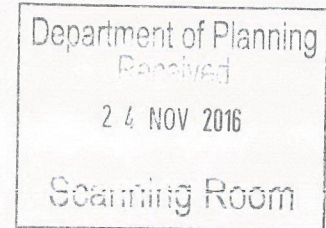




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Dear Sir/Madam,

I support the Martins Creek Quarry Expansion Project (SSD 6612).

I have been employed in this position for over 20 years and the decision surrounding the Martins Creek Quarry will have a significant impact on not just my job, but all of Daracon's 800 employees. It is not only those that work at the Quarry that are likely to be affected by the outcome but all those working in the industry. Martins Creek Quarry is a rare quarry in that it is one of only 3 hard rock quarries in the Hunter Region and this material is required in many of the infrastructure projects that are currently being undertaken as well as many that are currently in the pipeline.

During my time at Daracon I have also witnessed the support Daracon have shown the local community; from schools, community groups, sporting clubs and most notably the support shown to the local community following the floods.

I believe Martins Creek Quarry plays an important role in the local economy but also the larger construction industry in the Hunter Valley and it is for these reasons I support the expansion.

Sincerely,

Ray Sleightholme