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Martins Creek Quarry Project SSD 14_6612 - Letter of Support

Leidan Excavations confirms its support for the Martins Creek Quarry Project.

Martins Creek Quarry has been providing quarry product for railway construction, maintenance and repair, infrastructure and road construction in the Hunter Region for approximately 100 years. This has provided employment for many hundreds of people and contributed to the region and state's economic growth.

Our business is involved in the construction industry.

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

Our business has been conducting business with Daracon for 8 years. In that time we have been sourcing materials for our Earthmoving Business in order for us to provide products for Civil and Infrastructure Projects.

Our business is reliant on quality hard rock product meeting specific standards for construction. We have found the quality of product from Martins Creek satisfies specifications set for the construction of public infrastructure such as rail and road.

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. This will have cost implications for road building authorities such as RMS and local councils.

We also note that the recently released Hunter Regional Plan 2036 clearly outlines a growing Hunter population requiring approximately 70 000 additional houses to house the population by 2036. With this will come the need for construction materials that Martins Creek Quarry produces.

Our business supports the proposal by Daracon.

Yours sincerely

Wes Howlett
Manager

