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The Secretary
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Martins Creek Quarry Project SSD 14_6612 - Letter of Support

Coates Hire Operations Pty Limited 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.

We understand the Environmental Impact Statement has addressed issues raised by various government agencies and community.

We are also aware for every \$1.0 million spent in the construction industry the ABS estimates there is an increase in output at approximately 2.866 that equates to approximately \$2.9 million on flow.

These figures are crucial to the Hunter Valley, currently facing a severe decline within the mining industry and having significant job losses as a result.

Our business has been conducting business with Daracon for 33 years. We provide plant and other machinery to Martins Creek quarry.

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 road building authorities such as RMS and local councils.

We also note that the recently released Hunter Regional Plan 2036 clearly outlines a growing Hunter population requiring approximately 70 000 additional houses to house the population by 2036. With this will come the need for construction materials that Martins Creek Quarry produces.

Our business supports the proposal by Daracon.

Yours sincerely,

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