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Your Reference: DA 283/97 MOD 4
Our Reference (TRIM): OUT15/33144

Dear Ms Sharma

Re: Exhibition of Possum Brush Quarry Mod 4 (DA 283/97 MOD 4)

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on the above matter. This is a response from NSW Department of Industry – Geological Survey of New South Wales (GSNSW).

Specific Issues

The building and construction industries in NSW require ongoing replacement of supplies as sources are exhausted. The expansion of existing quarries, subject to environmental assessment, helps to ensure a continued supply of material for a range of building and construction uses in NSW. The resource in the subject area represents a regionally important source of hard rock aggregate for the Greater Taree area.

GSNSW has no issues to raise with the proposal to modify DA 283/97 to bring the remaining extraction conditions from Stage 1 to Stage 2, and for the ongoing construction and operation of Stage 2 with minor production modifications.

Regarding recommended conditions, DRE collects data on the quantity and value of construction materials produced annually throughout the State. Forms are sent to all operating quarries at the end of each financial year for this purpose. The statistical data thus collected is of great value to Government and industry in planning and resource management, particularly as a basis for analysing trends in production and for estimating future demand for particular commodities or in particular regions. In order to assist in the collection of construction material production data, the proponent should be required to provide annual production data for the subject site to DRE as a condition of any new or amended development consent.

Geoscience Information Services

The GSNSW has a range of online data available on line through the following website address:

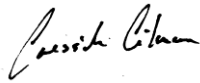
<http://www.resources.nsw.gov.au/geological/online-services>

This site hosts a range of data to enable research into exploration, land use and general geoscience topics. Additionally, the location of exploration and mining titles in NSW may be accessed by the general public using the following online utilities:

1. **MinView** allows on-line interactive display and query of exploration tenement information and geoscience data. It allows spatial selection, display and download of geological coverages, mineral deposits and mine locations, geophysical survey boundaries, drillhole locations, historical and current exploration title boundaries and other spatial datasets of New South Wales. This online service is available at:
<http://www.resources.nsw.gov.au/geological/online-services/minview>
2. **NSW Titles** enables the public to access and view frequently updated titles mapping information across NSW. This online service is available at:
<http://nswtitles.minerals.nsw.gov.au/nswtitles/>

Queries regarding the above information, and future requests for advice in relation to this matter, should be directed to the GSNSW Land Use team at landuse.minerals@industry.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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