

The Secretary

NSW Department of Planning and Environment

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Letter of Support - Martins Creek Quarry Project SSD 6612

The Australian Rail Track Corporation confirms its support for the Martins Creek Quarry Project.

Martins Creek Quarry has been providing quarry product for railway construction, maintenance and repair, infrastructure and road construction in the Hunter Region for approximately 100 years. This has provided employment for many hundreds of people and contributed to the region and state's economic growth.

Martins Creek Quarry has a long history of being a source of rail ballast and road based products for the construction and maintenance of the NSW rail network.

ARTC has been a customer since 2004. The quarry has a direct connection by rail to the quarry site.

Our business is reliant on quality hard rock product meeting specific standards for maintenance and construction. We have found the quality of product from Martins Creek satisfies specifications set for the construction and maintenance of rail.

Daracon operates one of three hard rock quarries within the Hunter Region. Without Martins Creek Quarry operational, this reduces the supply and their market availability of quality hard rock material, with the potential to increase the cost of material, therefore increase the cost of construction. This will have cost implications for the rail industry.

Our business supports the proposal by Daracon.

Yours sincerely,



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