

NSW Department of Planning and Environment Coal and Quarries Assessments: Planning Services Attention: Howard Reed GPO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Howard,

## Re: Marulan South Limestone Mine Continued Operations Project, Application No. SSD - 7009 – Exhibition of State Significant Development Application

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Marulan South Limestone Mine Continued Operations Project, located on Marulan South Road in the Goulburn Mulwaree Council Local Government Area. Murrumbidgee Local Health District makes the following submission for your consideration.

Murrumbidgee Local Health District has reviewed the EIS detailing the expansion of the mine void, increased disturbance, new overburden emplacement areas, road realignment, water storage dam and associated works to continue operation of the mine for an additional 30 year appears. It is found that the EIS comprehensively addresses any potential public health issues, particularly in relation to human health, air quality, noise and vibration assessments, and water quality.

The comments provided in this letter are contingent on confirmation by the NSW EPA that the methods employed to assess air quality and noise and vibration impacts are appropriate. If this was found not to be the case, our comments would need to be considered in light of the methodological issues identified by the NSW EPA.

Provided the proposed development complies with the recommendations of the Environmental Impact Statement, including the development of and adherence to comprehensive plans outlining appropriate monitoring, controls and mitigation measures including the Mining Operation Plan (MOP), Water Management Plan (WMP), Trigger Action Response Plan (TARP), Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP), and Construction Environmental Management Plan, this office would raise no objection to the proposed development.

It is noted that a number of permanent facilities exist at the Marulan South Limestone Mine for the use of employees and contractors. Under the provisions of the *Public Health Act 2010*, and *Public Health Regulations 2012*, the provision of water to employees utilising such facilities is considered to be a private water supply. In this regard, it is recommended that the following conditions are applied to any determination of this application:

• The applicant must demonstrate that the drinking water supplied to the site will consistently meet the Australian Drinking Water Guideline requirements; and

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• The applicant must develop and adhere to a Quality Assurance Program, prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Public Health Act 2010*, and the *Public Health Regulations 2012*.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned on 0407 060 237 or email Tabitha.Holliday@health.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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