quarry. As delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW the following comments and recommended conditions of approval are provided for your information:

1. The EIS does not include a Historic Heritage assessment as required in the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) prepared for the project on 22 April 2015. The SEARs require the following for historic heritage consideration: *'Heritage – including an assessment of the likely Aboriginal and historic heritage (cultural and archaeological) impacts of the development, having regard to OEH's requirements (see attachment 2)'*.

Attachment 2 includes input from the Heritage Council of NSW that states *'The DGRs should require the development of an appropriate archaeological assessment methodology, including research design, in consultation with the Heritage Council, to guide physical archaeological test excavations and include the results of these excavations.'*

Consequently the Heritage Division advises the Department of Planning and Environment that heritage concerns have not been adequately considered in the preparation of the EIS for this project.

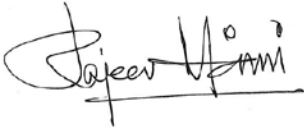
This assessment should be undertaken prior to any project approval in order to appropriately assess the application. The assessment should include the following:

- A detailed Heritage Assessment to address requirements in the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements for the Project. The Assessment must include an assessment of impacts to items of known and potential environmental heritage of State and local significance. This should include conservation areas, natural heritage areas, buildings, works, relics, gardens, landscapes and views. Where impacts to items of state or locally significant heritage are identified within the project area or adjacent to it, the assessment shall:
  - i. Be undertaken by a suitably qualified heritage consultant,

- ii. Include a statement of heritage impact for all heritage items (including significance assessment),
- iii. Outline the proposed mitigation and management measures (including measures to avoid significant impact and an evaluation of the effectiveness of the mitigation measures),
- iv. Consider impacts including, but not limited to, vibration, demolition, archaeological disturbance, altered historical arrangements and access, landscape and vistas, and architectural noise treatment (as relevant), and
- v. Where potential archaeological impacts have been identified develop an appropriate archaeological assessment methodology, including research design, to guide physical archaeological test excavations and include the results of these test excavations. In the event that archaeological excavations are proposed the relevant consultant must meet the NSW Heritage Council's Endorsed Excavation Director criteria.

Should you have any queries, please contact Chris Lewczak, Acting Archaeologist, at the Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage on telephone (02) 9873 8500 or via email to [Chris.Lewczak@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Chris.Lewczak@environment.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rajeev Maini', written over a horizontal line.

**Rajeev Maini**  
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**AS DELEGATE OF THE NSW HERITAGE COUNCIL OF NSW**  
14 January 2016