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Karuah South Quarry Project (SSD No.8795): Adequacy of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Dear Mr Barnes,

I refer to the Department of Planning and Environment – Resources Assessments (DPE – Resources & Assessment) email dated 11 April 2019 inviting the Resources Regulator to provide advice regarding the adequacy of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Karuah South Quarry Project (SSD No.8795).

Compliance Operations within the Resources Regulator has responsibility for providing strategic advice for environmental issues pertaining to the proposed development in so far as they relate to or affect rehabilitation.

Mine Safety Operations within the Resources Regulator is responsible for ensuring mine operators manage the risk to worker health and safety though compliance with the *Work Health and Safety (Mines and Petroleum Sites) Act 2013* and the subordinate mining legislation. In particular the effective management of risk associated with the principal hazards as specified in the *Work Health and Safety (Mines and Petroleum Sites) Regulation 2014*.

Development Details and Assessment

The proposed Karuah South Quarry Project is a hardrock quarry located approximately 4 kilometres from Karuah, NSW. The development application proposes to:

• Extract approximately 11 million tonnes of hard rock at a rate of up to 600,000 tonnes per annum.

Response

The proposed development is not a mining operation and does not involve the extraction of material classified as a mineral under Schedule 1 of the Mining Regulation 2016.

In addition, the land comprising the proposed development is not the subject of a mining lease granted pursuant to the *Mining Act 1992*.

The Resources Regulator has not identified any matter that would require further comment.

For enquiries regarding this matter please contact me on 4063 6444 or minres.environment@planning.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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On behalf of Matthew Newton Director Compliance Operations Resources Regulator NSW Department of Planning and Environment

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