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Planning Services  
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**RE: MARTINS CREEK QUARRY DA PROPOSAL**

Our company is a customer of the Martins Creek Quarry at Martins Creek. We employ approximately 240 people on a full-time basis and perform infrastructure construction works in the Newcastle and Central Coast areas to a total value of approximately \$120 million per annum.

The Martins Creek Quarry is an important source of quarry materials for use on many of the projects our company performs each year. The quarry supplies concrete aggregates, drainage aggregates, road pavement gravels and rail ballast to many different specifications for projects in the commercial, residential, industrial, road and rail sectors. In recent years our company has purchased a significant quantity of materials from the Martins Creek Quarry.

While alternative sources of supply of these materials are available, security of supply at an affordable cost is critical to the financial success of all projects. This is particularly important at the present time due to the significant amount of government infrastructure work to be performed over the next 5 years. Our concern is that restriction of supply from the Martins Creek Quarry will result in a significant increase in prices resulting from increased demand on the alternative sources. The potential inability of the alternative sources to satisfy the increased demand will most likely affect our ability to deliver projects within contracted timeframes with the flow-on effect of increasing infrastructure construction costs generally.

We sincerely believe that the ongoing operation of the Martins Creek Quarry is a critical component of the NSW Government's current infrastructure policy and of the ongoing prosperity of the people of NSW. We fully support an expansion of the quarry footprint to ensure a reliable continuation of the quarry's operation well into the future.

Yours faithfully



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