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Martins Creek Quarry Expansion Project (SSD 6612) - Letter of Support

The Australian College of Mining (ACM) confirms its support for the Martins Creek Quarry Project.

Daracon has a proud history of providing training and professional development for its staff and most importantly offers opportunities for trainees to gain knowledge and experience in key professions for the future.

As a registered training organisation, ACM has worked with and assisted Daracon Group to upskill its existing workforce to improve organisational performance, shape leadership ability to a consistent standard, build an engaged and energised team and connect back to making improvements at work. This program has reached across all operations and has provided a more secure, safe, productive and growing workforce. With this growth and skills development, Daracon has been able to promote from within the Company and in turn, offer more employment opportunities to younger people in the communities.

The proposed expansion of Martins Creek Quarry will provide additional employment opportunities, skills development for existing and potential future employees with benefits flowing to their families and communities. The potential effects of the Quarry expansion not proceeding could mean the loss of those potential employment and training opportunities for many young job seekers.

In addition, the NSW State Government has indicated through its various plans (i.e. Hunter Economic & Infrastructure Plan and NSW Long Term Transport Management Plan) that construction of projects such as road upgrades, road interchanges, bridge replacements and rail construction is proposed for the Hunter to supply services to the increased population.

We support the Martins Creek Quarry Project for these reasons.

Yours sincerely, Terry Garrett

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Australian College of Mining