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Director – Resource Assessments Department of Planning & Environment GPO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2001 By email: Thomas.watt@planning.nsw.gov.au

Attention: Mr Thomas Watt, Planning Services

Dear Mr Watt

## RE: Exhibited Environmental Impact Statement – Slys Quarry Expansion Project (SSD 6624), Tullymorgan-Jackybulbin Road, Mororo, Clarence Valley

I refer to your letter received by the Heritage Council of NSW on 20 May 2015 seeking comments on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the above proposal.

The EIS has been reviewed and the following comments are made. The Everick Heritage Consultants P/L Cultural Heritage Due Diligence Assessment 2014 desktop review concluded there are no historic heritage items affected by the proposal, including any items listed on the NSW State Heritage Register or the Clarence Valley Local Environmental Plan 2011.

Everick Heritage Consultants determined that there is an extremely low potential for previouslyunrecorded Aboriginal sites to be uncovered during excavation activities. A subsequent field inspection with a Yaegl Local Aboriginal Land Council representative determined that no indigenous cultural heritage sites or relics were identified in the proposed expansion areas. Furthermore, no areas were identified with potential to contain subsurface deposits of significant Aboriginal heritage and that no further Aboriginal cultural heritage investigation was required.

A number of mitigation measures are recommended in Section 5.7.4 of the EIS regarding 'stop work and notify' provisions and compliance with the Office of Environment and Heritage guideline, *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents* (2010). These mitigation measures should be included as conditions of any approval.

If you have any further enquiries regarding this matter, please contact Stuart Read, Heritage Officer at the Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage on (02) 9873 8554 or via email at stuart.read@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

**Rochelle Johnston** Manager, Conservation Heritage Division Office of Environment and Heritage

## As Delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW

29 June 2015