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Your Reference: SSD 8795  
Our Reference: DOC19/368498

Dear Mr Barnes

**Re: Karuah South Quarry (SSD 8795) – EIS Review**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on the above matter. This is a response from NSW Department of Planning & Environment – Division of Resources & Geoscience, Geological Survey of New South Wales (GSNSW).

The Division has reviewed and assessed the Environmental Impact Statement for the Karuah South Quarry (SSD 8795) in relation to the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for assessment of the hard rock resource. The SEARs required a full description of the development including the resource to be extracted specifying the amount, type and composition.

The EIS has documented the size and quality of the resource and demonstrated that both have been adequately assessed. The methods used to assess the resource and its suitability for the intended applications have been documented and include investigation of the resource characteristics and processing requirements to achieve product specifications. The Division has no resource assessment or sterilisation issues with this proposal.

The Division collects data on the quantity and value of construction materials produced annually throughout the state. Forms are sent to all operating quarries at the end of each financial year for this purpose. The statistical data thus collected is of great value to Government and industry in planning and resource management, particularly as a basis for analysing trends in production and for estimating future demand for particular

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commodities or in particular regions. In order to assist in the collection of construction material production data, the proponent should be required to provide annual production data for the subject site to the Division of Resources & Geoscience as a condition of any new or amended development consent.

Queries regarding the above information should be directed to the Division of Resources & Geoscience Land Use team at [landuse.minerals@industry.nsw.gov.au](mailto:landuse.minerals@industry.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steven Palmer', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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