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Dear Ms McNally,

Proposed Eagleton Hard Rock Quarry - SSD 7332

Boral Resources (NSW) Pty Ltd (Boral) own and operate the Seaham Quarry located immediately adjacent (to the north) of the proposed Eagleton Quarry. Boral has been operating in the Hunter region since 1991 with hard rock aggregates supplied to construction markets throughout the Hunter, Central Coast and Sydney regions.

Whilst Boral is supportive of appropriate development occurring within the local government area of Port Stephens, in response to the proposed Eagleton Quarry State Significant Development (SSD 7332) we consider the supporting environmental impact statement (EIS) to be inadequate in addressing the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs). In particular, we have the following significant concerns with the EIS:

- is not consistent throughout (ie project boundary, vegetation clearance, consultation, waste, mitigation measures);
- assessment of impacts for transport, cultural heritage, air quality, noise and blasting, groundwater, surface water, ecology, economics, consultation, rehabilitation and closure have not been undertaken in accordance with the required policies and guidelines and the findings are inaccurate;
- assessment of the cumulative impacts of the proposed quarry operating in combination with Boral's Seaham Quarry in the locality' has not been adequately addressed; and
- management measures for transport, cultural heritage, air quality, noise and blasting, groundwater, surface water, ecology and rehabilitation and closure are inadequate.

Please find enclosed a technical adequacy review of the EIS, prepared by EMM Consulting Pty Ltd, to substantiate our significant concerns.

In the light of EIS assessment deficiencies, incorrect conclusions and inadequate mitigation measures identified, Boral request the evaluation and justification for the proposed development be reviewed and amended (as appropriate) to ensure the conclusion drawn are reflective of potential impacts.

Boral objects to the Department of Planning and Environment approving the proposed Eagleton Quarry SSD in its current form.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 02 9033 5546.

Yours faithfully

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