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Our reference: DOC15/472798-17
Contact: Steve Lewer, 4927 3158

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Dear Ms Sharma


RE: REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT - POSSUM BRUSH QUARRY MODIFICATION 4

I refer to email letter dated 19 November 2015 requesting comment on the Possum Brush Quarry Modification No. 4 Environmental Assessment (EA) report for a modification under Section 75W of the *Environmental Assessment and Planning Act 1979* to the approved Development Application (DA) 283/97. The Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) understands that the modification proposal involves extending the depth of the extraction activities beyond the Stage 1 limit to the Stage 2 limit and continuing operations within the quarry for an additional 30 years. The EA indicates that all the proposed modification activities will take place within the existing approved quarry boundaries and no additional clearing or disturbance outside this boundary will occur.

OEH has undertaken a review of the EA titled 'Environmental Assessment for the Stage 2 Operations and the Modification of Development Consent DA 283/97 at the Possum Brush Quarry, via Nabiac', prepared for Pacific Blue Metal Pty Ltd by RW Corkery & Co. Pty Limited (dated November 2015). OEH notes that the proposal will not impact on matters of biodiversity, Aboriginal cultural heritage and/or flooding and floodplain management. As such, OEH offers no further comments on this modification proposal.

If you require any further information regarding this matter please contact Steve Lewer, Regional Biodiversity Conservation Officer, on 4927 3158.

Yours sincerely

 30 NOV 2015

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