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Ms Karen Jones
Director
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Dear Ms Jones

Hornsby Quarry Road Construction Spoil Management Project (SSI 7066) – Notice of Exhibition.

Thankyou for your letter dated 4 August 2015 inviting comments and advice on recommended conditions of consent should the proposal be approved.

The site is located at the Hornsby Quarry site within the Old Man's Valley, off Quarry Road west of the Hornsby town centre in the Hornsby Local Government Area. The quarry site is comprised of Lots A, B, C, D and E in DP 318676, Lot 1 in DP 114323, Lot 1 in DP 926103, and Lots 1 and 2 in DP 169188.

The proposal involves:

- Emplacement of spoil generated by the NorthConnex project at the Hornsby Quarry for a period of approximately 28 months.
- Associated preparatory works including establishment of site access, stockpile area, conveyor system, noise controls.
- Site clean-up and mobilisation.

The Heritage Division of Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH), on behalf of the Heritage Council of NSW, has reviewed the documentation and would like to provide the following comments. Please note that the following comments are provided in relation to non-Aboriginal heritage only, comments on Aboriginal Heritage are provided by a separate section of OEH.

- The bulk of the works will be confined inside a fenced construction zone to the eastern third of the site and at a distance from most of the identified local and State heritage items in the vicinity. The Impact Assessment identifies that there will be some direct impacts on the 'Diatreme' geological feature, a local heritage item located within the quarry, due to the installation of the conveyor and placement of spoil in the quarry void. This impact is partly mitigated by the recommended archival recording of the extent of the diatreme following initial dewatering of the quarry void. The diatreme will be physically protected from damage by the buffering of fill material deposited against it but will be partially obscured once the deposition level reaches RLL 64. It is anticipated that view lines will be retained to sections of the diatreme at the quarry rim and the spoil placement will ultimately enhance its heritage values through the provision of future safe public access to the quarry site.

- There will be no direct impacts on items of local heritage significance or the 'Old Man's Valley Cemetery /Higgins Family Cemetery' listed on the State Heritage Register (SHR No. 01764). The only indirect temporary impacts relates to the creation of dust by the project and the obstruction of view-lines which may affect both the 'Old Man's Valley Cemetery /Higgins Family Cemetery' and the 'Hornsby Quarry Industrial Machinery and Buildings'. These would be short-term conditions associated with the 28 month duration of the project which ultimately would not alter the heritage value of the items. To address this issue the recommended mitigation measures include for dust management procedures to be developed in consultation with a suitably qualified heritage specialist.
- All the recommended management and mitigation measures as proposed in the Executive Summary of EIS Volume 3: Appendix I Technical Working Paper: Non-Aboriginal Heritage are supported by Heritage Council of NSW.
- The following additional condition is recommended to be adopted as part of the Mitigation and Management Measures if approval is granted:
 - *The Applicant must ensure that if substantial intact archaeological deposits and/or State significant relics are discovered, work must cease in the affected area(s) and the Heritage Council of NSW must be notified. Additional assessment and approval may be required prior to works continuing in the affected area(s) based on the nature of the discovery.*

Should you have any queries, please contact Ronald Brown, Assessment Officer, Heritage Division, Office of Environment & Heritage on (02) 9873 8595 or at ronald.brown@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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