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Martins Creek Quarry Project SSD 14_6612 - Letter of Support

Lincom write to confirm our support for the Martins Creek Quarry Project. We are involved with the construction industry and are aware of the importance ensuring quality materials are available at a competitive price – Martins Creek Quarry has been producing quality hard rock materials and product for 100 years.

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.

The NSW State Government has also signalled through it 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. This will cater for the growing and diversifying economy and well as the construction of 70 00 new homes (Hunter Regional Plan 2036) to cater for the increased population economy.

Martins Creek Quarry is one of very select few quarries producing high quality hard rock products and will be relied upon to provide construction materials that meet State government specifications for the construction of road and rail projects within the Greater Hunter Region.

The Environmental Impact Statement addresses key issues, especially those raised by community.

Yours sincerely,

Albert Toal.

Group General Manager