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Dear Ms Evans

Marulan South Limestone Mine Continued Operations Project SSD-7009

I refer to your email received by Heritage Division on 1 April 2019 referring the above named application for comment. The relevant documents on the Major Projects website have been reviewed.

The application involves extracting and processing up to 4 million tonnes of limestone per year and up to 200,000 tonnes of clay/shale per year for up to 30 years and increasing the existing disturbance area by approximately 256 hectares as well as ancillary matters (not Heritage Council issues).

The project SEARs required an assessment of the likely impact of the project on State or local heritage items. Review of the EIS indicates that there are no listed heritage items within the Project area. Twelve items of local significance were identified within the Project area, all associated with historic mining activity and related to categories or former uses such as industrial, residential and road transport. It would be possible for the Project to avoid five of the items, but seven of them would be removed. It has not been possible to avoid this because of the shape and formation of the limestone resource which is to be quarried.

Mitigation measures would include archival and photographic recording with information to be provided and shared with the local community. It is also proposed to complete archaeological investigations at some key sites and archaeological/topography survey of others. Sites retained would be appropriately demarcated to protect them from inadvertent damage.

These measures are considered adequate to record the identified sites. It is recommended that the DPE consider imposing a condition of approval to require that future archaeological investigations should be undertaken by an appropriately qualified person who meets the Heritage Council Excavation Director Criteria for sites of local significance. Following the archival recording and the archaeological investigations final reports should be lodged with the Heritage Council of NSW.

Thank you for referring this project for comment.

Yours sincerely



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