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Martins Creek Quarry Project SSD 14_6612 - Letter of Support

Rosebrook confirms its support for the Martins Creek Quarry Project. We run sand & gravel quarries in the Hunter and have been in operation for 35 years.

The Martins Creek Quarry produces essential aggregates used for railway construction, maintenance and repair, and road construction in the Hunter Region. It has been operating for approximately 100 years providing direct and indirect employment for many hundreds of people while contributing to the region's economic growth.

We all need quarry products. According to the Cement Concrete & Aggregates Australia's website," every Australian requires 7 tonnes of stone, sand & gravel every year to build the roads, houses and other infrastructure they need" www.ccaa.com.au

The recently released Hunter Regional Plan 2036 outlines a growing Hunter Population requiring approximately 70 000 additional houses to the area. With this will come the need for construction materials that the Martins Creek Quarry produces.

Our business also is reliant on quality hard rock from the Martins Creek Quarry. Rosebrook Sand & Gravel has been conducting business with Daracon for over 30 years during which time we have been able to supply our customers with affordable aggregates to be used in the road building and construction industries.

Daracon operates one of three hard rock quarries within the Hunter Region. Without the Martins Creek Quarry operational, supply of quality materials would be reduced with the potential for increased costs for these materials having implications for road building authorities such as the RMS and local councils.

If you have any questions in relation to the importance of Daracon's Martin Creek Quarry and the significance of its materials to our business, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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