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Dear Ms Sharma

Re: Coraki Quarry (SSD 7036) – 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 9 November 2015 referring the Coraki Quarry Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) (herein referred to as the 'Project') for comment. Attached to your request was:

- 'Coraki Quarry Environmental Impact Statement' prepared by Groundwork Plus Pty Ltd dated November 2015 (the Main Report).

As delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW the following comments and recommended conditions of approval are provided for your information:

1. The Main Report of 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 May 2015 and revised on 30 July 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'*.

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. However should the Department of Planning & Environment wish to approve this project prior to this report being obtained the following condition of approval should be included any project determination:

- The proponent shall prepare 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 including conservation areas, natural heritage areas, buildings, works, relics, gardens, landscapes and views. Where impact 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.

Yours sincerely



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AS DELEGATE OF THE NSW HERITAGE COUNCIL OF NSW
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