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Planning Services NSW Department of Planning and Environment GPO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Sir/Madam

## LETTER OF SUPPORT - MARTINS CREEK QUARRY PROJECT SSD 6612

Stevens Group confirms its support for the Martins Creek Quarry Project.

It is well known that Martins Creek Quarry produces some of the highest quality construction materials used in the construction industry that meets NSW State Government specification.

At Stevens Group, our projects are reliant on quality hard rock product meeting specific standards and the high quality material from Martins Creek Quarry has been used in a number of our projects, including: Bunderra Land Boolaroo, The Vintage Pokolbin and Kings Estate Terrigal.

Should the project not be approved it will have the impact of removing one of only three suppliers, lessening competition in the region thus having a potential upward impact on the prices of materials.

The expansion project proposed by Daracon also has the potential to alleviate concerns over the regions ability to meet future construction demands required to meet a growing population in the Hunter Region.

Our business supports the proposal by Daracon as the Quarry plays an important role in servicing the construction industry within the Greater Hunter Valley region.

Yours faithfully

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