



NSW Department of Planning and Environment  
GPO Box 39  
Sydney, NSW, 2001

14 November, 2016

Dear Sir / Madam,

### **Letter of Support – Martins Creek Quarry Expansion**

On behalf of Port Waratah Coal Services, I am writing to lodge our support for the proposed Martins Creek Quarry Expansion – Project SSD 14\_6612.

Port Waratah Coal Services is situated in Newcastle, NSW and operates the largest coal export facility in the world through the Port of Newcastle. In maintaining and developing our facility to continue to meet the demand for coal export, we rely on a significant Contractor base to complete our maintenance and development work.

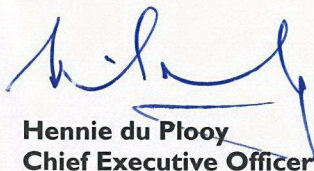
Daracon are one such Contractor who have for many years successfully completed numerous projects for us. Those projects have typically been civil engineering projects which require the building and maintenance of road, rail and water storage infrastructure.

Product required to complete such projects includes quality hard rock material. The Martins Creek quarry has for many years been relied upon to supply such material and Port Waratah supports the continued growth of the quarry as outlined in the Project SSD\_6612.

Daracon is a successful local business established and managed in Newcastle, employing approximately 800 employees. Approval of the Martins Creek Quarry Expansion project will clearly contribute in a positive economic manner through local spending, payroll tax, and support of other Contractors servicing the needs of Daracon's operation.

In summary Port Waratah submits our support for the project due to it's role in the greater Hunter region economy and the continued servicing of Port Waratah's needs in relation to civil engineering works.

Kind Regards

  
**Hennie du Plooy**  
Chief Executive Officer

