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Martins Creek Quarry Project SSD 14_6612 - Letter of Support

Gemhawk supports the expansion for the Martins Creek Quarry Project.

My company has an office based in the Hunter Valley at Mt Thorley. Gemhawk is one of Australia's leading and most trusted Bulk Earthmoving and Plant Hire companies providing top quality, reliable plant and equipment for the mining, construction and bulk earthmoving industries. We have been involved with Daracon and the Martins Creek Quarry for the past 30 years. Not only would my business be directly affected by restrictions imposed on Martins Creek but also flow on for other local businesses such as;

- West Tankers (Fuel Suppliers)
- Valley Tyres - (Tyres)
- Westrac (Parts etc)

Gemhawk recognises that Martins Creek Quarry has been in operation for close to 100 years and in that time, has provided quarry products for road construction and maintenance, rail construction and maintenance, housing developments, airport runways and has employed hundreds of local employees over its lifetime.

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.

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

Gemhawk fully support this proposal as a local business and the stability it will bring to the area.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Gent

