

NSW Department of Planning and Environment

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Attention: Director, Resource Assessments

Martins Creek Quarry Project SSD 14_6612 - Letter of Support

We write to provide our support to the Martins Creek Quarry Project.

We understand the EIS comprehensively addresses the Secretaries Environmental Assessment Requirements.

The proponent, Daracon, employs over 800 people, and is a significant employer of people from within the Hunter Region.

The importance of the Martins Creek Quarry to the Greater Hunter Region was highlighted following the 2015 Super Storm. Materials from Martins Creek Quarry were used to repair the main northern rail line. Local councils also called upon the Martins Creek Quarry for materials to local roads. Local landholders and dairy farmers accessed product to repair roads enabling their businesses to continue despite the effects of flooding.

Our business supplies Daracon on average 5 trucks per year, with 24-hour back service, repairs and maintenance. Daracon are a key customer of Gilbert and Roach and are a key component of our business. This has a significant economic flow on effect when the cost of the vehicle, operation costs, servicing, repairs and registration.

We support the Martins Creek Quarry Project due to its importance to the Greater Hunter Region.

Yours faithfully



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