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Dear Mr Watt

DOLWENDEE QUARRY PROJECT SSD 14_6519

I refer to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) exhibited on the NSW Department of Planning & Environment web site in relation to the Dolwende Quarry Project (the project).

The project is located approximately 6km north west of Denman in the Hunter Valley region of NSW. The project will extract an average of 250 000 tonnes of sandstone and conglomerate material per year over a life of approximately 21 years, totalling approximately 5.3 million tonnes, and will operate during daytime hours only for five and a half days per week.

Hunter New England Population Health has reviewed the EIS report paying particular attention to the management of air quality, noise, water and other issues which may have an impact on public health. The following points are discussed and should be considered in the approval process for this project.

Air Quality

All appropriate mitigation measures to limit offsite air particulate impacts should be fully implemented. Particular attention should be paid to exercising best practice in relation to all blasting activities.

Potable Water

The EIS states that drinking water from an independent water supply (such as the proposed supply from a water tanker) would follow the *NSW Private Water Supply Guidelines (2014)*. The legislative requirements within the *Public Health Act 2010* and the *Public Health Regulation 2012* for private water suppliers to develop and adhere to a quality assurance program are now in force. The quality assurance program for the site should be submitted to this office at the address below prior to commencement of use. Further information and templates can be found at: <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/water/Pages/private-supplies.aspx>.

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If you require any further information please feel free to contact Carolyn Herlihy, Environmental Health Officer on (02) 4924 6477.

Yours sincerely



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