

8 November 2016

NSW Department of Planning and Environment  
The Secretary  
GPO Box 39  
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Secretary,

**Letter of Support – Martins Creek Quarry Project SSD 14 6612**

We would like to confirm our support for the Martins Creek Quarry Project and the proposal by Daracon.

Downer Road Services are involved in the road surfacing and road construction business. Downer Road Services division considers Daracon a key construction partner working together in delivering infrastructure services to various government agencies and in the end to various communities.

Downer road surfacing has been conducting business with the Martins Creek Quarry since 1998. In that time we have been sourcing materials for the production of asphalt and sealing stone in order for us to provide our services to our clients both private and government organisations. The type of work ranges from small car parks to road surfacing freeways or airport runways.

Our business is reliant on quality hard rock products which meet specific RMS or Airport standards for construction and asphalt surfacing. We have found the quality of product from Martins Creek, its consistency and its physical characteristics, satisfies in general the specifications set for the construction of these public infrastructure assets.

Daracon operates one of three hard rock quarries within the Hunter Region. Without the Martins Creek Quarry the supply and market availability of quality hard rock material suitable for road surfacing will be restricted.

We also note that the recently released Hunter Regional Plan 2036 clearly outlines a growing Hunter population requiring approximately 70,000 additional dwellings to house the population by 2036. This will drive growing demand for the type of construction materials which Martins Creek Quarry produces.

Yours sincerely,



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