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1.1 BACKGROUND

Boral Resources (NSW) Pty Ltd (Boral) proposes to establish and operate the Peppertree Quarry (formerly known as Marulan South Quarry) at Marulan South.

On 28th of February, 2007, the Minister for Planning approved the Marulan South Quarry Project (06_0074) under Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act* 1979. PA 06_0074 included all quarrying activities and supporting infrastructure, including a rail siding and loading facility, tertiary processing plant and water supply dams.

Boral proposes to modify Project Approval (PA) 06_0074 in the following ways:

- construction of an earthen embankment to support a new rail loop adjacent to the dam wall on Tangarang Creek;
- relocation of the processing and rail-loading system based around the new rail loop;
- a new western overburden emplacement to be located at the site of the former processing plant;
- modification of Condition s 4 and 5 of PA 06_0074 to include an additional receptor at the 'Pace' residence, and minor modification of noise impact criteria based upon realistically achievable targets from the reconfigured detailed design;
- a reduction in the size and capacity of Dam 1 to 112 ML; and
- the reconfiguration of the proposed habitat management area to accommodate the revised dam capacity and the new rail loop.

Environmental Resources Management Australia Pty Ltd (ERM) was engaged by Boral to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) to accompany a Section 75W modification application to be lodged with the Department of Planning (DoP). The EA describes the proposed modifications, examines the statutory context of the proposal, and assesses its potential environmental impacts. For the purposes of this submissions report the EA for the Section 75W is referred to as the EA and the environmental assessment undertaken for the original project application in 2006 is referred to as the Project EA.

Members of the community, interest groups and government authorities have had the opportunity to view the EA and provide comment on the proposed modifications. Submissions were initially received from:

- three government agencies: Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH), Heritage Council of NSW and the Sydney Catchment Authority (SCA).
- Geoff Clark – Talong Community Focus Group and member of the Peppertree Quarry Community Consultative Committee;
- Barry Armitt - local resident indicated an intention to submit a response. No response has been received to date.

A submissions report has been prepared to address the comments raised in these submissions received a submitted to DPI on the 9th August.

Additional submissions have been received following the original issue of the response. Submissions have now been received from the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC), the NSW Office of Water (NOW) and the NSW Government Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services (DTIRIS). These have been incorporated into this submissions response.

1.2 SUMMARY OF SUBMISSIONS

The following table provides a summary of the submissions received up to the 24th August, 2011. A copy of each submission is included as Annex A, with responses to issues raised included in supplementary sections.

Table 1.1 Summary of Submissions

Topic	Issue summary
OEH	
Noise	• Cumulative impact assessment has not been undertaken for the modification • Sleep disturbance assessment has not been undertaken for the assessment • PSNL are current approved noise limits and are not based upon INP processes • Query into the use of modifying factors in the noise modelling
Threatened Species	• EA did not contain a test of significance under Part 5A of the EP&A Act, 1979 • Additional threatened species listed since 2007 and an updated biodiversity assessment should be undertaken for the proposal • Recommendation of a series of mitigation measures to be implemented during the construction and operation of the quarry.
SCA	• Cursory level of detail in regards to potential water quality issues • Requirement to update the Water Management Plan and other supplementary plans

Topic	Issue summary
NSW Heritage Council	• Clarification of the nature of Cultural Heritage at the site
ARTC	• No objection to the proposed modification
NOW	• Proposed modification likely to provide improved environmental outcomes with a more sustainable water use strategy Recommended Conditions of Approval including a range of management plans to guide quarry operations
DTIRIS	• No minerals related issues • Maintenance of a 20 metre riparian buffer
Geoff Clark	• Clarification in regards to the application of meteorological conditions to the noise modelling undertaken in accordance with the NSW Industrial Noise Policy.
Barry Armitt	• No formal submission received to date.

2 OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE – NOISE

2.1 CUMULATIVE IMPACT ASSESSMENT

OEH Comment "it does not appear that a revised cumulative noise impact assessment has been undertaken for the proposed modification of the operations at the Peppertree Quarry."

A cumulative assessment was conducted in Section 10.5.5 of the Project EA (ERM, 2006). This assessment addressed the cumulative effect during the night time period (the most sensitive) of noise from the proposed Peppertree Quarry and the existing Boral Cement limestone mine nearby. This assessment demonstrated that cumulative noise levels would be acceptable.

The cumulative assessment has now been updated to include the proposed modification of the operations at the Peppertree Quarry and based on the measured noise contribution from the Boral Cement plant for the night time period as presented in the EA.

The INP (2000) allows assessment of the potential cumulative noise impacts associated with existing and future developments by defining appropriate noise emission criteria with respect to maintaining the noise amenity at residential receivers and considering applicable consent limits. The cumulative impact of the Project has been assessed in relation to preserving the noise amenity at the nearest residential receivers.

The NSW Industrial Noise Policy (INP) prescribes detailed calculation routines for establishing "project specific" $L_{Aeq,\ 15min}$ intrusive criteria and $L_{Aeq,\ Period}$ amenity criteria at potentially affected receivers for a development (in isolation).

Potential cumulative noise impacts from existing and successive resource developments are embraced by the INP procedures by ensuring that the appropriate noise emission criteria (and approved limits) are established with a view to maintaining acceptable noise *amenity* levels for residences.

The recommended amenity noise level for all receivers, being classified as "rural" as per Table 2.1 of the INP are 50 dB(A) $L_{Aeq,\ Day}$, 45 dB(A) $L_{Aeq,\ Evening}$ and 40 dB(A) $L_{Aeq,\ Night}$.

Table 2.1 Predicted Noise Levels –East and West Overburden Operations

ID	Description	Predicted Noise Level, dB(A) LAeq, 15min							PSNL dB(A) LAeq, Period		
		Calm		Prevailing Conditions							
		Day	Night	Day		Night			Day	Eve	Night
				NE	E	NE	E	Inv			
1	Montgomery	35	< 30	31	31	< 30	< 30	< 30	50	45	40
16	Pace	37	31	40	40	35	35	35	50	45	40
2	Ordasi	37	< 30	40	40	33	34	34	50	45	40
3	Brown	38	32	41	41	35	36	36	50	45	40
4	Armitt	37	30	39	39	34	34	34	50	45	40
5	Cooper	35	< 30	32	38	< 30	32	32	50	45	40
6	Bartolo	< 30	< 30	< 30	31	< 30	< 30	< 30	50	45	40

Predicted intrusive ($L_{Aeq, 15min}$) noise levels from the project are below the respective amenity criteria for all receivers and for all assessment periods. Therefore given that the amenity assessment periods are of a considerably longer time period (11 hours, 4 hours and 9 hours) it is reasonable to expect the amenity noise contribution to be less than the predicted $L_{Aeq, 15min}$ contributed noise level.

For typical noise emissions from this type of quarrying operation, the $L_{Aeq, 15min}$ contributed noise level is usually equal to or 2 to 3 dB higher than the $L_{Aeq, Period}$ contributed noise level. This difference is dependant on the duration of the assessment period and likelihood of noise level variations from the operation over the whole period. For example daytime noise levels from the proposed quarry are likely to fluctuate significantly more than during the night time due to the higher number of mobile noise sources operating in the day.

However, for this assessment, and to present a worst case scenario, it will be assumed that the $L_{Aeq, Period}$ noise level from the proposed quarry will be 1 dB less than the predicted $L_{Aeq, 15min}$ noise level for each period. It is clear to see that the daytime and evening $L_{Aeq, Period}$ noise levels are approaching or greater than 10 dB below the amenity criteria and hence no cumulative addition would occur for these assessment periods.

For the (most sensitive) night time period cumulative noise levels from then proposed modifications to the Peppertree Quarry operations and the existing BC operations would not exceed the amenity criteria for all residential receivers and are presented in *Table 2.2* .

Table 2.2 Predicted Cumulative Night time Noise Levels

ID	Description	Predicted Noise Level, dB(A) LAeq, Period			BC Contribution LAeq, Period (EA 2008) Night	Cumulative LAeq, Period noise level dB(A)	PSNL dB(A) LAeq, Period
		Prevailing Conditions					
		Night					
		NE	E	Inv			
1	Montgomery	< 30	< 30	< 30	< 30	< 33	40
16	Pace	34	34	34	< 30	< 36	40
2	Ordasi	33	33	33	34	37	40
3	Brown	34	35	35	34	38	40
5	Armitt	33	33	33	< 30	< 35	40
6	Cooper	< 30	31	31	< 30	< 34	40
7	Bartolo	< 30	< 30	< 30	< 30	< 33	40

2.2 *SLEEP DISTURBANCE*

OEH Comment "OEH also notes that the noise impact assessment does not contain an assessment of sleep disturbance impacts, with the EA not containing any LA1, 1min noise levels from the proposed modified operations of the Peppertree Quarry. As such, in the absence of this information OEH is not able to make any comments/ recommendations to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DPI) on the suitability and appropriateness of the proposed new noise limits for the Peppertree Quarry."

Sleep Disturbance Criteria

The following extract from the INP Application notes is provided:

Peak noise level events, such as reversing beepers, noise from heavy items being dropped or other high noise level events, have the potential to cause sleep disturbance. The potential for high noise level events at night and effects on sleep should be addressed in noise assessments for both the construction and operational phases of a development. The INP does not specifically address sleep disturbance from high noise level events.

DEC reviewed research on sleep disturbance in the NSW Environmental Criteria for Road Traffic Noise (ECRTN) (EPA, 1999). This review concluded that the range of

results is sufficiently diverse that it was not reasonable to issue new noise criteria for sleep disturbance.

From the research, DEC recognised that current sleep disturbance criterion of an L_{A1}, (1 minute) not exceeding the $L_{A90,15min}$ by more than 15 dB(A) is not ideal. Nevertheless, as there is insufficient evidence to determine what should replace it, DEC will continue to use it as a guide to identify the likelihood of sleep disturbance. This means that where the criterion is met, sleep disturbance is not likely, but where it is not met, a more detailed analysis is required.

Sleep disturbance impact assessment criteria determined based on the INP application notes is determined RBL + 15 dB. Sleep disturbance criteria were also included in the Project Approval Noise Impact Assessment Criteria with a $L_{A1(1\ Minute)}$ criteria included for all receivers and are generally consistent or more conservative than values arsing from the INP application described above. Both criteria have been included for comparison in the sleep disturbance assessment.

Typically, for such an operation, noise events considered in a sleep disturbance assessment would consist of assessing the emission from loading of material into rail wagons, train movements and potentially mobile equipment operations. However, given the mitigation incorporated into the overall plant design such as enclosures and noise barriers for the rail loading and processing areas as well as attenuated mobile equipment, it is reasonable to eliminated most of these as potential noise sources for sleep disturbance events.

Hence the most likely source of noise events likely to cause sleep disturbance would be train related noise from locomotives and wagons. Source terms for the train related noise is shown in *Table 2.3* were used as inputs to the acoustic model for the site and predictions were made at surrounding receptors and are presented in *Table 2.4.*

Table 2.3 Train Sound Power Levels

Description	SWL (max) dB(A), re 10^{-12} Watts[1]
Locomotive - 81 Class	117
Train shunting/bunching	120

Table 2.4 Predicted L_{AMax} Noise Levels Night time Operations

ID	Description	Predicted Noise Level, dB(A) $L_{A1, 1min}$				Approval Noise Limits, dB(A)dB(A) $L_{A1, 1min}$	Sleep disturbance Criterion, dB(A) $L_{A1, 1min}$
		Calm	NE	E	Inv		
1	Montgomery	32	29	29	33	45	45
16	Pace	40	42	42	42	n/a	49
2	Ordasi	36	38	38	38	45	49
3	Brown	41	43	43	43	46	49
4	Armitt	39	41	41	41	46	45
5	Cooper	37	33	39	39	45	45
6	Bartolo	37	< 30	31	31	45	45

Note: Calm is < 0.5 m/s wind speed, all other winds are 3m/s

Predicted $L_{A1, 1min}$ noise levels from the proposed modifications to the Peppertree Quarry operations would not exceed either of the applied sleep disturbance criteria for all residential receivers during the night time period.

2.3 PROJECT SPECIFIED NOISE LIMITS

OEH Comment "OEH also notes that the Project Specified Noise Limits (PSNL) as nominated in Tables 5.10 to 5.12 are the currently approved noise limits for the Peppertree Quarry and are not based on the relative background level (as presented in Table 5.2) plus 5 dB(A) as required by the NSW Industrial Noise Policy (2000)."

The PSNL presented in Table 5.10 to Table 5.12 of the EA are the current project approval (PA06_0074) noise limits. Table 5.2 of the EA presents a comparison of the Rating Background Levels (RBL), calculated as per INP procedures from monitoring conducted at the site for the EA in 2006 and subsequently in 2008.

As noted by the OEH, the current project approval (PA06_0074) noise limits in Table 5.1 of EA are not directly derived from the RBL's measured in the area surrounding the proposed quarry and there is not a clear "INP" relationship between existing background noise levels and the approval noise limits. This is demonstrated by a comparison of the measured RBL's, EA Intrusive Criteria and PA 06_0074 noise limits are presented in Table 5.6 of the EA.

The project approval levels were derived from predicted noise levels and RBLS in the Project EA using INP methodology and determined through negotiation guided by Section 8 of the INP by understanding achievable noise levels from the operation at the time of the Project EA and the INP required PSNL's.

Considering that the original background noise assessment was conducted in 2006 and that additional receptors have also been added as well as the modification to the operations' design, the proposed PSNL's (including Receptor 16) shown in Table 5.6 and Table 5.12 were provided to support the adoption of a new set of noise limits. Results presented in Table 5.13 of the EA present the achievable noise levels in comparison with both the INP derived PSNL, together with the existing noise limits contained in the existing approval for ease of comparison.

It is noted that this proposed set of new noise limits (PSNL) should have included $L_{A1,1min}$ sleep disturbance noise levels. Sleep disturbance noise limits in accordance with INP methodology are presented above in *Table 2.4*.

Therefore, in consideration of (the INP) *Chapter 8 – Negotiation Process*, the proposed modification and subsequent revised noise emissions it is recommended that the noise impact assessment criteria presented in Table 5.13 of the EA with the inclusion of the sleep disturbance noise limits in *Table 2.4* be adopted for the proposed modification to the operations of Peppertree Quarry.

2.4 MODIFYING FACTORS

OEH Comment "Further OEH notes that the noise impact assessment does not detail any relevant modifying factor corrections and whether any are applicable to the proposed modified operations of the Peppertree Quarry."

Section 4 of the INP provides guidance on the use of modifying factors to account for certain characteristics of a noise source. Modifying factors were not applied to the noise impact assessment as the project-specific noise control mitigation measures provided for in the design of the fixed plant and mobile equipment will eliminate such characteristics.

3 OEH - ECOLOGY

3.1 INTRODUCTION

OEH Comment "The EA does not contain a test of significance in accordance with Part 5A of the EP&A Act, 1979. It is important to note that since the original project approval in 2007 additional threatened species and endangered ecological community listings have been made under the Threatened Species Conservation Act, 1995. Given these additional listings, OEH recommends that an updated biodiversity assessment in accordance with Part 5A of the EP&A Act be conducted for the proposed modification.

The assessment approach undertaken for the S75W EA was designed to assess how the proposed project modifications will modify the findings of the original biodiversity studies contained within the Project EA in 2006.

Investigations carried out for the initial Project EA identified the presence of a small area of Box Gum Grassy Woodland at the proposed location of Dam 1, covering approximately 6.3 hectares.

The proposed modification includes a reduction in the size and capacity of Dam No. 1 resulting in a net ecological gain compared to the current Project Approval. The reduction in the capacity of the dam will result in a reduction to the area of disturbance from 2.6 ha in the original proposal to 1.8 ha under the proposed modification.

The bund forming the extension to the western overburden emplacement forms an extension to the previously proposed tertiary processing and rail loading facilities. The bund will be constructed within exotic grassland along the periphery of the existing rail line, and will result in the removal of some scattered trees from an area that marks the transition to Box Gum Grassy woodland located west of the site.

3.2 UPDATED LISTINGS

OEH has commented that additional threatened species and endangered ecological communities have been listed since the original assessments in 2007 and an updated biodiversity assessment is required for the proposed modification. This report provides an update of database searches and assessments of significance, to assess the potential impacts to native flora and fauna, from the proposed 75W modification at the Peppertree Quarry site.

Table 3.1 provides the results of the updated searches undertaken for the proposed modification, and an assessment of the potential occurrence or potential impact to species from the modified proposal.

Table 3.1 Species and communities with potential to occur (EPBC Act) and previously recorded (NSW Wildlife Atlas) within 10 km.

Species/Community Scientific name	Common Name	Status		Type of presence	Preferred habitat	Likelihood of occurrence and impact	Assessment required?
Threatened Ecological Communities		**TSC Act**	**EPBC Act**				
White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived Native Grassland		E	CE	Community likely to occur within area	Can occur as either a woodland or derived grassland. It has a ground layer of native tussock grasses and herbs, and a sparse, scattered shrub layer. White Bob (*Eucalyptus albens*), Yellow Box (*E. melliodora*) or Blakeley's Red Gum (*E. blakelyi*) dominate the ecological community where a tree layer still occurs.	Recorded	Yes
Natural Temperate Grassland of the Southern Tablelands of NSW and the Australian Capital Territory			E	Community may occur within area	Natural temperate grassland is grassy vegetation dominated by moderately tall (25–50 cm) to tall (50–100 cm), dense to open tussock grasses in the genera *Austrodanthonia, Austrostipa*, *Bothriochloa*, *Poa* and *Themeda*. Up to 70% of all plant species may be forbs (i.e. herbaceous, non-grassy/non-grass-like plants). The community may be treeless or contain up to 10% cover of trees, shrubs or sedges. It occurs within the geographical region of the Southern Tablelands of NSW and the ACT at altitudes between 560 metres in central and northern parts of its distribution and 1200 metres in the south, in valleys influenced by cold air drainage and in broad plains (E Species Scientific Subcommittee 2000).	Does not occur and will not be impacted	No

Species/Community Scientific name	Common Name	Status		Type of presence	Preferred habitat	Likelihood of occurrence and impact	Assessment required?
Birds							
Anthochaera phrygia	Regent Honeyeater	CE	E	Species or species habitat may occur within area	Widespread but very sparsely scattered, mostly on the inland slopes of the Great Dividing Range (Higgins et al. 2001). Mostly occur in dry box-ironbark eucalypt woodland and dry sclerophyll forest associations, wherein they prefer the most fertile sites available, e.g. along creek flats, or in broad river valleys and foothills.	Potential occurrence in neighbouring habitats. Limited number of peripheral trees as foraging habitat to be removed as a result of proposed works.	No
Lathamus discolor	Swift Parrot	E	E	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	Found in NSW over winter (May to August) predominantly along the western inland slopes of the Great Dividing Range but are also patchily distributed along the North and South coasts of NSW and around Sydney. Prefer box-ironbark forests (dominated by Grey Box, *Eucalyptus microcarpa*, and Mulga Ironbark, *E. sideroxylon*) and grassy woodlands (dominated by White Box, *E. albens*, Grey Box and Grey Box/Yellow Gum) in NSW. Feeds, preferably in large trees associated with drainage lines on eucalypt nectar, pollen and associated insects (Swift Parrot Recovery Program, DPI, Hobart).	Potential occurrence in neighbouring habitats. No habitat to be removed as a result of proposed works.	No
Rostratula australis	Australian Painted Snipe	E	V	Species or species habitat may occur within area	The species inhabits shallow terrestrial freshwater (occasionally brackish) wetlands, including temporary and permanent lakes, swamps and claypans. They also use inundated or waterlogged grassland or saltmarsh, dams, rice crops, sewage farms and bore drains.	No habitat and no potential impact	No

Species/Community Scientific name	Common Name	Status		Type of presence	Preferred habitat	Likelihood of occurrence and impact	Assessment required?
Fish							
Macquaria australasica	Macquarie Perch		E	Species or species habitat may occur within area	A riverine, schooling species. It prefers deep, rocky holes with considerable cover. Spawning occurs just above riffles (shallow running water). Populations may survive in impoundments if able to access suitable spawning sites.	No habitat and no potential impact	No
Prototroctes maraena	Australian Grayling		V	Species or species habitat may occur within area	Spends only part of its lifecycle in freshwater. On mainland Australia, this species has been recorded from rivers flowing E and S of the main dividing ranges. Grayling migrate between freshwater streams and the ocean. The upstream migration of this species has been effectively terminated in some rivers by dams.	No habitat and no potential impact	No
Frogs							
Heleioporus australiacus	Giant Burrowing Frog		V	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	Preference for sandstone ridgetop habitat associated with small headwater creek lines. Vegetation typically woodland, open woodland and heath.	No habitat and no potential impact	No
Litoria littlejohni	Littlejohn's Tree Frog		V	Species or species habitat may occur within area	Occurs along permanent and semi-permanent rocky streams with thick fringing vegetation associated with eucalypt woodlands and heaths among sandstone crops. Breeding occurs in slow flowing pools that receive extended exposure to sunlight, but will also use temporary isolated pools. Inhabits the tree canopy and the ground, and shelters under rocks on high exposed ridges during summer.	No habitat and no potential impact	No

Species/Community Scientific name	Common Name	Status		Type of presence	Preferred habitat	Likelihood of occurrence and impact	Assessment required?
Mammals							
Chalinolobus dwyeri	Large-eared Pied Bat	V	V	Species or species habitat may occur within area	Roosts in small groups in caves and mines. Most commonly recorded from dry sclerophyll forest and woodlands. Also occur in sub-alpine woodland, the edge of rainforest and wet sclerophyll forest. Insectivorous (Churchill 1998)	No potential habitat to be impacted	No
Dasyurus maculatus maculatus (SE mainland population)	Spotted-tail Quoll		E	Species or species habitat may occur within area	Variety of habitat including sclerophyll forest and woodlands, coastal heathlands and rainforests. Requires intact vegetation through which to forage and suitable den sites (tree hollows and logs).	No potential habitat to be impacted	No
Petrogale penicillata	Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby	E	V	Species or species habitat may occur within area	Steep, rugged, rocky sites, rainforest to sclerophyll forest and open woodland. Vegetation generally consists of low shrubs, figs and grasses.	No potential habitat to be impacted	No
Potorous tridactylus tridactylus (SE mainland)	Long-nosed Potoroo	V	V	Species or species habitat may occur within area	Dense grassland or low thick scrub, its main food source is fungi, it may also take insects, grasses, roots and other types of vegetation to supplement its diet.	No potential habitat to be impacted	No
Pseudomys novaehollandiae	New Holland Mouse		V	Species or species habitat may occur within area	Has a disjunct, fragmented distribution across Tasmania, Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland. Inhabits open heathlands, open woodlands with a heathland understorey, and vegetated sand dunes.	No potential habitat to be impacted	No

Species/Community Scientific name	Common Name	Status		Type of presence	Preferred habitat	Likelihood of occurrence and impact	Assessment required?
Pteropus poliocephalus	Grey-headed Flying-fox	V	V	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area	Subtropical and temperate rainforests, tall sclerophyll and woodlands, heaths and swamps. Forages on the nectar and pollen of native trees, in particular Eucalyptus, Melaleuca and Banksia and fruits of rainforest trees and vines (Menkhorst and Knight 2001).	Limited number of potential forage trees to be removed but species not expected to be impacted by these works given the extensive habitat in surrounding areas.	No
Plants							
Caladenia tessellata	Thick-lipped Spider-orchid	E	V	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	Terrestrial orchid found in sheltered moist places in forests and scrubs especially in stony laterites on coastal tops. It is often seen after fire. Occurring in Sydney, southern coast and ranges and Victoria. within the Southern Tablelands the species occurs in the Dry Sclerophyll Forest- Inland Scribbly Gum - Brittle Gum low woodland of the eastern tablelands and in Red Stringybark - Brittle Gum - Inland Scribbly Gum dry open forest on skeletal hills of the tablelands	No suitable habitat and no potential habitat to be impacted	No
Corunastylis plumosum	Plumed Midge-orchid	CE	E	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	This species grows in heathland, dry sclerophyll forest, and in moss gardens over sandstone sheets. It can also grow on roadside verges (Bishop 1996; Jones in Harden 1993).	No potential habitat to be impacted	
Haloragis exalata subsp. *exalata*	Wingless Raspwort	V	V	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	Occurs in four widely scattered localities in eastern NSW. It is disjunctly distributed in the central coast, south coast and north-western slopes botanical subdivisions of NSW. Appears to require protected and shaded damp situations in riparian habitats. Flowering specimens in NSW are recorded from November to January.	No potential habitat to be impacted	No

Species/Community Scientific name	Common Name	Status		Type of presence	Preferred habitat	Likelihood of occurrence and impact	Assessment required?
Kunzea cambagei		V	V	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	Restricted to damp, sandy soils in wet heath or mallee open scrub at higher altitudes on sandstone outcrops or Silurian Group sediments. (Maiden and E. Betche, 2000)	Not recorded and no potential for impact	No
Leucochrysum albicans var. *tricolor*	Hoary Sunray		E	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area		Not recorded and no potential for impact	No
Pomaderris cotoneaster	Cotoneaster Pomaderris	E	E	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	Recorded in a range of habitats in predominantly forested country. The habitats include forest with deep, friable soil, amongst rock beside a creek, on rocky forested slopes and in steep gullies between sandstone cliffs (DEC 2005).	No potential habitat to be impacted	No
Thelymitra sp. Kangaloon (D.L.Jones 18108)	Kangaloon Sun-orchid		CE	Species or species habitat may occur within area	The Kangaloon Sun-orchid is endemic to the Central Coast/Tablelands of NSW, in the Fitzroy Falls/Robertson/Kangaloon area. The species grows in seasonally swampy sedgeland on grey silty clay loam at 600–700 m above sea level (Jeanes unpubl.; TSSC 2008afg).	No habitat and no potential impact	No
Thesium australe	Austral Toadflax	V	V	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	An erect perennial herb to 40 cm high. The flowers are solitary and green-yellow. The species flowers in spring-Summer and grows in grassland or woodland, often in damp sites. It is widespread but rare.	Not recorded and no potential for impact	No

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Reptiles							
Delma impar	Striped Legless Lizard	V	V	Species or species habitat may occur within area	The Striped Legless Lizard was formerly distributed throughout temperate lowland grasslands in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT), the south-western slopes and southern tablelands of New South Wales (NSW), central and southern Victoria, and the south-eastern corner of South Australia (SA) (Cogger et al. 1993). It appears that while D. impar are restricted to grasslands and may occur in woodland, they are not restricted to native or primary grassland.	No habitat and no potential impact	No
Hoplocephalus bungaroides	Broad-headed Snake	E	V	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	Woodland, open woodland/ heath communities on Sandstone within the Sydney Basin. They utilise rock crevices and exfoliating sheet of weathered sandstone in the cooler months and tree hollows in the warmer months (NPWS *Threatened Species Information 2005*)	No habitat and no potential impact	No
M Marine Birds							
Apus pacificus	Fork-tailed Swift		M	Species or species habitat may occur within area	Never settle voluntarily on the ground, spending most of their lives in the air, living on the insects they catch in their beaks.	Potential fly over but no potential for impact	No

Species/Community Scientific name	Common Name	Status		Type of presence	Preferred habitat	Likelihood of occurrence and impact	Assessment required?
Ardea modesta	Eastern Great Egret		M	Species or species habitat may occur within area	Occupies a wide range of wetland habitats. These include swamps and marshes; margins of rivers and lakes; damp or flooded grasslands, pastures or agricultural lands; reservoirs; sewage treatment ponds; drainage channels; salt pans and salt lakes; salt marshes; estuarine mudflats, tidal streams; mangrove swamps; coastal lagoons; and offshore reefs. The species usually frequents shallow waters.	No habitat and no potential impact	No
Ardea ibis	Cattle Egret		M	Species or species habitat may occur within area	Occurs in tropical and temperate grasslands, wooded lands and terrestrial wetlands. It has occasionally been seen in arid and semi-arid regions however this is extremely rare. High numbers have been observed in moist, low-lying poorly drained pastures with an abundance of high grass; it avoids low grass pastures.	No habitat and no potential impact	No
M Terrestrial Species							
Haliaeetus leucogaster	White-bellied Sea-Eagle		M	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area	Usually seen perched high in a tree, or soaring over waterways and adjacent land. Common in coastal and near coastal areas of Australia (AusMus 2005).	No habitat and no potential impact	No

Species/Community Scientific name	Common Name	Status		Type of presence	Preferred habitat	Likelihood of occurrence and impact	Assessment required?
Hirundapus caudacutus	White-throated Needletail		M	Species or species habitat may occur within area	The species is almost exclusively aerial, from heights of less than 1 m up to more than 1000 m above the ground. Occur over most types of habitat, they are probably recorded most often above wooded areas, including open forest and rainforest.	Potential fly over but no potential for impact	No
Merops ornatus	Rainbow Bee-eater		M	Species or species habitat may occur within area	The species occurs mainly in open forests and woodlands, shrublands, and in various cleared or semi-cleared habitats, including farmland and areas of human habitation. It usually occurs in open, cleared or lightly-timbered areas that are often, but not always, located in close proximity to permanent water.	Limited number of potential forage trees to be removed but species not expected to be impacted by these works given the extensive habitat in surrounding areas.	No
Monarcha melanopsis	Black-faced Monarch		M	Breeding may occur within area	The species is found in rainforests, eucalypt woodlands, coastal scrub and damp gullies. It may be found in more open woodland when migrating.	Limited number of potential forage trees to be removed but species not expected to be impacted by these works given the extensive habitat in surrounding areas.	No
Myiagra cyanoleuca	Satin Flycatcher		M	Breeding likely to occur within area	The species is found in tall forests, preferring wetter habitats such as heavily forested gullies, but not rainforests.	No potential habitat to be impacted	No
Rhipidura rufifrons	Rufous Fantail		M	Breeding may occur within area	The species is found in rainforest, dense wet forests, swamp woodlands and mangroves, preferring deep shade, and is often seen close to the ground. During migration, it may be found in more open habitats or urban areas.	No potential habitat to be impacted	No

Species/Community Scientific name	Common Name	Status		Type of presence	Preferred habitat	Likelihood of occurrence and impact	Assessment required?
M Wetland Species							
Ardea modesta	Eastern Great Egret		M	Species or species habitat may occur within area	Occupies a wide range of wetland habitats. These include swamps and marshes; margins of rivers and lakes; damp or flooded grasslands, pastures or agricultural lands; reservoirs; sewage treatment ponds; drainage channels; salt pans and salt lakes; salt marshes; estuarine mudflats, tidal streams; mangrove swamps; coastal lagoons; and offshore reefs.	As above	No
Ardea ibis	Cattle Egret		M	Species or species habitat may occur within area	Occurs in tropical and temperate grasslands, wooded lands and terrestrial wetlands. It has occasionally been seen in arid and semi-arid regions however this is extremely rare. High numbers have been observed in moist, low-lying poorly drained pastures with an abundance of high grass; it avoids low grass pastures.	No potential for impact	No

Species/Community Scientific name	Common Name	Status		Type of presence	Preferred habitat	Likelihood of occurrence and impact	Assessment required?
Gallinago hardwickii	Latham's Snipe		M	Species or species habitat may occur within area	In Australia, Latham's Snipe occurs in permanent and ephemeral wetlands up to 2000 m above sea-level (Chapman 1969; Naarding 1981). They usually inhabit open, freshwater wetlands with low, dense vegetation.	No habitat and no potential impact	No
Rostratula australis	Australian Painted Snipe	E	V & M	Species or species habitat may occur within area	The species inhabits shallow terrestrial freshwater (occasionally brackish) wetlands, including temporary and permanent lakes, swamps and claypans. They also use inundated or waterlogged grassland or saltmarsh, dams, rice crops, sewage farms and bore drains.	No habitat and no potential impact	No
NSW Wildlife Atlas							
FLORA							
Rulingia prostrata	Dwarf Kerrawang	E	E	Recorded within 10km	The Dwarf Kerrawang is endemic to south-eastern Australia, where it is widely but patchily distributed between Rosedale (central Gippsland, Vic.) to Newcastle (central coast NSW) (Harden 1990; Walsh & Entwisle 1999). The species occurs in the South East Coastal Plain (Vic), Sydney Basin and South Eastern Highlands (NSW) IBRA Bioregions (DEH 2000).	Not recorded and no potential for impact	No

Species/Community Scientific name	Common Name	Status		Type of presence	Preferred habitat	Likelihood of occurrence and impact	Assessment required?
Grevillea molyneuxii	Wingello Grevillea	V	E	Recorded within 10km	*Grevillea molyneuxii* occurs in association with flat sandstone rock platforms at the base of moderate to steep slopes, in skeletal sandy soil over sandstone pavement. The species is found in shrubby dry sclerophyll communities in seasonally moist, very open to somewhat closed heath and shrubland, bordered by *Eucalyptus stricta* and *Allocasuarina paludosa* woodland.	Not recorded and no potential for impact	No
Solanum celatum		E		Recorded within 10km	Found in an area bounded by Wollongong and Nowra on the NSW coast and inland to the Bungonia Nature Reserve. It occurs in rainforest clearings or in wet sclerophyll forest with Eucalyptus.	Recorded in other areas of the site but not recorded within impact area.	No
Eucalyptus macarthurii	Camden Woollybutt	V		Recorded within 10km	Occurs on grassy woodland on relatively fertile soils on broad cold flats.	Not recorded and no potential for impact	No
Pimelea axiflora subsp. *pubescens*	Bungonia Rice-flower	E		Recorded within 10km	Occurs on limestone cliff edges and outcrops	Not recorded and no potential for impact	No
Pomaderris cotoneaster	Cotoneaster Pomaderris	E	E	Recorded within 10km	See above	Not recorded and no potential for impact	No
FAUNA							
Miniopterus schreibersii oceanensis	Eastern Bentwing-bat	V		Recorded within 10km	Caves are the primary roosting habitat, but also use derelict mines, storm-water tunnels, buildings and other man-made structures. Populations disperse within about 300 km range of maternity caves (DEC 2005).	Potential foraging habitat in fly over areas but no roosting or breeding habitat	No
Anthochaera phrygia	Regent Honeyeater	CE	E	Recorded within 10km	See above	See above	No

Species/Community Scientific name	Common Name	Status		Type of presence	Preferred habitat	Likelihood of occurrence and impact	Assessment required?
Botaurus poiciloptilus	Australasian Bittern	E	E	Recorded within 10km	Favours permanent freshwater wetlands with tall, dense vegetation, particularly bullrushes (Typha spp.) and spikerushes (Eleoacharis spp.). Hides during the day amongst dense reeds or rushes and feed mainly at night on frogs, fish, yabbies, spiders, insects and snails. Feeding platforms may be constructed over deeper water from reeds trampled by the bird; platforms are often littered with prey remains. Breeding occurs in summer from October to January; nests are built in secluded places in densely-vegetated wetlands on a platform of reeds; there are usually six olive-brown eggs to a clutch.	No potential habitat to be impacted	No
Phascolarctos cinereus	Koala	V		Recorded within 10km	Eucalypt forest and woodland. In NSW preferred food species include Forest Red Gum, Grey Gum, Monkey Gum and Ribbon Gum.	No feed trees to be impacted and no signs of koalas on site.	No
Pyrrholaemus saggitatus	Speckled Warbler	V		Recorded within 10km	The Speckled Warbler lives in a wide range of *Eucalyptus* dominated communities that have a grassy understorey, often on rocky ridges or in gullies. Typical habitat would include scattered native tussock grasses, a sparse shrub layer, some eucalypt regrowth and an open canopy.	Habitat in nearby Box Gum Woodlands, finding foraging habitat to be removed and low potential to be impacted	No
Stagonopleura guttata	Diamond Firetail	V		Recorded within 10km	Eucalypt woodlands, forests and mallee, trees and bushes for breeding, grassy understorey for foraging.	Some potential foraging habitat to be removed but very low potential for impact	No
Melithreptus gularis gularis	Black-chinned Honeyeater (eastern subspecies)	V		Recorded within 10km	Box–Ironbark, River Red Gum woodlands and drier coastal woodlands; trees for nesting and eucalypts for foraging.	Unlikely to occur and low potential for impact	No

Species/Community Scientific name	Common Name	Status		Type of presence	Preferred habitat	Likelihood of occurrence and impact	Assessment required?
Petroica boodang	Scarlet Robin	V		Recorded within 10km	The Scarlet Robin lives in dry eucalypt forests and woodlands. The understorey is usually open and grassy with few scattered shrubs. This species lives in both mature and regrowth vegetation. It occasionally occurs in mallee or wet forest communities, or in wetlands and tea-tree swamps.	Some potential foraging habitat to be removed but very low potential for impact	No
Melanodryas cucullata	Hooded Robin	V		Recorded within 10km	Wide range of Eucalypt woodlands, *Acacia* shrublands and open forests. Favours open areas adjoining large woodland blocks.	Some potential foraging habitat to be removed but very low potential for impact	No
Mormopterus norfolkensis	Eastern Freetail-bat	V		Recorded within 10km	Found along the east coast from south Queensland to southern NSW. Occur in dry sclerophyll forest and woodland east of the Great Dividing Range and Roost mainly in tree hollows but will also roost under bark or in man-made structures (DEC 2005).	No potential roost areas identified	No
Daphoenositta chrysoptera	Varied Sittella	V		Recorded within 10km	The Varied Sittella is sedentary and inhabits most of mainland Australia except the treeless deserts and open grasslands, with a nearly continuous distribution in NSW from the coast to the far west (Higgins and Peter 2002; Barrett *et al*. 2003). It inhabits eucalypt forests and woodlands, especially rough-barked species and mature smooth-barked gums with dead branches, mallee and *Acacia* woodland.	Some potential foraging habitat to be removed but very low potential for impact	No
Petaurus norfolcensis	Squirrel Glider	V		Recorded within 10km	Woodlands and forest with abundant tree hollows for breeding; a mix of eucalypts, acacias and banksias that provide nectar, pollen, flowers, acacia gum, and insects (particularly caterpillars) for foraging.	No hollows to be removed, small number of potential foraging trees but given that trees are fringing very low potential impacts.	No

Species/Community Scientific name	Common Name	Status		Type of presence	Preferred habitat	Likelihood of occurrence and impact	Assessment required?
Falsistrellus tasmaniensis	Eastern False Pipistrelle	V		Recorded within 10km	Prefers moist habitats, with trees taller than 20 m. Generally roosts in eucalypt hollows, but has also been found under loose bark on trees or in buildings. Hunts beetles, moths, weevils and other flying insects above or just below the tree canopy. Hibernates in winter. Females are pregnant in late spring to early summer.	No potential for impact	No
Hieraaetus morphnoides	Little Eagle	V		Recorded within 10km	The Little Eagle occupies habitats rich in prey within open eucalypt forest, woodland or open woodland. Sheoak or acacia woodlands and riparian woodlands of interior NSW are also used (Marchant and Higgins 1993; Aumann 2001a). For nest sites it requires a tall living tree within a remnant patch, where pairs build a large stick nest in winter and lay in early spring. Young fledge in early summer.	No nests recorded and very low potential for impact	No
Callocephalon fimbriatum	Gang-gang Cockatoo	V		Recorded within 10km	Found in the cooler and wetter forests and woodlands of Australia, particularly alpine bushland. Ranges throughout south-eastern Australia and Tasmania. Nest in young, solid trees, the females using their strong bills/beaks to excavate nesting cavities.	Small number of potential foraging trees to be removed. No hollows identified.	No
Petroica phoenicea	Flame Robin	V		Recorded within 10km	The Flame Robin is found in south-eastern Australia (Queensland border to Tasmania, western Victoria and south-east South Australia). In NSW it breeds in upland moist eucalypt forests and woodlands, often on ridges and slopes, in areas of open understorey. It migrates in winter to more open lowland habitats such as grassland with scattered trees and open woodland on the inland slopes and plains (Higgins and Peter 2002).	Some potential foraging habitat to be removed but very low potential for impact	No

Species/Community Scientific name	Common Name	Status	Type of presence	Preferred habitat	Likelihood of occurrence and impact	Assessment required?
Glossopsitta pusilla	Little Lorikeet	V	Recorded within 10km	The distribution of the Little Lorikeet extends from just north of Cairns, around the east coast of Australia, to Adelaide. In New South Wales Little Lorikeets are distributed in forests and woodlands from the coast to the western slopes of the Great Dividing Range, extending westwards to the vicinity of Albury, Parkes, Dubbo and Narrabri (Barrett *et al*. 2003).	Some potential foraging habitat to be removed but very low potential for impact	No

1. CE = Critically Endangered, E= Endangered, V = Vulnerable, M = Migratory

Box Gum Grassy Woodland is listed as an endangered ecological community under the NSW TSC Act and as a critically endangered ecological community under the Commonwealth EPBC Act.

The proposed modification includes a reduction in the size and capacity of Dam No. 1 resulting in a net ecological gain compared to the current Project Approval. The reduction in the capacity of the dam will result in a reduction to the area of disturbance from 2.6 ha in the original proposal to 1.8 ha under the proposed modification.

The bund forming the extension to the western overburden emplacement (refer Figure 7.1 of EA) will impact on a small area of scattered trees that occur on the northern extremity of a larger area of Box Gum Grassy Woodland. This area was identified as a transition to the Box Gum Grassy Woodland community, however the ground cover is primarily composed of exotic grasses and pasture species. The bund will be designed to be restricted to areas dominated by exotic grasses and will not impact upon the adjacent areas of woodland. No other species were considered to have the potential to be impacted by the works, given the small area of scattered trees to be removed (see *Table 3.1*).

Offsets for the loss of 2.6 ha of woodland have been previously negotiated and approved through the implementation of a Habitat Management Area (HMA) around the periphery of the dam. The proposed HMA has been retained as part of the proposed modification despite the reduction in impact on the woodland by 30%. Rehabilitation of bunds with Box Gum Grassy Woodland species will further improve the condition of the area, as it is currently heavily infested with exotic weed species and pasture species.

Measures to mitigate potential impacts as part of the proposal include:

- rehabilitation of the bunds and emplacement areas with native Box Gum Grassy Woodland species;
- rehabilitation within three months of completion of the bund;
- protection of the Box Gum Grassy Woodland by installation of secure fencing prior to construction of the bund;
- assessment of trees to be removed to ensure no birds or small arboreal mammals will be impacted(pre-clearing survey and if hollows recorded then an animal handler will be on site while trees are removed);
- removal of trees in accordance with the previous recommendations (ERM EA 2006); and
- ongoing management of rehabilitation to ensure no weeds of significance enter the Box Gum Grassy Woodland.

(a) in the case of a threatened species, whether the action proposed is likely to have an adverse effect on the life cycle of the species such that a viable local population of the species is likely to be placed at risk of extinction:

Not applicable to an EEC.

(b) in the case of an endangered population, whether the action proposed is likely to have an adverse effect on the life cycle of the species that constitutes the endangered population such that a viable local population of the species is likely to be placed at risk of extinction:

Not applicable to an EEC.

(c) in the case of an endangered ecological community or critically endangered ecological community, whether the action proposed:

(i) is likely to have an adverse effect on the extent of the ecological community such that its local occurrence is likely to be placed at risk of extinction, or

(ii) is likely to substantially and adversely modify the composition of the ecological community such that its local occurrence is likely to be placed at risk of extinction.

The proposal will result in the removal of less than 0.2 ha of transitional exotic grassland/Box Gum Grassy Woodland. This area consists of a small number of scattered trees with exotic ground cover. Moving south from this area, the Box Gum Grassy Woodland understorey gradually improves and becomes dominated by native ground covers and grasses. The Box Gum Grassy Woodland to be impacted is less than 0.003% that is known to occur in the region (estimates of community remaining in the South East NSW region from the Commonwealth listing Advice (Threatened Species Scientific Committee 2006)).

The 75W modification will remove a large area of exotic grasses and pasture species, and rehabilitate bunds with Box Gum Grassy Woodland species. The Box Gum Grassy Woodland to the south will also be fenced to ensure no intrusion from personnel or machinery. Therefore, there will be no modification of the composition of the community from weeds or other indirect impacts.

Due to the small amount of transitional Box Gum Grassy Woodland to be impacted, the reduction in disturbance at the dam site, implementation of the HMA and rehabilitation of bunds to achieve a "net gain", the proposed modification is unlikely to result in the community being placed at risk of extinction.

(d) in relation to the habitat of a threatened species, population or ecological community:

(i) the extent to which habitat is likely to be removed or modified as a result of the action proposed, and

(ii) whether an area of habitat is likely to become fragmented or isolated from other areas of habitat as a result of the proposed action, and

(iii) the importance of the habitat to be removed, modified, fragmented or isolated to the long-term survival of the species, population or ecological community in the locality

As mentioned above, the proposal will result in the removal of approximately 0.2 ha of Box Gum Grassy Woodland. The Box Gum Grassy Woodland at the site is in a transitional area and consists of scattered Stringybarks over an exotic ground cover. This transitional area is weed infested and the loss of this habitat is not significant to the community or to native fauna or flora species that could occur within the area.

Extensive areas of Box Gum Grassy Woodland to the west of the modification site will remain intact and is in good condition and an additional 0.8 ha will be retained as part of the proposal as a result of the reduction in dam capacity. Therefore, the removal of 0.2 ha of this fringing area will not affect connectivity and will not isolate or fragment any areas of community or habitat for native species.

Given the degraded nature of the area to be impacted, the habitat is of very low importance to the community and to native fauna and flora of the local area.

(e) whether the action proposed is likely to have an adverse effect on critical habitat (either directly or indirectly)

No critical habitat for this EEC has currently been identified by the Chief Executive of the Office of Environment and Heritage.

(f) whether the action proposed is consistent with the objectives or actions of a recovery plan or threat abatement plan

There are currently no recovery plans or threat abatement plans for this EEC.

The main threat to this community is clearing, weed invasion and overgrazing (Department of Environment and Heritage (DEH) 2006). One of the actions to recover the community includes protecting habitat by minimising further clearing of the community.

The 75 W modification will remove exotic ground cover ands a small number of scattered trees, whilst maintaining the HMA and rehabilitating with Box Gum Grassy Woodland species. Therefore, the proposal is consistent with the recovery of the community, and will result in a net gain in community over time.

(g) whether the action proposed constitutes or is part of a key threatening process or is likely to result in the operation of, or increase the impact of, a key threatening process

Native vegetation removal is listed as a key threatening process under Schedule 3 of the TSC Act. The proposal will result in the removal of approximately 0.2 ha of Box Gum Grassy Woodland as scattered trees. Therefore the proposal could be of a class of activity that is recognised as a key threatening process.

Conclusion: The 75W modification will result in a net gain in community over time, whilst removing some scattered trees and a large area of exotic grassland. Therefore the proposed works will not significantly impact on the community within the local area or within the greater region.

SCA Comment: The information on water quality impacts contained in the modification EA report is generally cursory in nature. This is a similar approach to the original proposal EA, with an implied expectation that further detail would be provided in the Water Management Plan after approval …The SCA considers that the proposal has the potential to achieve a neutral effect on water quality providing the water management plan is updated.

The assessment approach undertaken for the S75W EA was designed to assess how the proposed project modifications will modify the findings of the original water management assessment contained within the Project EA in 2006. Overall the proposed modifications will be of benefit to the protection of water resources and the level of assessment presented is considered adequate to highlight the potential impacts associated with the proposal.

The proposed modification will result in a reduction in dam capacity from 245 ML to 112 ML as a result of a 43% reduction in anticipated water demand during quarry operations. The reduction in dam capacity and site water usage will result in improvements to catchment yields with 81% of inflows being returned to the catchment.

There will be potential for some additional erosion, particularly associated with ground disturbance for the construction of the rail embankment. Additional areas of disturbance are not considered significant when considered within the context of the remainder of the earth works required to develop the quarry. The potential for erosion and sediment transfer to the catchment will be managed in accordance with the requirements of NSW Landcom's Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction.

A comprehensive Water Management Plan (WMP) has been prepared in consultation with the SCA and previously submitted to the Department of Planning in January 2011.

The structure of the WMP was developed to meet the requirements of the Original Project Approval Conditions (22-30) and is considered to adequately address the requirements of additional consent conditions requested by the SCA. A revised WMP incorporating the modified project layout is included as Annex B.

5 NSW HERITAGE COUNCIL

Heritage Council comment: The proposal does not contain any information related to non-Aboriginal Sites.

The NSW Heritage Branch is correct in their evaluation of the proposal. The cultural heritage values of the project area were assessed as part of the original Project EA, which determined that there were no historical sites, relics or areas of potential subsurface deposits were identified within the project footprint.

The proposed modification is located principally within the existing project footprint and there are not anticipated to be any impacts to any sites of potential heritage value.

6 AUSTRALIAN RAIL TRACK CORPORATION (ARTC)

The ARTC submission stated they have no objections to the development noting that the proposed modification does not include any works within the ARTC rail corridor.

7 NSW OFFICE OF WATER

The NOW submission notes that the proposed modification is likely to provide improved environmental outcomes with a more sustainable water use strategy, ongoing surface water monitoring and the implementation of a rehabilitation plan for the riparian zone. The NOW submission incorporated recommended conditions of approval in regards to preparation of demand management, surface water and groundwater management plans, licencing and maintenance of riparian buffers.

A comprehensive Water Management Plan (WMP) has been previously prepared in consultation with the NOW and submitted to the Department of Planning in January 2011. The structure of the WMP was developed to meet the requirements of the Original Project Approval Conditions (22-30) and is considered to adequately address the requirements of additional consent conditions. The WMP has been updated to reflect the proposed modification and is included as Annex B of this submission.

The Proponent has obtained a licence under the *Water Act 1912* and is committed to maintaining a vegetated riparian buffer zone.

8 ***DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INVESTMENT, REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES***

The DTIRIS submission stated that they had no minerals related issues to raise regarding the proposed modification. The DPI Fisheries division also has no objections providing the proponent establishes and maintains a riparian buffer zone at least 20 metres on either side of Tangarang Creek, downstream from the rail embankment.

The proponent maintains its commitment to establishing and maintaining a habitat management area which includes a 20 metre buffer around Dam. No 1 and on either side of Tangarang Creek within the site boundary.

9 COMMUNITY SUBMISSIONS

9.1 GEOFF CLARK

Mr Clark has raised a number of clarifications in regards to the application of meteorological conditions to the noise modelling undertaken in accordance with the NSW Industrial Noise Policy.

The wind analysis for the S75W modification application was conducted according to the INP assessment where *"wind is considered to be a feature where source-to-receiver wind speeds (at 10-m height) of 3 m/s or below occur for 30 per cent of the time or more in any assessment period (day, evening, night) in any season."*

The INP advises two ways to assess wind affects:

- Use a wind rose to determine whether wind is a feature based on the frequency of occurrence and wind speed. In doing this, care is needed to assess the source-to-receiver components of wind that are relevant.

- Simply assume that wind is a feature of the area (foregoing the need to use a wind rose) and apply a 'maximum impact' scenario.

The INP offer no further guidance on how to determine the frequency of prevailing winds other than that quoted above. Typically a wind rose will be presented by the following 16th compass points N, NNE, NE, ENE, ESE, SE, SSE, S, SSW, SW, WSW, W, WNW, NW, NNW. Where North is 0°, each of these compass points represent a sector of 22.5°; ie the NNE compass point is centred at 22.5° and ranges from >11.25° to <33.75°; consequently NE compass point is centred at 45° and it's range is from >33.75° to <56.25°; and so on.

Assessing the occurrence of prevailing winds from data measured at the adjacent Boral Cement weather station was presented in Table 5.3 of the EA and is reproduced below for the purpose of this response.

Table 9.1 INP Prevailing Wind Assessment – BC January 2008 – May 2010

Season	Highest Occurring Wind Direction (**±45**)	Frequency of Occurrence (%)		
		0.5 m/s to 2 m/s	2 m/s to 3 m/s	0.5 m/s to 3 m/s
Daytime				
Summer	**ENE±45**	**13.5%**	**20.2%**	33.7%
Autumn	**E±45**	**16.3%**	**12.8%**	**29.1%**
Winter	**WSW±45**	**6.7%**	**9.5%**	**16.2%**
Spring	**ENE±45**	**9.5%**	**11.9%**	**21.4%**
Evening				
Summer	**ENE±45**	**28.6%**	**22.8%**	51.4%
Autumn	**E±45**	**18.4%**	**7.1%**	**25.5%**
Winter	**W±45**	**13.9%**	**9.4%**	**23.3%**
Spring	**ENE±45**	**18.7%**	**6.7%**	**25.3%**
Night Time				
Summer	**E±45**	**20.3%**	**5.4%**	**25.7%**
Autumn	**WNW±45**	**10.3%**	**4.4%**	**14.7%**
Winter	**WSW±45**	**14.2%**	**9.0%**	**23.2%**
Spring	**NNW±45**	**12.8%**	**6.2%**	**19.0%**

The wind analysis presented in *Table 9.1* indicates that prevailing north-east and easterly winds and therefore impacts from north-east and easterly winds have been considered in the S75W assessment.

The information presented by Mr Geoff Clark in his letter has been tabulated in *Tables 9.2* and *9.3* for the purpose of comparison with ERM's prevailing wind analysis as per INP Methodology.

Table 9.2 Geoff Clark Source to Receptors Winds

Receptor	**Wind directions (Source-Receptor)**	**Source-receptor wind directions +/- one 22.5° Sector**	**Range (degrees)**	**Arc (degrees)**
1	WSW to W	SW - WNW	225 – 292.5	67.5
2	NNE to ENE	N - E	0 – 90	90
3	NE to ENE	NNE - E	22.5 - 90	67.5
4	E to ESE	ENE - SE	67.5 - 135	67.5
5	SE to SSE	ESE - S	112.5 - 180	67.5
6	SE to SSE	ESE - S	112.5 - 180	67.5
16	ENE to E	NE - ESE	45 – 112.5	67.5

Table 9.2 yields an arc of 67.5° for each nominated receptor with the exception of Receptor 2 which has a 90° arc.

Table 9.3 ***Mr Geoff Clark Source to Receptors Winds Analysis Frequencies of occurrence (%) with average wind speed < 3 m/s***

Season	Time of Day	Rec1	Rec2	Rec3	Rec4	Rec5	Rec6	Rec16
Summer	Day	15.55	48.74	44.39	43.80	11.26	11.26	45.90
Summer	Evening	10.15	62.34	57.34	52.96	15.37	15.37	59.72
Summer	Night	10.38	42.63	36.27	37.00	20.95	20.95	38.90
Autumn	Day	20.70	33.39	29.99	36.16	22.73	22.73	34.18
Autumn	Evening	22.27	39.06	34.13	37.37	21.49	21.49	38.06
Autumn	Night	24.31	19.12	15.28	18.97	23.71	23.71	16.97
Winter	Day	31.88	12.14	9.51	14.59	18.24	18.24	11.25
Winter	Evening	43.39	11.96	10.05	12.80	12.49	12.49	11.75
Winter	Night	46.50	4.43	2.97	4.52	13.81	13.81	3.50
Spring	Day	21.23	31.95	26.94	26.13	9.94	9.94	26.98
Spring	Evening	23.35	42.58	37.32	30.05	12.63	12.63	35.12
Spring	Night	21.21	29.72	22.49	19.79	11.67	11.67	20.90

In his letter, Mr Clark states: *The numbers highlighted in red indicate the receptors which have the potential to be impacted by noise, using the NSW INP criteria. Therefore there needs to be an explanation as to the basis of the single wind direction sectors used for all receptors in Table 5.3 of the EA.*

It is unclear in the submission as to the method of calculating the figures presented and for what period or year of data the analysis includes.

Table 5.3 in the EA presents the **highest** occurring wind direction (± 45°) from 0.5 to 3m/s for each period of each season. Meteorological data was presented for analysis in the 16th compass points and an analysis was conducted for the period 2008 – 2010. The data was sorted into seasons and day, evening and night time periods and then into the respective compass points for each period of each season.

For example the Summer Daytime period is shown in *Table 9.4*.

Table9.4 Summer Day Wind Data

Wind Speed and Direction Percentage	Calm - <=0.5m/s	0.5m/s - <=2m/s	2m/s - <=3.0m/s	0.5m/s - <=3.0m/s	3.0m/s - <=5.0m/s	> 5.0m/s	Total
N	0.0%	1.7%	2.0%	3.7%	0.3%	0.0%	4.1%
NNE	0.0%	1.7%	1.6%	3.3%	0.5%	0.0%	3.8%
NE	0.0%	1.9%	2.1%	4.0%	0.3%	0.0%	4.4%
ENE	0.0%	4.8%	9.2%	**14.0%**	3.9%	0.0%	18.0%
E	0.0%	5.1%	7.6%	**12.7%**	4.3%	0.0%	17.0%
ESE	0.0%	1.6%	1.0%	2.7%	1.9%	0.0%	4.6%
SE	0.0%	1.0%	1.3%	2.3%	1.1%	0.0%	3.3%
SSE	0.0%	0.8%	0.6%	1.4%	0.6%	0.0%	2.0%
S	0.0%	0.4%	0.3%	0.8%	0.3%	0.1%	1.1%
SSW	0.0%	0.2%	0.3%	0.5%	0.6%	0.1%	1.2%
SW	0.0%	0.3%	0.7%	1.0%	2.8%	0.6%	4.4%
WSW	0.0%	0.4%	1.7%	2.1%	5.5%	2.0%	9.7%
W	0.0%	0.7%	1.3%	2.0%	4.8%	2.9%	9.7%
WNW	0.0%	0.3%	0.6%	1.0%	2.3%	1.8%	5.1%
NW	0.0%	1.4%	0.7%	2.2%	0.5%	0.4%	3.1%
NNW	0.0%	1.2%	1.0%	2.2%	0.6%	0.0%	2.8%
Calm	5.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.8%
Total	**5.8%**	**23.7%**	**32.2%**	**55.9%**	**30.5%**	**7.9%**	100.0%

A review of this data shows no significant (> 30%) winds occurring during the summer daytime period. However, there are relatively higher occurrences of winds from the NE sector, from the ENE and E.

To effectively determine the occurrence of prevailing winds, in the context of a noise assessment for a large site, winds from a single compass point with a range of 22.5° sector is not considered to be suitable, as a similar noise effect would be expected from the neighbouring compass point. Therefore to determine the occurrence of prevailing winds that have the potential for noise impacts one should consider the neighbouring directions to account for winds containing a similar vector component.

Hence in the assessment, data presented in the S75W report represent the compass point inclusive of those directions within ± 45°, resulting in an effective assessment range of 90°. The resulting value for a given direction is weighted to the sum of the adjacent compass points plus within ± 22.5° and the half of the sum of the compass points >± 22.5° and within ± 45°.

Hence, for the ENE sector in *Table 9.5* is the sum of, NE, ENE, E compass points plus half the sum of NNE and ESE compass points in *Table 9.4*, which can be expressed as:

$$ENE = NE + ENE + E + \left(\frac{NNE + ESE}{2} \right)$$

Table 9.5 ***Distribution of Wind directions ± 45°***

Wind Speed and Direction Percentage	Calm - <=0.5m/s	0.5m/s - <=2m/s	2m/s - <=3.0m/s	0.5m/s - <=3.0m/s	3.0m/s - <=5.0m/s	> 5.0m/s
N	0.0%	6.3%	6.0%	12.3%	1.9%	0.2%
NNE	0.0%	8.4%	10.8%	19.2%	3.5%	0.0%
NE	0.0%	11.8%	17.7%	29.5%	7.1%	0.0%
ENE	0.0%	13.5%	20.2%	33.7%	9.8%	0.0%
E	0.0%	13.0%	19.5%	32.5%	10.9%	0.0%
ESE	0.0%	10.5%	14.8%	25.3%	9.6%	0.0%
SE	0.0%	6.2%	6.9%	13.1%	5.9%	0.0%
SSE	0.0%	3.1%	2.9%	6.0%	3.2%	0.1%
S	0.0%	2.1%	2.2%	4.3%	3.4%	0.5%
SSW	0.0%	1.6%	2.5%	4.0%	6.7%	1.8%
SW	0.0%	1.5%	3.5%	5.0%	11.4%	4.2%
WSW	0.0%	1.8%	4.2%	5.9%	14.5%	6.5%
W	0.0%	2.4%	4.4%	6.8%	14.3%	7.2%
WNW	0.0%	3.3%	4.0%	7.4%	10.7%	6.1%
NW	0.0%	4.2%	4.1%	8.2%	6.0%	3.6%
NNW	0.0%	5.3%	4.9%	10.2%	2.9%	1.3%
Total	**5.8%**	**23.7%**	**32.2%**	**55.9%**	**30.5%**	**7.9%**

Mr Clark also states that if as is typical, temperature inversions exist with light winds from these sectors (no wind speed or direction considered in the modelling Scenario of Table 5.8).

With respect to night time winds and a temperature inversion, the INP states:

Applicability of drainage-flow wind - The drainage-flow wind default value should generally be applied where a development is at a higher altitude than a residential receiver, with no intervening higher ground (for example, hills). In these cases, both the specified wind and temperature inversion default values should be used in the noise assessment for receivers at the lower altitude.

Given this guidance from the INP, the assessment of temperature inversions have been included in the assessment, but the occurrence of a drainage flow wind from source to receiver has not been considered due to the intervening topography and features in the site design (bunds, barriers, pit shell, gorge, etc). It is acknowledged that the overburden emplacements will be higher than the surrounding bunds, however overburden operations are restricted to daylight hours as shown in the operational hours in Table 5.7 of the EA and will not influence noise levels during temperature inversions.

Annex A

Submissions

Office of Environment & Heritage

Our reference: DOC11/28656
Contact: Stefan Press, (02) 6229 7002

Mr Howard Reed
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11 July 2011

Dear Mr Reed

RE: Modification of Project Approval 06_0074 – Peppertree Quarry, Marulan South

I refer to your letter dated 16 June 2011, requesting comments from the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) in relation to the proposed modification of Project Approval 06_0074 - Peppertree Quarry under Part 3A - Section 75W of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. OEH received the environmental assessment (EA) for the modification proposal from Boral Resources (NSW) Pty Ltd on 20 June 2011.

OEH has conducted a review of the EA, including the relevant attached specialist reports and has identified a number of issues in relation to the proposed modification for the Department of Planning and Infrastructures' (DPI) consideration. In summary, these issues relate to:

a) Noise
b) Threatened species and their habitat

Attachments 1 outlines specific details in relation to these issues.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Stefan Press on 6229 7002.

Yours sincerely

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ATTACHMENT 1

Noise

The Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) has conducted a review of the noise impact assessment contained within the Environmental Assessment (EA) titled "Boral Peppertree Quarry Section 75w Modification", prepared by ERM and dated June 2011.

OEH notes that the proponent is proposing changes to the current approved noise limits for the Peppertree Quarry, including the addition of a new noise sensitive location (receptor 16). OEH notes that it does not appear that a revised cumulative noise impact assessment has been undertaken for the proposed modification of the operations at the Peppertree Quarry. OEH also notes that the noise impact assessment does not contain an assessment of sleep disturbance impacts, with the EA not containing any $L_{A1(1\ minute)}$ noise levels from the proposed modified operations of the Peppertree Quarry. As such, in the absence of this information OEH is not able to make any comments/recommendations to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DPI) on the suitability and appropriateness of the proposed new noise limits for the Peppertree Quarry.

OEH also notes that the Project Specified Noise Limits (PSNL) as nominated in Tables 5.10 to 5.12 are the currently approved noise limits for the Peppertree Quarry and are not based on the relative background level (as presented in Table 5.2) plus 5 dB(A) as required in the NSW Industrial Noise Policy (2000).

Further, OEH notes that the noise impact assessment does not detail any relevant modifying factor corrections and whether any are applicable to the proposed modification of operations at the Peppertree Quarry. It is important to note, that if a modifying factor correction is applicable for the proposal then the predicated noise levels from the modified operations could exceed the land acquisition criteria as specified in condition 5, schedule 3 of the original project approval.

OEH would be happy to provide further advice in relation to the above identified noise issues and/or meet with the proponent and its consultants in order to clarify what further information is required in order to recommend revised noise limits for the modified proposal.

Threatened Species

OEH notes that the EA does not contain a test of significant in accordance with Part 5A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act* 1979. It is important to note that since the original project approval in 2007 additional threatened species and endangered ecological community listings have been made to the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995*. Given these additional listings, OEH recommends that an updated biodiversity assessment in accordance with Part 5A of the EP&A Act be conducted for the proposed modification.

Whilst it is acknowledged that additional surveys may not be required prior to any proposed clearing, OEH recommends that DPI impose by way of condition(s) of consent the following mitigation measures to reduce the impact to threatened species and their habit;

- To ensure that the Box Gum Woodland Endangered Ecological Community and other native vegetation is not disturbed unnecessarily during construction works, all native vegetation adjacent to the construction site should be securely fenced prior to construction works occurring to prevent access by construction equipment and personnel
- Clearing of vegetation should be avoided between August – November to avoid impacts to threatened bird & bat species
- Clearing of vegetation between August – November should only be undertaken following reliable surveys by a suitably qualified person immediately prior to clearing.
    - Reliable surveys include;

    - A minimum of two diurnal bird surveys (on separate days) in the early morning and late afternoon for 1 hour, targeting nesting sites for threatened bird species;
    - A minimum of two nocturnal surveys targeting Microchiropteran bats species.
    - If a threatened species is detected nesting during the field surveys, a 200m buffer must be applied to the site. The buffer must be retained until the birds have fledged from the nest.
    - Clearing must be undertaken immediately after (within 3 weeks) of field surveys.
    - If a major Microchiropteran bat roost is observed the proponent must consult with the OEH for further advice.
- Clearing should be supervised by a suitably qualified ecologist.

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Dear Mr Reed

MODIFICATION TO PEPPERTREE QUARRY PROJECT (06_0074 Mod 2)
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

I refer to your letter dated 16 June 2011 inviting the Sydney Catchment Authority (SCA) to make a written submission on the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed modification of the Peppertree Project Approval. The SCA has prepared the attached submission which includes recommended conditions of approval.

The project is located within the Bungonia Creek catchment that is part of the Sydney Drinking Water Catchment. In particular the project is located in the catchment of Tallowa Dam – an important source of water for Sydney.

The SCA has reviewed the EA document and is concerned that water quality issues associated with the modifications have only been assessed at a cursory level. The EA does not provide sufficient details of the rail embankment design, the revised plant and rail loading infrastructure designs or the revised drainage paths.

If you wish to discuss any matter raised in this letter please do not hesitate to contact Neil Cowley on 4886 9417 or via e-mail neil.cowley@sca.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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SUBMISSION TO DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE
FROM
SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY

SECTION 75W MODIFICATION TO PART 3A APPROVAL
PEPPERTREE QUARRY PROJECT (06_0074 Mod 2)

July 2011

The Sydney Catchment Authority (SCA) has specific roles, objectives and functions specified in the *Sydney Water Catchment Management Act, 1998*. In particular the SCA has certain functions including managing and protecting Sydney's drinking water catchment areas.

The project is located within the Bungonia Creek sub-catchment which is part of the Sydney Drinking Water Catchment. The Bungonia Creek sub-catchment is located within the catchment of Tallowa Dam.

As the project has been assessed as a Major Project under Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, it is not formally subject to the provisions of *State Environmental Planning Policy (Sydney Drinking Water Catchment) 2011* (the SEPP). Nevertheless, the SCA considers that the project should be constructed and operated in a manner which does not adversely affect the quality of surface and ground waters beyond the boundaries of the site (consistent with the SEPP).

The information on water quality impacts contained in the modification EA report is generally cursory in nature. This is a similar approach to the original proposal EA, with an implied expectation that further detail would be provided in the Water Management Plan after approval. The need to update the Water Management Plan is not discussed.

The SCA considers the proposal has the potential to achieve a neutral effect on water quality providing the Water Management Plan is updated and the following conditions are included in the approval:

- The Water Management Plan shall be updated to include revised catchment areas, drainage paths and basin sizing etc, resulting from the project modifications, in particular from the construction of the rail loop embankment, the relocation of the processing plant and rail loading facility and the creation of the western emplacement area. The plan shall incorporate the identified mitigation measures. The plan shall be prepared in consultation with the Sydney Catchment Authority and other relevant agencies and approved before commencement of the development.
- An updated Soil and Water Management Plan shall be prepared for all construction activities associated with the project modifications and shall be consistent with the requirements of NSW Landcom's *Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction, Volume 1, 4th Edition, 2004 and Volume 2E Mines and Quarries*. The plan shall be prepared in consultation with the Sydney Catchment Authority and other relevant agencies, and approved before commencement of the development;
- An onsite wastewater report shall be prepared for the proposed effluent management system which complies with *Sydney Catchment Authority- "Developments in Sydney's Drinking Water Catchment"- Water Quality Information Requirements (2011)*. The effluent management system installed at this site shall be compatible with the onsite wastewater report and shall be approved by council prior to construction of the effluent management system.

- An Operational Environmental Management Plan (including an Incident management plan) shall be prepared for the quarry and associated infrastructure including the rail system. The plan shall include appropriate provisions to respond to a spill or accident on the Tangarang Creek rail embankment. The plan shall be prepared in consultation with the Sydney Catchment Authority and other relevant agencies and shall be approved before commencement of the development.

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Dear Mr Reed

Attention: George Mobayed

RE: Comments on Modification to Peppertree Quarry Project (06_0074 Mod 2) - Exhibition of Environmental Assessment.

I refer to your letter dated 16 June (received by the Heritage Branch on the 20 June) requesting any comments on the above project. The relevant documents– 'Boral Peppertree Quarry Section 75w Modification' by ERM, dated June 2011– have been reviewed.

No specific comments are able to be made at this time as the Environmental Assessment does not contain any information related to non-Aboriginal heritage even though the title of Section 8 is 'Aboriginal *and* Cultural Heritage'. Volume 1 of the original 2006 Environmental Assessment for the project indicates that *"no historical sites, relics or areas of potential historic subsurface deposit were identified within the 30 year quarry and ancillary infrastructure area or the larger resource area"* (page 107) which explains why no further information is included in the current documents reviewed.

The June 2011 EA would benefit from inclusion of the above information under Section 8 in order to clarify the nature of the Cultural Heritage significance of the site as currently known.

Inquiries on this matter may be directed to Katrina Stankowski on 98738569 or via email at Katrina.Stankowski@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Cc: Karl Rosen
Subject: Fwd: RE: Modification to Peppertree Quarry Project (06_0074 Mod 2)

Rod,

ARTC email submission/comment below. I have followed up on the agency submissions and can advise that they will filter through over the week and possibly early next week. Barry Armitt has requested a further 2 weeks as he is waiting on further specialist information. I have advised that the Department will carry on with its assessment during this time.
George

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>>> Michael Irons <MIrons@ARTC.com.au> 8/8/2011 3:58 pm >>>
George,

ARTC has no objections to the development as the new siding connection does not include any works within the ARTC rail corridor.

Regards,

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10 August 2011

Attention: George Mobayed

Dear Mr Mobayed

Modification to Peppertree Quarry Project (06_0074 MOD 2)
Exhibition of Environmental Assessment

I refer to your letter of 16 June 2011 and advise that the NSW Office of Water (NOW) has reviewed the Environmental Assessment for the modification proposal and provides the following comments and recommended conditions of approval (**Attachment A**) for your consideration.

Overall, the modification proposed is likely to provide improved environmental outcomes with a more sustainable water use strategy, ongoing surface water and groundwater monitoring and the implementation of a revegetation/rehabilitation plan for the riparian zone.

The applicant needs to be cognisant of and adhere to the conditions under the existing *Water Act 1912* licence until such time conditions relating to water supply works approval and entitlement have been finalised by NOW in the *Water Sharing Plan for the Greater Metropolitan Region Unregulated River Water Sources*.

Reference should be made to NOW's *Guidelines for Controlled Activities (2010/2011)* http://www.water.nsw.gov.au/Water-Management/Law-and-Policy/Key-policies/default.aspx in setting minimum Core Riparian Zone widths on both sides of watercourses and for additional vegetated buffers to allow for edge effects.

If you require any further information please contact Brett McCulloch, A/Planning and Assessment Coordinator on (02) 6676 7381 at the Murwillumbah Office.

Yours sincerely

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Attachment A

NSW Office of Water's Recommended Conditions of Approval

1. The proponent to ensure that there is sufficient water for all stages of the project to the satisfaction of the NSW Office of Water and if necessary, adjust the scale of the quarrying operations to match the water entitlements.
2. The proponent to prepare a Surface Water Management Plan in consultation with and to the satisfaction of the NSW Office of Water prior to the commencement of works.
3. The proponent to prepare a Groundwater Management Plan in consultation with and to the satisfaction of the NSW Office of Water prior to commencement of works.
4. The proponent to obtain the relevant licences to the satisfaction of the NSW Office of Water under the *Water Act 1912* and the *Water Management Act 2000* (whichever is relevant) for all activities that intercept or extract groundwater prior to commencement of these activties.
5. The proponent to adhere to the Core Riparian Zone widths on both sides of watercourses and the additional vegetated buffers to allow for edge effects detailed in the NSW Office of Water's *Guidelines for Controlled Activities (2010/2011).*

End of Attachment A
10 August 2011

Trade & Investment, Regional Infrastructure & Services

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Dear Mr Mobayed

Re - Modification to Peppertree Quarry Project (06_0074 Mod 2)
Exhibition of Environmental Assessment

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on the above matter. The Department apologises for the late nature of this response.

The NSW Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services (DTIRIS) is one of four principal departments of the NSW Government. DTIRIS incorporates a number of divisions and authorities of the former NSW Department of Industry and Investment (I&I NSW), including, among others, Primary Industries, Minerals and Energy, and Forests NSW. This is a response from Resources and Energy – Mineral Resources (DTIRIS – MR) and Primary Industries – Fisheries. There are no issues relevant to the interests of Primary Industries - Agriculture and Forests NSW.

Minerals issues
The Resources & Energy Branch have no issues to raise regarding the modification to the subject quarry

Fisheries issues
DPI Fisheries has no objection to the proposed s75W Modification provided the proponent establish and maintain a riparian buffer zone at least 20 metres on either side of Tangarang Creek downstream of the rail embankment and the this zone is revegetated with native species.

For further information regarding minerals issues please contact me on 02 4931 6537 or email cressida.gilmore@industry.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Comments on: Peppertree Quarry Project Approval Modification 2 document

Under Section 5 of the NSW Industrial Noise Policy (INP) in order to determine if more detailed noise modelling is required, there is a need to study the frequency of wind speeds up to 3 ms^{-1} blowing from the source to receptors. Specifically it states that: "Use a wind rose to determine whether wind is a feature based on the frequency of occurrence and wind speed. In doing this, take care to assess the source-to-receiver components of wind that are relevant."

In Table 5.3 there are different wind direction sectors defined for the various time periods and seasons. However, because there are a number of receptors (Receptors 1 to 6 and 16) around the Peppertree Quarry site it is unclear how the wind directions in Table 5.3 relate to these. If you take the 30 year site boundary as the source then the range of wind directions to be considered for each source-receptor pair should be:

Receptor	Wind directions (Source-Receptor)
1	WSW to W
2	NNE to ENE
3	NE to ENE
4	E to ESE
5	SE to SSE
6	SE to SSE
16	ENE to E

If one follows a similar technique to that used in Table 5.3 and looks at one 22.5° sector either side of the range above then this gives winds that would likely impact on the receptors as follows:

Source-receptor wind directions +/- one 22.5deg Sector

Receptor	Sectors
Rec1	SW - WNW
Rec2	N - E
Rec3	NNE - E
Rec4	ENE - SE
Rec5	ESE - S
Rec6	ESE - S
Rec16	NE - ESE

Frequencies of occurrence (%) with ubar< 3 m/s

Season	Time of Day	Receiver						
		Rec1	Rec2	Rec3	Rec4	Rec5	Rec6	Rec16
Summer	Day	15.55	48.74	44.39	43.80	11.26	11.26	45.90
Summer	Evening	10.15	62.34	57.34	52.96	15.37	15.37	59.72
Summer	Night	10.38	42.63	36.27	37.00	20.95	20.95	38.90
Autumn	Day	20.70	33.39	29.99	36.16	22.73	22.73	34.18
Autumn	Evening	22.27	39.06	34.13	37.37	21.49	21.49	38.06
Autumn	Night	24.31	19.12	15.28	18.97	23.71	23.71	16.97
Winter	Day	31.88	12.14	9.51	14.59	18.24	18.24	11.25
Winter	Evening	43.39	11.96	10.05	12.80	12.49	12.49	11.75
Winter	Night	46.50	4.43	2.97	4.52	13.81	13.81	3.50
Spring	Day	21.23	31.95	26.94	26.13	9.94	9.94	26.98
Spring	Evening	23.35	42.58	37.32	30.05	12.63	12.63	35.12
Spring	Night	21.21	29.72	22.49	19.79	11.67	11.67	20.90

Table 1

The numbers highlighted in red indicate the receptors which have the potential to be impacted by noise, using the NSW INP criteria. Therefore there needs to be an explanation as to the basis of the single wind direction sectors used for all receptors in Table 5.3.

The NSW Industrial Noise Policy (INP) methodology to determine the frequency of occurrence of temperature inversions was used to generate Table 5.4. This method to determine the stable night-time Pasquill stability categories seems to have several anomalies. A separate submission has been made to the NSW Dept. Environment and Heritage seeking clarification of how to implement this methodology (see Attachment A). In the event, this Modification 2 document has shown there is a need to consider the impact of temperature inversions on noise impacts from night-time plant operations.

Modelling of the noise impacts of plant operations is undertaken using a meteorological scenario described in Section 5.6.4 and defined in Table 5.8. It is unclear why particular wind directions (mainly from the NE and E sectors) have been chosen to model the night-time impacts given that apart from the Summer season, the prevailing night-time winds are from the WSW to NW sectors (see Table 5.3). In addition, if as is typical, temperature inversions exist with light winds from these sectors (no wind speed or direction considered in the modelling Scenario of Table 5.8), Table D1 in Appendix D of the NSW INP indicates there could be an increase in noise decibel levels up to 6-6.5 dB at distances out to 2500m. Under these conditions there could be an impact on Receptor 1 (Montgomery) which is about 2.7km away from the site boundary. Table 1 above indicates that in winter winds < 3 ms-1 have the potential to cause impact on Receptor 1. Although this is not necessarily indicative of inversion conditions, it is highly likely that the evening and night-time occurrences in Winter would have temperature inversions present.

It is claimed that the bunds will act like hills and prevent any noise from the site impacting on nearby receptors. However, the overburden heaps to both the east and west of the quarry are likely to be greater in height than the bunds and therefore the predicted noise levels in Tables 5.01, 5.11 and 5.12 should be re-assessed on the following assumption: that winds under inversions could impact on local receptors even though current predictions at Receptor 1 (for example) are below the minimum $LA_{eq,15min}$ of 30 dB. It is considered that temperature inversion conditions should be modelled with real wind speeds and directions to calculate the potential impacts of noise on all the receptors and Receptor 1 in particular.

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Attachment B: Email sent to the NSW Dept. Environment and Heritage July 5 , 2011

Attention: Noise Policy development area

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have some questions about the NSW Industrial Noise Policy and specifically the use of Table E6 in Appendix E of the policy.

Table E6 refers to the modification of daytime Pasquill stability categories as determined from the sigma-theta method (using Table E5) to night-time conditions. It is stated that Table E6 is adapted from Irwin (1980) and the USEPA (1987). While I can see that the modification of Pasquill categories A to D are directly taken from USEPA (1987) it is the modification of the stable categories (E to G) that concern me in this Email.

The USEPA (1987) [and the update USEPA (2000)] have the following corrections for these categories in night-time:

Initial estimate of P-G Category	10-meter wind speed (m/s)	Final estimate of P-G Category
E	u < 5	E
E	5 <=u	D
F	u < 3	F
F	3 <=u < 5	E
F	5<=u	D

Table E6 has the following simplification and addition:

E	3 □<=u < 5	E
F	2 □<=u < 3	F
G	u < 2	G

My questions are as follows:

1. For category E and u < 3 m/s or >= 5 m/s what is the Final estimate night-time P-G category?
2. For category F and u < 2 m/s or >= 3 m/s what is the Final estimate night-time P-G category?
3. For category G and u > 2 m/s what is the Final estimate night-time P-G category?

Logic dictates that in points 1 and 2 the categories for lighter winds would be the same or more stable than the Initial estimate P-G category. In the case of category G for stronger winds the Final estimate would be a less stable category based on similar wind speed criteria used for category F in USEPA (2000) e.g.

G	u < 2	G
G	2 <=u < 3	F
G	3 <=u < 5	E
G	5<=u	D

I also suggest that the USEPA (2000) criteria should be used for the night-time modifications categories E and F to remove the above questions.

I would like your comments on how the current method can work given the above anomalies?

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Dear Minister,

Subject: Boral's Peppertree Quarry
Project Approval Modification 2.

After reading Boral's Section 75W modification plans for the Peppertree Quarry, I have identified a number of anomalies in the application, including factual errors and inconsistencies, and I am in the process of obtaining professional & legal

(2)

advice on those matters.

In these circumstances I am requesting a forther three (3) weeks to lodge a formal submission as the above advice is not yet available.

In addition, I am concerned that the quarry area is adjacent to my properties' whole eastern boundary and no buffer zone has been required.

Yours faithfully.

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Annex B

Water Management Plan

Peppertree Quarry
Water Management Plan

for Boral Resources (NSW) Pty Ltd

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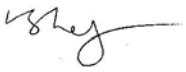
Signed:	
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1.1 BACKGROUND

Peppertree Quarry is located at Marulan South, 10 kilometres (km) southeast of Marulan in the Southern Tablelands of New South Wales, approximately 175 km southwest of Sydney. The Boral Cement limestone quarry is located immediately south of the proposed quarry. The site is bordered by a steep gorge to the east that extends towards Morton National Park and is located within the Shoalhaven River catchment area. The location of the proposed quarry with respect to the local setting is shown in *Figure 1.1*.

Project Approval under Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979* (EP&A Act) was issued by the Minister for Planning on 28th of February, 2007.

Schedule 3, Condition 26 of the Project Approval details the project requirements relating to Water Management and Monitoring. Schedule 3 (26) states:

"The Proponent shall prepare and implement a Water Management Plan for the Project to the Satisfaction of the Director-General. This plan must:

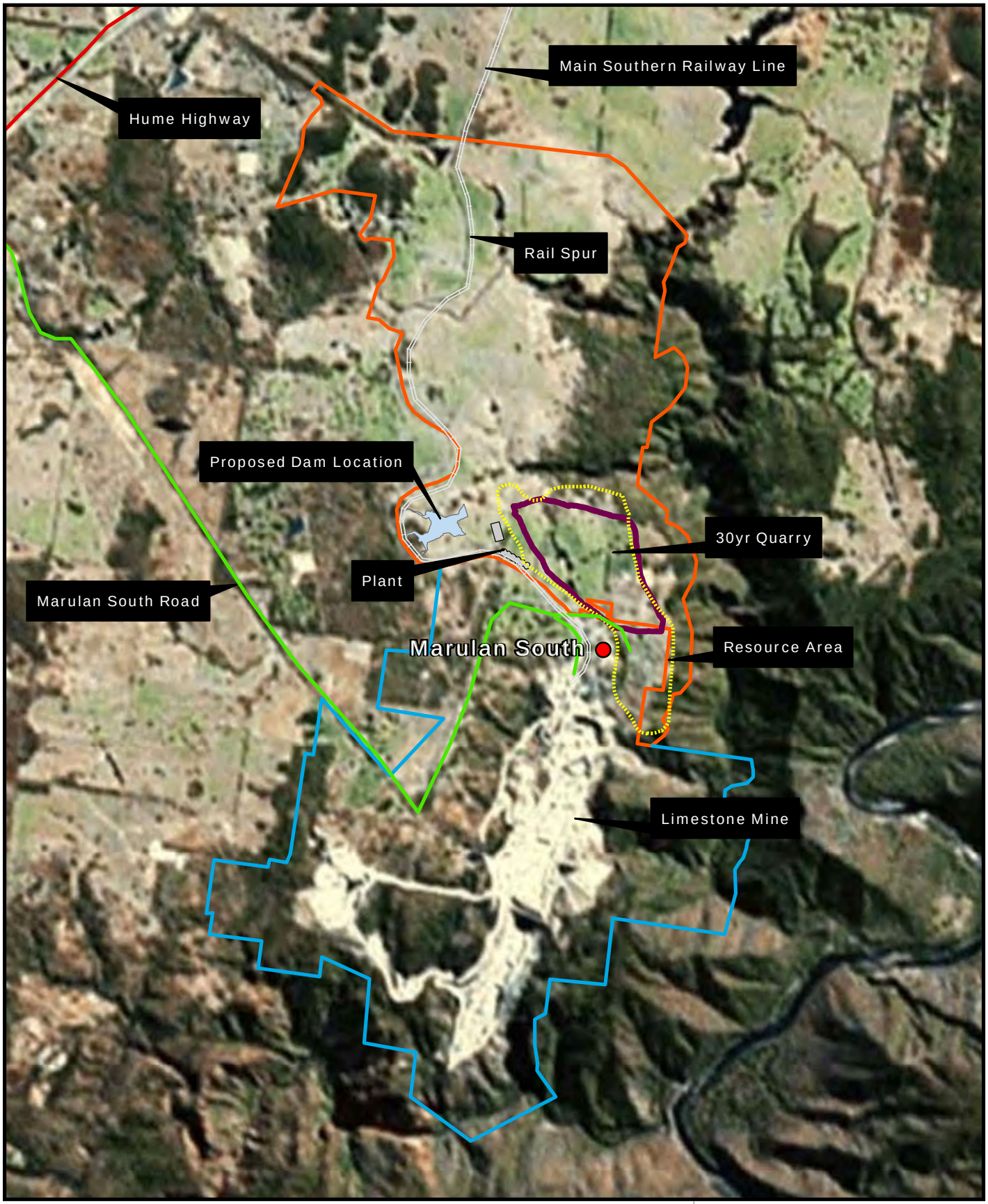
a) be submitted to the Director General (DG) for approval prior to the commencement of construction;

b) be prepared in consultation with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Department of Environment Climate Change and Water (DECCW) and the Sydney Catchment Authority (SCA); and

c) include a:

- *Site Water Balance;*
- *Erosion and Sediment Control Plan;*
- *Surface Water Monitoring Program;*
- *Groundwater Monitoring Program; and*
- *Surface and Groundwater Response Plan to address any potential adverse impacts associated with the project."*

ERM has been engaged by Boral to develop a Water Management Plan (WMP) to meet the requirements presented in Schedule 3, Condition 26 of the Project Approval. This document has been prepared to meet the requirements presented in Schedule 3, Condition 22 to 30 of the approval which relate to water resources and will be forwarded to the DG for approval.



Legend

- Proposed Quarry Location
- Boral Cement Property Boundary
- Boral Peppertree Property Boundary

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Figure 1.1

Site Location

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1.2 *PROJECT DESCRIPTION*

The Peppertree Quarry incorporates a 30 year operations area of approximately 170 ha commencing in the northern portion of total resource area. This includes the quarry pit, all bunding and sediment control features surrounding the site operations, a water supply dam and lake, a tertiary processing plant and a rail loading area, which will be built adjacent to the private rail line that currently services the Boral Cement limestone mine. The main water supply dam for the quarry is proposed to be constructed within the headwaters of Tangarang Creek immediately east of the existing rail loop and a provisional second water supply dam may be constructed on a first order tributary to the north of the proposed quarry footprint.

The 30 year quarry area, tertiary processing / rail loading facility and dams together make up the Peppertree Quarry site. Construction at the site is anticipated to start in 2011 with initial operation expected to commence in 2012. Initial production rates at the quarry are likely to approximate 1-2 million tonnes per annum (mtpa) and grow to 3.5 mtpa at full production.

1.3 *OBJECTIVES OF THE WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN*

The Water Management Plan has the following key objectives:

- detail the water balance for the site. In particular, the water balance will:
    - describe the water management process that will be adopted at the site;
    - describe the water savings measures that have been incorporated into the detailed design of the site; and
    - outline the potential impacts the water management system will have on the surrounding environment;
- provide details of the erosion and sediment control practices that will be adopted at the site. In particular, the erosion and sediment control measures will:
    - implement the requirements of Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction Volume 1, 4th Edition, 2004 (Landcom, 2004), herein referred to as the *'Blue Book'* and Volume 2E Mines and Quarries (DECC, 2008);
    - detail practices that have potential to cause erosion and generate sediment and what control measures will be adopted to minimise the impact of these practices; and
    - detail the location function and capacity of erosion and sediment control structures and how they will be maintained;

- develop a surface monitoring program. In particular, the surface water monitoring program will aim to:
    - detail the method to be used to monitor surface water flows and quality to assess impacts to Tangarang and Barbers Creeks and to assess the effectiveness of the erosion and sediment control system;
    - establish surface water impact assessment criteria; and
    - develop a protocol for the investigation of identified exceedences of the surface water impact assessment criteria;
- develop a groundwater monitoring program. In particular, the groundwater monitoring program will aim to;
    - detail the method to be used to monitor groundwater levels, flows and quality;
    - establish impact assessment criteria for monitoring bores; and
    - develop a protocol for the investigation of identified exceedences of the groundwater impact assessment criteria; and
- develop a surface water and groundwater response plan to address potential incidents or adverse impacts associated with the project.

1.4 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Boral will be responsible for ensuring that all soil and water management works are undertaken in accordance with this WMP.

The Boral Site Manager carries ultimate responsibility for the implementation of this WMP and providing the necessary resources as required. The site Environmental Officer will be responsible for carrying out and/or coordinating the monitoring and reporting requirements of this plan. Operations personnel (Site Supervisors) will be responsible for responding to any water management incidents and adjusting quarry operations as appropriate to minimise impacts to receiving waters. Other site personnel will be responsible for reporting any potential environmental incidents to the shift Supervisor.

1.5 DOCUMENT STRUCTURE

The remainder of this document presents the methods adopted on site to meet the above objectives. To meet the above objectives, the report includes the following sections:

Section 1 – Introduction and Description of the Project

Section 2 – Description of the surrounding catchment

Section 3 – Water Management Approach and Site Water Balance

Section 4 – Erosion and Sediment Control Plan

Section 5 – Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Plan

Section 6 – Surface Water and Groundwater Response Plan

2 CATCHMENT DESCRIPTION

2.1 OVERVIEW OF CATCHMENT

The Peppertree Quarry site, encompassing the 30 year quarry footprint, proposed processing plant area, bunding and sediment control features surrounding site operations and the water supply dam, occupies approximately 170 hectares (ha), with a potential future expansion to the southern section of the resource area covering an additional 30 ha.

The overall resource area intersects three small catchments, two of which drain northwards to Tangarang Creek. Tangarang Creek is an ephemeral creek which has a catchment area of approximately 753 ha above the north-western corner of the site and flows along the northern edge of the proposed quarry footprint to join with Barbers Creek, approximately 500 m from the quarry site. Barbers Creek has a total catchment area of approximately 9 000 ha with the Tangarang Creek catchment comprising less than 10% of the overall catchment area.

Boral Resources has also acquired a number of properties to the north of the Peppertree Quarry, with an overall property area of approximately 650 ha. Marulan Creek traverses the northern portion of Boral's land, flowing east and also entering Barbers Creek upstream from Tangarang Creek.

Barbers Creek subsequently flows southward to meet the Shoalhaven River. Most of the catchments are gently undulating and have been substantially cleared for agricultural uses, predominantly grazing.

Barbers Creek and the lower section of Tangarang Creek have cut deep gorges with steep heavily vegetated sides. Some channel erosion has occurred in sections of Tangarang Creek and minor tributaries.

2.2 SURFACE DRAINAGE

The resource area is located on a ridge so that surface water generally drains away from the centre of the site. A number of small farm dams currently exist on the site on ephemeral creeks and appear to retain water with little seepage. The majority of creek lines within the site are slightly eroded or are lined with grass.

2.3 GEOLOGY

The local geology consists of a granodiorite igneous intrusion surrounded by host rock. Generally this type of lithology is likely to contain high quartz and mafic quarry contents and it commonly has a high Na-plagioclase and low orthoclase content.

A thin Pegmatite unit is located in the south of the granodiorite. The granodiorite intrusion is bounded to the southwest by a limestone unit, with a zone of contact metamorphism likely to be present immediately adjacent to the intrusion.

2.4 HYDROGEOLOGY

A conceptual site model was developed in the Environmental Assessment (EA) prepared for the project approval in 2006, addressing the hydrogeology of the proposed quarry. The model was based on desktop review of available site data and a field program to establish basic hydrogeological properties of the fractured aquifer. The model indicates that groundwater in the study area occurs in discrete fracture zones, the most significant of which is the interface between the overburden regolith and more competent underlying granodiorite. The hydrogeological and hydrochemical assessment indicates that there is limited hydraulic connection between fracture zones, both vertically and laterally across the site, suggesting that groundwater occurs in localised and potentially discontinuous fracture horizons.

The water table is typically located approximately 15 to 30 m below ground surface indicating there is no direct evidence for groundwater-surface water interaction. However, regionally groundwater discharge is likely to occur into the gorges that surround the granodiorite unit, where fracture zones intersect the gorge walls.

2.5 ENVIRONMENTAL VALUE OF RECEIVING WATERS

Barbers Creek is the primary receiving watercourse for any discharges or runoff from the site. This waterway was considered by the Healthy Rivers Commission (HRC), (1999) to have high ecological value despite being in poor condition relative to the rest of the Shoalhaven catchment due to the effects of variable quality runoff from agricultural sub-catchments. Barbers Creek flows into the Shoalhaven River approximately 30km upstream of Tallowa Dam, which supplies raw water to the Sydney and Illawarra drinking water systems.

Environmental values for the Shoalhaven River and its tributaries, as endorsed by the HRC (1999) are:

- healthy waters – protection of aquatic ecosystems;
- recreation – protection of primary and secondary recreation and visual amenity;
- water supplies – livestock, irrigation and farmstead water; and
- protection of drinking water, within defined areas of the catchment.

Water quality objectives to achieve these environmental values are provided in terms of numerical guidelines in *Australian and New Zealand Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Waters Quality* (ANZECC & ARMCANZ, 2000) – referred to as "ANZECC 2000 Guidelines".

2.6 CATCHMENT WATER QUALITY

The Healthy Rivers Commission Independent Inquiry into the Shoalhaven River System reported that the Middle Western division of the catchment (in which Marulan lies) has moderate water quality (HRC, 1999). Generally, dissolved oxygen is low and there is high turbidity and high salinity in some locations. Bacteria, nutrients and metals were found to be at levels that were acceptable in comparison to ANZECC Water Quality Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Waters. The HRC report also indicates that flows in this part of the Shoalhaven catchment are low, but that levels of extraction in this area are also low.

There was no previously available water quality information available at the site of the proposed quarry. A "snapshot" water sample was collected by ERM during February 2006 from Tangarang Creek to gain a general picture of water quality in the creek. The sample was obtained from ponded water as the creek was not flowing at the time of sampling. This sample showed that water quality in the creek has elevated levels of nutrients (total nitrogen and total phosphorous), which is typical of agricultural catchments. Electrical conductivity (EC) was also found to be slightly elevated, suggesting that saline groundwater may be discharging to this creek.

2.7 *RAINFALL AND EVAPORATION*

Rainfall has also been recorded almost continuously since 1894 at Marulan. The nearest rainfall gauging stations to the site are:

- Station 070063 – Marulan (George St) (Period of record: 1 June 1894 to present), approximately 5.8km from the site;
- Station 070269 – Marulan (Johnniefields) (Period of record: 1 October 1972 to present), approximately 11.2km from the site.

The nearest station with evaporation data to the site is:

- Station 070263 – Goulburn (Progress St) (Period of record: 14 September 1971 to present), approximately 27.2km from the site

Average monthly rainfall and evaporation for the site are given in *Table 2.1* and shown in *Figure 2.1.*

Table 2.1 Average Monthly Rainfall and Evaporation at Site

Element	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann
Mean monthly rainfall (mm)	68.8	74.6	51.9	41.6	58.8	67.6	66.3	56.6	50.6	45.7	54.6	54.3	691.3
Mean monthly evaporation (mm)	195.9	153.0	127.7	79.3	51.2	33.9	40.1	59.0	83.4	119.6	147.0	195.1	1285

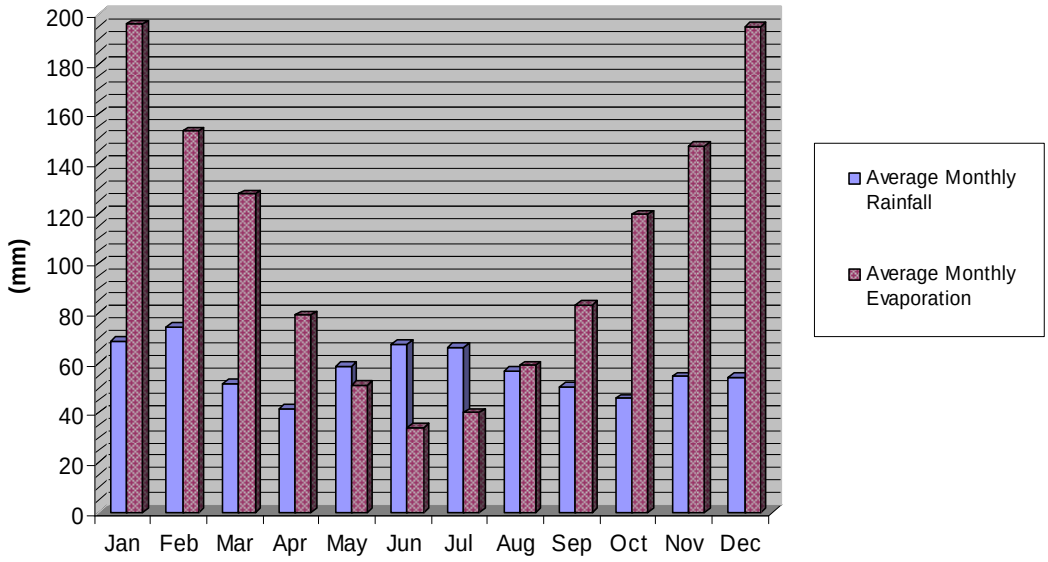

Figure 2.1 Average Monthly Rainfall and Evaporation at Site

3 WATER MANAGEMENT APPROACH AND WATER BALANCE

3.1 INTRODUCTION

Schedule 3, Condition 27 of the Project Approval details the requirements for the Water Balance. This condition states that:

"The Site Water Balance Shall:

a) Include details of all water extracted (including make-up of water), dewatered transferred, used and/or discharged by the project; and

b) Describe measures to minimise water use by the project."

Based on the above requirements, this chapter details:

- the water management approach that will be adopted at the site;
- the water demand volumes required by the site and how this has been rationalised to save water;
- the capacities and volumes of the infrastructure that will be used to obtain the required water volumes; and
- the impact that the water management approach will have on the surrounding environment.

Further to the requirements of the water balance the, Schedule 3, Condition 24 of the Project Approval States that:

"The proponent shall provide an environmental flow to Tangarang Creek equivalent to 10% of average daily inflows. Details of the management of these environmental flows shall be included in the Site Water Balance for the project."

The Project Approval also states in Schedule 3 (23) that:

"Except as may be expressly provided for by an EPL, the Proponent shall not discharge any dirty water from the quarry or ancillary operational areas."

For the purposes of this assessment "dirty water" is considered to represent water that has not been treated in accordance with the requirements of Schedule 3, Condition 25, which states that:

"The proponent shall ensure that:

a) Critical structures such as "dirty water" dams are designed, constructed and maintained to accommodate a 1 in 100 year ARI 24 hour event; and

b) Other dams and water management structures are designed, constructed and maintained to accommodate a 1 in 20 year ARI 24 hour event."

These factors have also been consider in the site water balance and are detailed in the remainder of this document.

3.2 *WATER MANAGEMENT APPROACH*

A key driver in the development of the Peppertree Quarry is a sustainable water management system, which aims for the proposed operations to be 100% self sufficient in water. A sustainable water management system has been developed based upon capturing stormwater run-off for use in the quarry processes, dust suppression and environmental controls.

The system has been based around obtaining the sites water supply from the construction of the Dam No. 1 located on Tangarang Creek. The water supply dam will capture water prior to being re-used on the site or released to Tangarang Creek catchment as environmental flows.

Runoff from undisturbed areas will be diverted around operational areas wherever practical. This will reduce the risk of flooding in the pit as well as reduce the potential for clean runoff to be polluted by quarry activities. Diversion of clean water will be effected by diversion drains, contour drains and, where necessary, bunds, levees, weirs and pipe culverts and be diverted to the main water storage dam wherever possible.

During construction and operation of the quarry, drainage will convey water from areas of disturbed ground to sediment dams located within the pit and around the site to prevent sediment laden or contaminated runoff leaving the site. Sediment traps and settling ponds form part of the site water management system and improve water quality at various points along both clean and dirty water drainage networks.

Treated water from site sediment dams will primarily be used directly onsite. Excess water will be drained or pumped to a pre-treatment bio-retention swale system located near the upper reaches of the water supply dam prior to being discharged back into Dam No. 1.

Potable water supply and sewage treatment for the offices and amenities will comprise package treatment units with minimal demand for top-up water. The treated effluent will be irrigated onto the landscaping surrounding the offices and amenities buildings.

A schematic overview of the proposed drainage and water management network is shown in *Figure 3.1.*

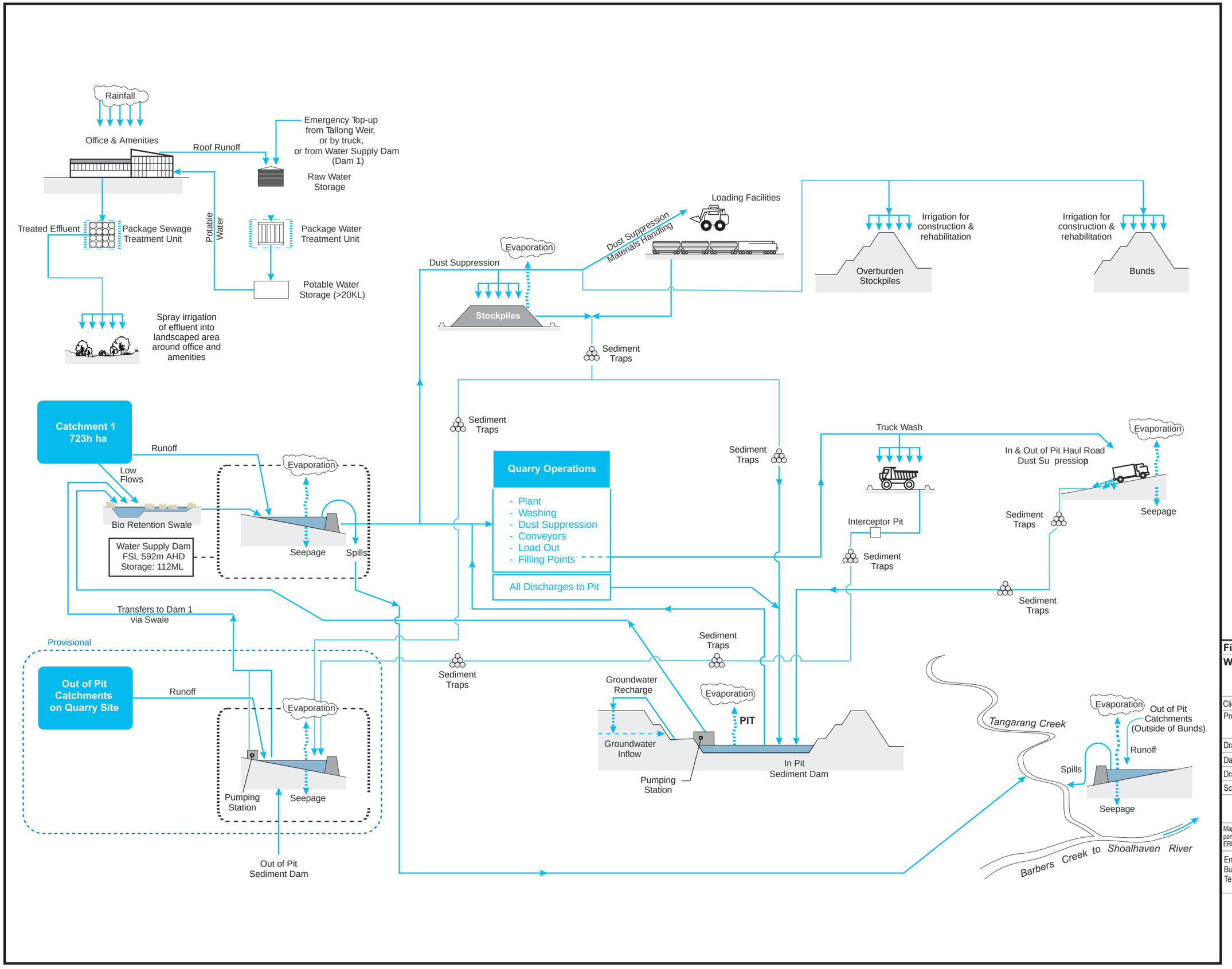

Figure 3.1

Water Management System

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Project:	Peppertree Quarry		
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3.3 *DRAINAGE PLAN*

Figures 3.2a and *3.2b* present the layout of the water management facilities under construction and operational phase at the quarry. The information presented in the figures is summarised below.

The catchments presented in the figures have been designed to capture surface water flow from the entire operational area of the quarry during both construction and operation phases. The total estimated area likely to be impacted by the 30 year quarry operation approximates 170 ha. The total area of the quarry which is estimated to be draining directly to the sediment dam in the pit prior to discharging to the pre-treatment system at the headwaters of the water supply dam is estimated to be 107 ha.

The aim of the system will be to facilitate the capture of dirty water run-off from the site within the pit and dams on site, appropriately treat this water then pump it to a pre-treatment bio-retention swale at the head waters of the water supply dam before discharging into the water supply dam.

Run-off from Catchments A to H (excluding Catchment D), M, N and O will flow directly into the sediment dam located in the pit. All of these catchments generally form part of two natural catchments that the pit will intersect. During construction and for initial stages of operation two dams will be required to effectively capture water draining these catchments. These dams are presented on *Figure 3.2a*.

Run-off from Catchments D, I, J, K and L do not discharge directly into the pit.

Run-off from catchments I and J will be treated within a sediment dam located within each of these catchments and then subsequently discharged directly to the pre-treatment bio-retention swale system in the head waters of the water supply dam.

Catchments K and L will require pumping from the sediment dam into the pre-treatment bio-retention swale system in the head waters of the water supply dam.

Catchment D will require pumping back into the pit for pre-treatment prior to being discharged to the pre-treatment bio-retention swale in the head waters of the water supply dam.

Catchment O will require pumping back into the pit prior to being discharged to the pre-treatment bio-retention swale in the head waters of the water supply dam.

The starter pit will be located in the north western corner of the pit and extend to the eastern and southern areas. As such, during early stages of quarrying the pit will be primarily within Catchment A. Eastern areas (including catchments B, C and D will be undisturbed, as such, a secondary pit sump will be developed within Catchment B to facilitate the separation of clean and dirty water (*Figure 3.2b*). There will be no requirement to treat this water prior to discharge back to the catchment as it will be from undisturbed areas. However, bunding emplacements around the pit will prevent outflow to the catchment, as such, this water will be captured and treated within a sediment dam and pumped back into the treatment system at the head waters of the water supply dam.

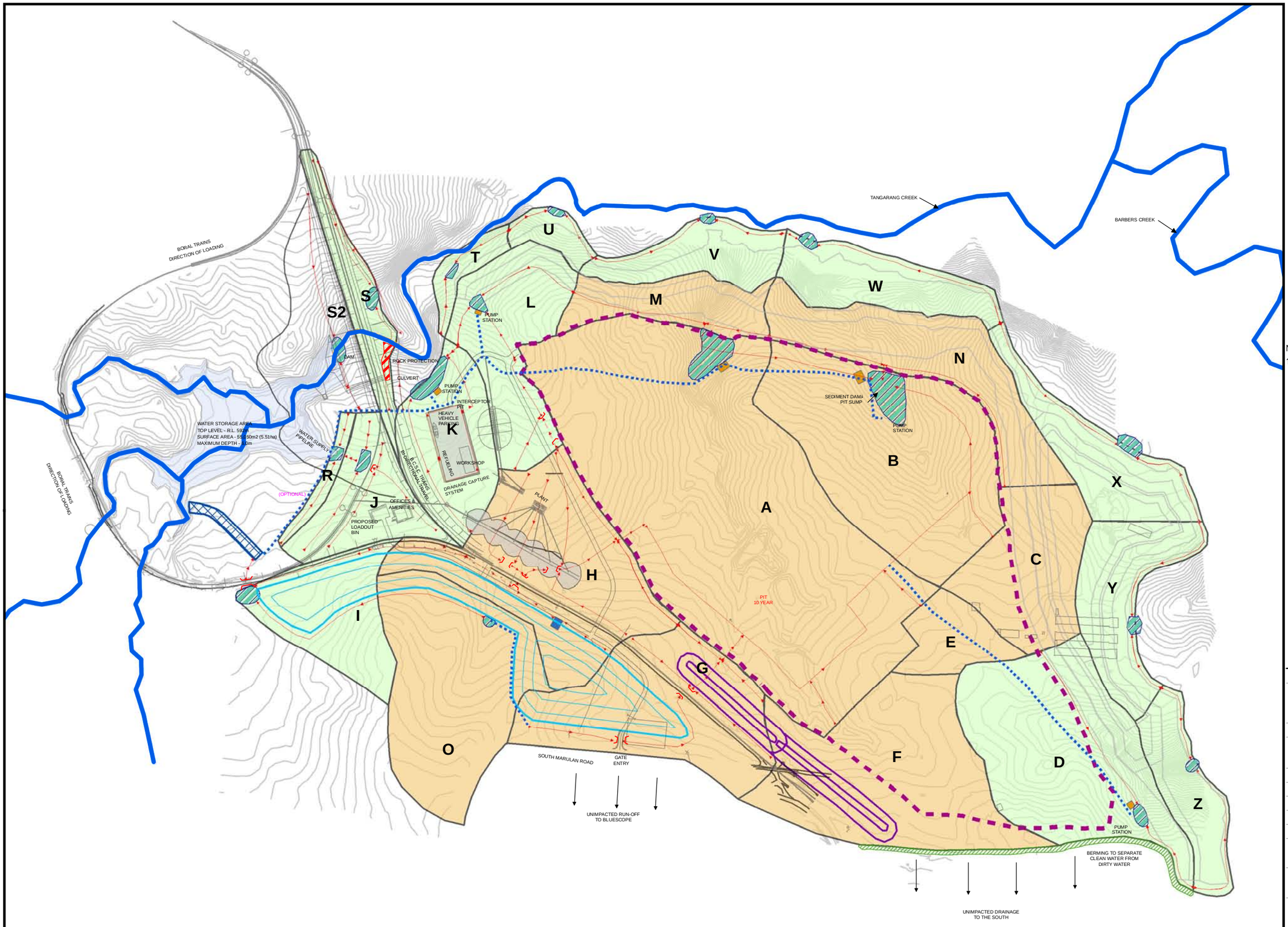
Due to the lie of the land at the site, during early stages of pit development runoff from Catchments E and F will flow into the sediment dam located within Catchment A as well as run-off from Catchments G, H and O.

A small diversion bund will be placed on the southern boundary of the operational area of the 30 year quarry zone to facilitate the separation and migration of clean surface water to the south and away from operational areas.

Temporary catchments have been developed to capture and treat run-off from the bunds and overburden stockpiles during the construction phase of works and include Catchments R to Z. After treatment, these catchments will discharge directly back to Tangarang Creek or Barbers Creek catchments. As the bunds and stockpiles are rehabilitated/re-vegetated, the sediment dams and drainage networks within these catchments will be decommissioned.

Potable water supply and sewage treatment for the offices and amenities located within Catchment J will comprise package treatment units with minimal demand for top-up water. Treated effluent will be irrigated onto landscaped areas surrounding the offices and amenities buildings.

Catchment K includes the workshop area, the heavy vehicle parking area and the refuelling area. These areas will be sealed and appropriately bunded where required. The primary contaminants of concern are anticipated to be the petroleum based products. As such, run-off from these will be via an appropriately designed interceptor for capturing petroleum based products before discharging to the sediment dam.



Legend

- Drainage Lines
- Pumping Pipe Line
- Proposed Location of Culvert
- 30 Year Pit
- Berming
- Sediment Dam
- Water Supply Dam (pre-treatment system/ bio-retention swale)
- Interceptor Pit
- Pump Station
- In Pit Capture and Treatment
- Out of Pit Capture and Treatment
- Dam Location

Emplacements

- contours
- permiter

Overburdens Noise Walls

- proposed

Notes:

1. There are no catchments P & Q.

Figure 3.2a

Construction Drainage Plan

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Project:	Peppertree Quarry	
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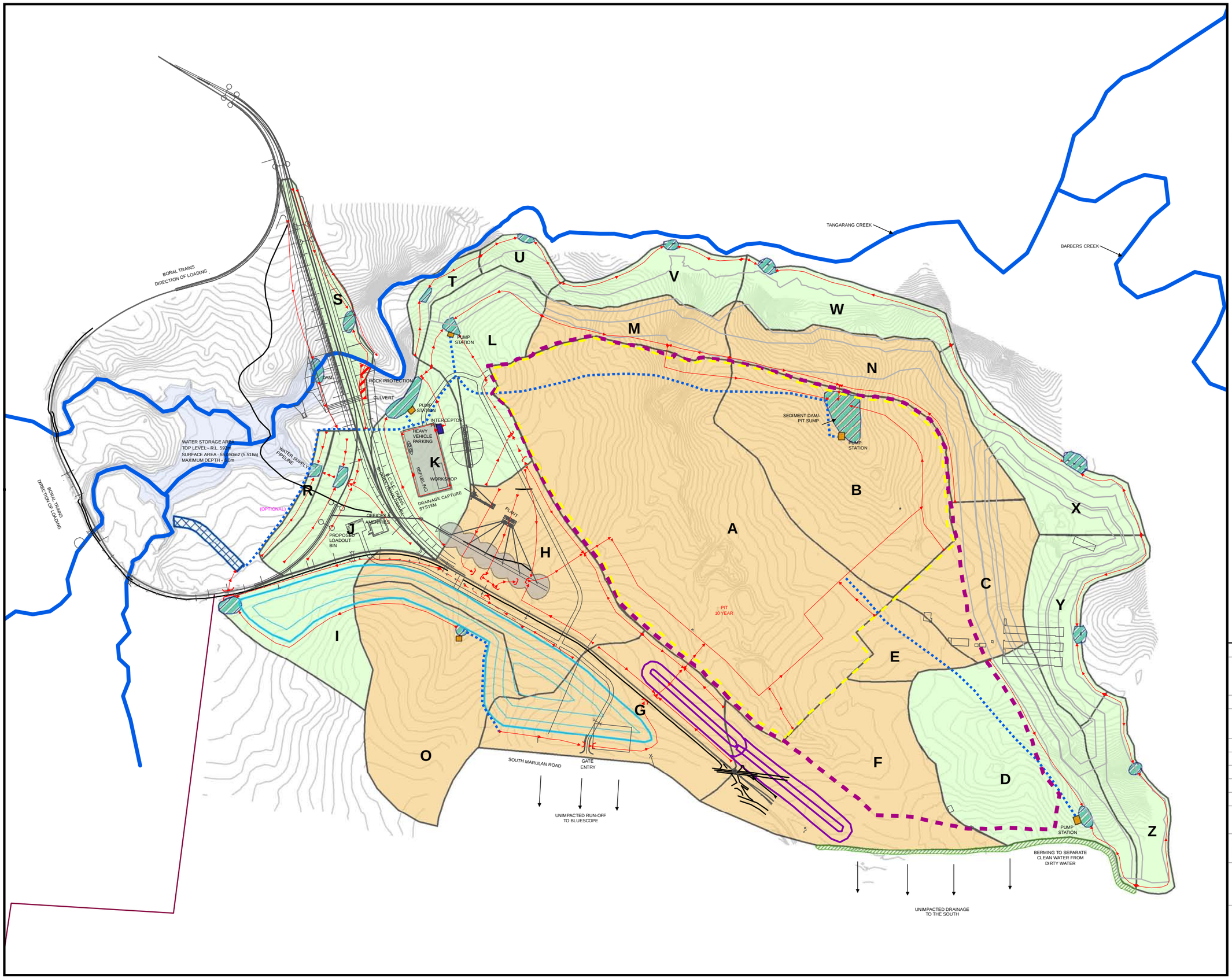

Legend

- 10 Year Pit
- 30 Year Pit
- Pumping Pipe Line
- Drainage Lines
- Interceptor Pit
- Pump Station
- Burming
- Sediment Dam
- Water Supply Dam (pre-treatment system/ bio-retention swale)
- In Pit Capture and Treatment
- Out of Pit Capture and Treatment
- Dam Location

Emplacements

- contours
- permiter

Overburdens Noise Walls

- proposed

Notes:

1. There are no catchments P & Q.

Figure 3.2b

Operation Drainage Plan

Client:	Boral	
Project:	Peppertree Quarry	
Date:	18/08/2011	Drawing size: A3
Drawn by:	ARC	Reviewed by: KR
Projection:	Not Defined	
Scale:	Refer to Scale Bar	

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3.4 WATER SUPPLY REQUIREMENTS

3.4.1 Demand Management

Calculation of raw water demand for the quarry operations over various stages in a proposed 30-year operational period were initially presented in the EA in 2006 with a peak demand of 255 ML per annum. Because the peak demand is expected after approximately 11 years of operation, any potential future extension of the 30-year plan will not increase total demand above 255ML per annum unless production rates are increased above 3.5 mtpa.

The water management system presented in the EA was developed around a range of conservative demand assumptions to ensure both environmental sustainability and to allow for flexibility in detailed design. Where there was any uncertainty in water use across the site, maximum demand assumptions were assumed to ensure an adequate water supply was developed.

A number of demand management investigations have been incorporated into the detailed design of the quarry to minimise the raw water demands. The quarry has been designed to optimise recycling within operations, with water used in all processes including washing, dust suppression for stockpiles and materials handling, will be collected, filtered if necessary, and recycled to minimise demand for top-up water from the clean water catchment storages. Water for site use will be obtained from the site sediment dams with the most suitable water quality using portable pumping equipment.

The demand management investigations and detailed design considerations have resulted in a revised maximum water demand of 145 ML/year, which represents a 43% reduction in site water demand from the initial calculations presented in the EA.

Details of the revised site water demand are presented in *Table 3.1*.

Table 3.1 Details of the Revised Water Demand

Activity	Details of Quarrying Activity							
	Years -1 to 0	Year 1	Years 2 - 5	Years 6 - 8	Years 9 - 10	Years 11 - 13	Years 14 - 30	Years > 30
Days of operation per year	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250
Production (Mtpa)	0.00	1.00	1.80	1.80	1.80	3.20	3.20	0.00
Overburden & Weathered Material (Mtpa)	1.75	1.20	1.20	2.00	2.00	1.70	0.00	0.00
Bund Wall Construction / Overburden Placement (Mtpa)	1.45	0.90	0.77	2.00	2.00	1.49	0.00	0.00
Total In Pit Haul Road Length (m)	0	1,500	1,700	1,800	2,000	1,700	2,400	0
Total Out of Pit Haul & Access Road Length (m)	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600	0
Total Stockpile Area (m^2)/10	2,000	2,000	3,000	5,000	5,000	6,000	6,000	0
Other Unsealed Areas (m^2)	1,000	1,000	8,000	10,000	10,000	14,000	14,000	4,000
Irrigation Area (ha)	20	20	20	5	5	5	5	50

Activity	Average Annual Usage (ML/year)							
In Pit Haul Road Dust Suppression (average 15kL/day per km)	0.00	5.63	6.38	6.75	7.50	6.38	9.00	0.00
Out of Pit Haul Road Dust Suppression (average 15kL/day per km)	9.75	9.75	9.75	9.75	9.75	9.75	9.75	0.00
Stockpile Dust Suppression (average 3L/day per m2)	1.50	1.50	2.25	3.75	3.75	4.50	4.50	0.00
Other Unsealed Areas Dust Suppression (average 3L/day per m2)	0.75	0.75	6.00	7.50	7.50	10.50	10.50	4.40
Overburden & Spoil Water (average 15L/tonne)	26.25	18.00	18.00	30.00	30.00	25.50	0.00	0.00
Bund Wall Construction & Maintenance (average 15L/tonne)	21.75	13.50	11.55	30.00	30.00	22.35	0.00	0.00
Washdown/Irrigation (Ave 200mmpa)	5.7	5.7	5.7	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	100
Manufactured Sand Moisture (based on 40ML for 2Mtpa production)	0	20	36	36	36	64	64	0
Amenities Water (Potable) (170L/day per person x 20 people)	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0
TOTAL	***66.6***	***75.7***	***96.5***	***126.0***	***126.8***	***145.2***	***100.0***	***104.4***

1. Years -1 to 0 refer to the quarry construction phase.

3.5 WATER BALANCE METRICS

3.5.1 Water Supply Dam Capacity

ERM undertook surface water modelling to assess the potential water supply dam size that would be required within the Tangarang Creek Catchment to capture suitable volumes of water over the life of the quarry. The minimum water use requirements for the site were to have:

- water use shortages no more than 0.3% of the time; and
- water shortage periods of no more than 3 weeks.

A spreadsheet based model was developed using catchment inflow data from a MUSIC model developed by ERM (ERM, 2006b) to represent the water supply dam catchment. The spreadsheet model included the following parameters:

- 112 years of rainfall data for Marulan (070063) was used with missing records estimated from other stations or from similar years of record at Marulan. Evaporation data was generated by repeating the 27 years of Goulburn (Progress St) data over the same period.
- assessment of the quarry lifetime water use requirements over an extended historical record (1902 to 2002). This included running the quarry lifetime over four different 72 year periods, including 1900 to 1972, 1910 to 1982, 1920 – 1992 and 1930 to 2002. This provided a greater understanding of the potential impacts of the proposed site water use under a range of climatic records. While the initial quarry approval is for 30 years, an extended period of 72 years was used in the model to represent potential future extensions to the quarry. This resulted in the simulation of an extended period of maximum usage, which is considered to be conservative from a demand perspective;
- the release of at least 10% of the daily catchment inflows back to Tangarang Creek catchment. This is in accordance with Schedule 3, Condition 24 of the Project Approval;
- the specification of 50% reduced quarry water usage days when dam water depth falls below 2 m and no quarry water usage when the dam water depth falls below 1 m;
- direct spilling of surface water flows in excess of the dam capacity (and in addition to 10% environmental flows) back to Tangarang Creek; and
- the incorporation of evaporation from the dam surface.

The modelling results suggest that a dam capacity of a 112 ML would be required to meet the site water demands given the current requirements. The modelling results suggest that, with a dam capacity of this size, on average reduced water usage days are likely to be experienced 0.17 % of the time with potential worst case reduced water usage days of 0.4 %. The maximum length of water use shortages days using a dam capacity of this size was simulated to be 12 days.

The proposed water supply dam within Tangarang Creek has a dam wall height of 7 m and a capacity of 112 ML and will therefore provide enough capacity to meet the required water supply volumes and criteria.

3.5.2 Water Supply Dam Environmental Release System Capacity

In order to release 10% of the environmental flows back to the catchment the environmental release system will be required to release a maximum volume of 63,761 KL/day. The 99.5 percentile flow is estimated to be 4,776 kL/day, which could reasonably be handled using pumps installed within the dam face. Based on this a release drain system will be developed to release 10% of daily flows to the down gradient catchment 99.5 % of the time. This will be backed up by a pumping system with a flow meter will be used as required. Inflows greater than the 99.5 percentile flow will not be immediately pumped to the down gradient catchment providing that the inflows contribute entirely to dam storage capacity increases and not dam overflow. This volume will be gradually released in the days after the inflow event.

It is estimated that under the worst case conditions, it will take up to 13 days to release the required flow volumes after a >99.5 percentile peak daily flow event. When overflow from the dam occurs via the spillway, the volumes estimated to be spilling will be subtracted from the volumes required for pumping. Therefore, the requirement to pump water to the down gradient catchment will be reduced or not required during times of spilling.

3.5.3 Sediment Dam Capacities

Sediment dam capacities have been determined using the rational method, which is detailed in Australian Rainfall Run-off, Volume 1 (IEA, 1998).

The dam capacities have been based on the requirement in the Project Approval to capture a 1 in 100 year annual recurrence interval (ARI) 24 hour storm event. This is larger than the capacities estimated using the method outlined in the Blue Book.

Table 3.2 presents the dam capacity requirements for each catchment listed within *Figure 3.2*.

Table 3.2 Dam Capacities

Location	Catchment area (km^2)	ARI (mm/hr) (I tc,100 year)	ARI (mm/hr) (I tc,20 year)	Dirty Water Dams	Run-off coefficient (Cy)	Peak flow rate (m3/s)	Volume per 24 hour storm (m3)	Average Depth of Dam at Capacity (m)	Dam Area (m2)
Quarry Operation Dams									
A									
B	3.1E-01	8.20	6.1	Y	0.8	5.6E-01	48,218	10	4,822
C	1.3E-01	8.20	6.1	Y	0.8	2.4E-01	20,522	10	2,052
D	5.7E-02	8.20	6.1	Y	0.8	1.0E-01	8,915	3	2,972
E	1.1E-01	8.20	6.1	N	0.8	1.5E-01	12,983	3	4,328
F	2.3E-02	8.20	6.1	Y	0.8	4.2E-02	3,642	3	1,214
G	1.1E-01	8.20	6.1	Y	0.8	2.1E-01	17,993	3	5,998
H	9.1E-02	8.20	6.1	Y	0.8	1.7E-01	14,306	3	4,769
I	1.1E-01	8.20	6.1	Y	0.8	2.0E-01	16,964	3	5,655
J	4.9E-02	8.20	6.1	Y	0.8	8.9E-02	7,656	3	2,552
K	3.9E-02	8.20	6.1	Y	0.8	7.2E-02	6,182	3	2,061
L	5.0E-02	8.20	6.1	Y	0.8	9.1E-02	7,821	3	2,607
M	6.0E-02	8.20	6.1	Y	0.8	1.1E-01	9,446	3	3,149
N	3.3E-02	8.20	6.1	Y	0.8	6.0E-02	5,210	3	1,737
O	6.8E-02	8.20	6.1	Y	0.8	1.2E-01	10,769	3	3,590
Construction and Rehabilitation Dams									
R	6.9E-03	8.20	6.1	N	0.8	9.3E-03	807	3	269
S	2.6E-02	8.20	6.1	N	0.8	3.5E-02	3,013	3	1,004
T	1.0E-02	8.20	6.1	N	0.8	1.4E-02	1,227	3	409
U	1.1E-02	8.20	6.1	N	0.8	1.4E-02	1,249	3	416
V	3.1E-02	8.20	6.1	N	0.8	4.2E-02	3,620	3	1,207
W	4.0E-02	8.20	6.1	N	0.8	5.5E-02	4,724	3	1,575
Y	4.5E-02	8.20	6.1	N	0.8	6.1E-02	5,235	3	1,745
X	4.7E-02	8.20	6.1	N	0.8	6.3E-02	5,463	3	1,821
Z	3.3E-02	8.20	6.1	N	0.8	4.5E-02	3,874	3	1,291

The information presented in the table is summarised as below:

- the required capacity of the sediment dam within the pit will be 169 ML with an estimated surface area of 1.69 ha, assuming an average depth of 10 m. The excavated base of the pit is likely to be able to provide containment for this volume of water. If the sediment dam was to be shallower in depth, i.e. 5 m on average, then the sediment dam would be required to be 3.9 ha;

- the required capacity of the sediment dam within Catchment D will be 13 ML with an estimated surface area of 0.43 ha assuming an average depth of 3 m. As the quarry pit progresses into this area run-off will be redirected into the pit void sediment dam;

- the required capacity of the sediment dam within Catchment I will be 7.7 ML with an estimated surface area of 0.25 ha assuming an average depth of 3 m;

- the required capacity of the sediment dam within Catchment J will be 6.2 ML with an estimated surface area of 0.21 ha assuming an average depth of 3m;

- the required capacity of the sediment dam within Catchment K will be 7.8 ML with an estimated surface area of 0.26 ha assuming an average depth of 3m; and

- the required capacity of the sediment dam within Catchment L will be 9.5 ML with an estimated surface area of 0.31 ha assuming an average depth of 3m.

As mentioned earlier, the pit intersects two main catchments [Catchments A (inclusive of catchments A, E, F, G H, M and O) and B (inclusive of catchments B, C and N) in *Figures 3.2a and 3.2b*]. This catchment shape when overlapped with the quarry pit shape could require the incorporation of a second sediment dam to effectively capture and treat the run-off at early stages of quarry development. If this occurs, the capacity of the sediment dam in Catchment A will be required to be 139 ML. Assuming an average sediment dam depth of 10 m the dam would have a surface area of 1.4 ha. The capacity of the sediment dam in Catchment B will be required to be 40 ML. Assuming a depth of 10 m the dam would have a surface area of 0.40 ha.

3.5.4 Sediment Dam Pumping Capacities

The dams have been sized to capture flow from a 1 in 100 ARI 24 hour rainfall event. When flows occur in excess of this volume, the sediment dams will over flow. This could result in the development of a significant surface water feature within the pit at times of high rainfall and /or unwanted flooding within the plant facility catchments.

The water balance model used for sizing the water supply dam was adapted to assess the likely inflows into a single sediment dam located within the pit and the pumping rates that would be required to minimise the breach of the sediment dam and hence the potential for flooding in the pit to prevent quarrying operations.

The following key changes were made to the water balance spreadsheet:

- no environmental flows are released to down gradient catchments and all inflow is captured within the pit;

- it is assumed that all site usage is obtained from the water supply dam and not from within the pit;

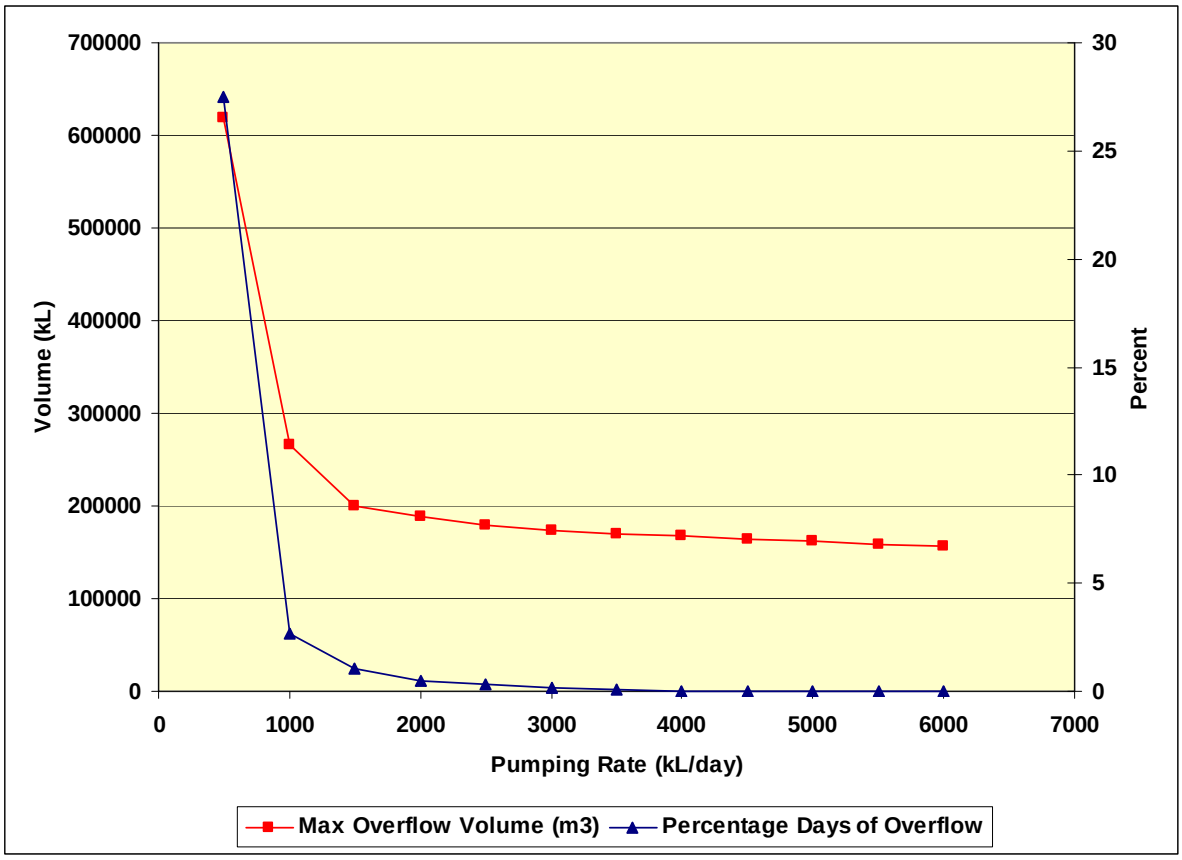
- pumping rates are variable depending on the depth of water within the pit sump. When the water elevation in the pit sump is greater than 2 m the dewatering pumping rates are at full capacity, when the water elevation in the pit sump is between 1 and 2 metres the dewatering pumping rates are at half capacity and when water elevation in the pit sump is below 1 m there is no dewatering;

- flooding within the pit is assumed to occur when water storage within the pit is above the design capacity of the sump; and

- groundwater seepage and/or sump leakage is considered to be negligible. This is considered to be an acceptable assumption given the hydrogeological conditions of the granodiorite deposit (ERM, 2006).

Figure 3.3 presents that the pumping rates versus percentage days of flooding and maximum flooding volume.

Figure 3.3 Percent Days of Flooding and Maximum Flood Volumes associated with Pit Sump Pumping Rates.



The information presented in the figure is summarised below:

- pumping rates of 500 kL/day will result in flooding within the pit 27 % of the time;

- if pumping rates are increased to a maximum capacity of approximately 4,300 kL/day there is unlikely to be any over flow from the pit sump over the quarry lifetime; and

- at a maximum pumping rate of 4,300 kL/day the minimum residence time of run-off entering the pit is estimated to approximate 6.5 days, which is based on the assumption that the pit sump will have a storage capacity of 15,000 kL below an elevation of 1 m. A residence time of 6.5 days is considered to be acceptable to allow settling of sediment within the pit sump prior to discharge of the water to the water supply pre-treatment system.

As such a pumping system with a capacity to pump 4,300 kL/day to the water supply dam is required for installation within the pit sump.

Given that the shape and slope of the quarry pit base is unknown at this time, it cannot be ascertained using the model as to the areal extent of the flooding once it occurs. Consequently an assessment of the extent of the area flooded in the pit has not been undertaken.

A pump will not be required within Catchment I as this catchment will discharge directly into the water supply dam pre-treatment system.

The pumping rates to the water supply dam pre-treatment system required to prevent overtopping of the remaining on site sediment dams is estimated to be:

- 1,400 kL/day Catchment D. This catchment's water will be pumped directly into the pit sump and is included within the pumping rates to be pumped from the pit sump to the water supply dam pre-treatment bio-retention swale;

- 417 kL/day from Catchment O. This catchments water will be drained back into the primary pit sump and is included in the pumping rates to be pumped directly from the pit sump to the water supply dam pre-treatment bio-retention swale;

- no pumping will be required from Catchment I as this will discharge directly to the pre-treatment bio-retention swale;

- 141 kL/day for Catchment J with a minimum residence time of 3.7 days;

- 195 kL/day for Catchment K with a minimum residence time of 3.5 days; and

- 224 kL/day for Catchment L with a minimum residence time of 3.5 days.

3.5.5 *Water Supply Dam Pre-Treatment Bio-retention Swale Capacity*

This pre-treatment facility will comprise a bio-retention swale system that will be designed to handle a capacity flow of approximately 5277 kL/day, which approximates the rate of all onsite pumps (excluding Catchment D, which has been included in the pit sump pumping rate) pumping at maximum capacity.

3.6 *RECEIVING WATERS*

Surface Water Flow Volumes

The Tangarang Creek Water Supply Dam catchment is approximately 730 ha, and flows to Barbers Creek, which has a catchment of approximately 9,000 ha. Modelling undertaken indicates that 79% of the flows into the water supply dam will be returned to the catchment, and it is likely that the overall reduction in the Barbers Creek catchment flow due to quarry consumption will be around 1.6%.

Releases from the water supply dam will include an allowance for 86% of surface water run-off captured within the operational quarry. In practice, in-pit water will be used within quarry operations in preference to returning it to the water supply dam. Water captured within the active quarry area is for the purposes of pollution control. As such it is not subject to harvestable rights requirements.

Taking into account losses and use from the dam, the average yearly water losses from the water supply dam catchment and the quarry site will approximate 234.2 ML/yr incorporating evaporative losses from all dams. This equates to less than 0.1% of the total yearly flow within the Shoalhaven River and is insignificant in terms of total flows in the Shoalhaven River, which averaged approximately 250,000 ML per annum at Tallowa Dam between 2001 and 2005.

Schedule 3, Condition 24 of the Project Approval stipulates that 10% of the daily flows into the dam are returned to Tangarang Creek. The modelling undertaken by ERM incorporated a daily return of 10% of dam flows to the catchment while allowing the required site water use to be obtained. As such, the water supply assessment has allowed for release of the required environmental flows.

Surface Water Flow Regimes

The dam design will include a pumping station/release pipeline which will return 10% of the daily inflows into the dam back into the catchment down gradient of the dam. The daily inflows will be determined using a level meter near the dam wall embankment, which will be linked to overall catchment inflow.

The dam will also include a spill way that will allow spills under high inflow conditions. These factors will result in a flow regime down gradient of the dam that will mimic the natural flow frequencies and variations to the extent that they meet the requirements of the Project Approval.

Water Quality

Storage dams have the potential for negative impacts on water quality by depleting dissolved oxygen and providing a potential source of algal blooms and undesirable habitat.

Appropriate management of the dam will prevent any potential detrimental impacts upon water quality.

Water from the water supply dam used for site water will be obtained from lower layers of the water column to ensure usage of any potential oxygen depleted water and to facilitate circulation within the dam.

Water returned to the down gradient catchment will primarily be sourced from the shallower water column layers in the dam that have had the least residency time within the dam.

If algal blooms occur within the dam that are considered to be inconsistent with natural conditions, water from these areas will not be dispensed to down gradient catchment areas unless they can be successfully filtered from discharge or until further work by an appropriately qualified consultancy has been undertaken to determine potential impacts and/or appropriate mitigation measures.

Surface water run-off from within the pit will also be collected and incorporated into the water management system to maximise recycling and minimise the potential for off-site transport.

All discharge from the sediment dams to the water supply dam will be pre-treated in a bio-retention swale before discharge into the dam. This will result in water quality meeting expected criteria.

MUSIC modelling undertaken by ERM (2006) suggests that there will be a net benefit to the water quality from redirecting surface run-off from the catchment and disturbed areas through the water supply dam. The model indicated that the dam will potentially result in an 89% reduction in suspended solids, 75.5% reduction in total phosphorus load and a 68 % reduction in the total nitrogen load in background concentrations discharged from the dam back to the catchment.

4 EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL

4.1 INTRODUCTION

Erosion and sediment control requirements for the quarry are presented in Schedule 3, Conditions 26 and 28 of the Project Approval. These requirements are presented below.

Condition 28 – Erosion and Sediment Control

"The erosion and sediment control plan shall:

1. *Be consistent with the requirements of Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction Volume 1, 4th Edition, 2004 (Landcom);*
2. *Identify activities that could cause soil erosion and generate sediment;*
3. *Describe measures to minimise soil erosion and the potential for the transport of sediment to downstream waters;*
4. *Describe the location, function and capacity of erosion and sediment control structures; and*
5. *Describe what measures would be implemented to maintain (and if necessary decommission) the structures over time."*

Condition 25 – Sediment Dams

"The proponent shall ensure that:

c) *Critical structures such as "dirty water" dams are designed, constructed and maintained to accommodate a 1 in 100 year ARI 24 hour event; and*

d) *Other dams and water management structures are designed, constructed and maintained to accommodate a 1 in 20 year ARI 24 hour event."*

The objective of this chapter is to describe the mechanisms that will be adopted at the site to meet the erosion and sediment control requirements presented above, such that contractors can use this document as a basis for implementing on site sediment and control systems.

As stated in the previous chapter, the main mechanism for managing the discharge of sediment from the site will be to capture run-off within sediment basins. Details of the location and capacities of these structures is presented in Section 3 of this WMP. The sizing of the sediment dams to meet Schedule 3, Condition 25 of the project approval are also presented in Section 3 of the WMP.

4.2 ACTIVITIES REQUIRING EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES

During construction there will be significant earth works to develop site structures. This will include:

- development of bunds;
- development of the plant and site facilities, include road and rail line development;
- development of sediment dams and drainage infrastructure;
- development of overburden stockpiles; and
- development of the water supply dam.

The main issues associated with developing these structures will include stripping back of land surfaces, which will result in exposed soil surfaces and loose stockpiled material. This material will be prone to erosion from rainfall impact and surface run-off.

The erosion and sediment control measures that will be adopted to protect these systems are detailed in the following sections.

During operation of the quarry there will be ongoing stripping and stockpiling of overburden and exposed surfaces that will require erosion and sediment control measures.

4.3 EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROLS

Erosion control is considered to be the first line of defence in managing surface water run-off quality and alleviating pressure on site sediment dams.

Land disturbance will be minimised by clearing the smallest practical area required for ongoing quarry operations and rehabilitating non-active operational areas as quickly as possible (eg outer bund walls and overburden dumps).

An erosion control measure selection process will be adopted in any area where land is being disturbed as described below. Following the implementation of all practical erosion control measures, the general approach to managing site water will be to capture and treat the water in sediment dams that have been designed in accordance with the requirements of the Project Approval and that meet the requirements of *Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction Volume 1, 4th Edition, March 2004 (Landcom, 2004)* herein referred to as the "Blue Book".

Design details for stormwater and sediment control structures for mine and quarry sites are detailed in the Sections 5 and 6 of Volume 1 of the Blue Book. Additional measures are outlined within *Managing Urban Stormwater, Soils and Construction, Volume 2E Mines and Quarries (DECC, 2008).* The design requirements presented in these documents that will be adopted for site sediment control structures is detailed below.

Appendix F of *Volume 2E Mines and Quarries (DECC, 2008)* details a procedure for selecting erosion and sediment control measures. This is provided in *Annex B* and will be adopted onsite, where possible, for the selection of the techniques to be used during construction and operation of the quarry. Particular approaches that will be adopted for the site are discussed further below.

Figures 3.2a and Figure 3.2b present the layout of the sediment dams during construction and operational stages of the quarry.

The main approach that will be adopted on site to prevent ongoing erosion will be to re-consolidate exposed surfaces by re-vegetation. Prior to that temporary systems will be put in place to reduce erosion from exposed surfaces.

A small diversion bund will be placed on the southern boundary of the operational area of the 30 year quarry zone to facilitate the separation and migration of clean surface water to the south and away from operational areas.

Specific sediment and control measures that will be adopted at the site are presented below.

4.3.1 Land Disturbance

All erosion and sediment control measures will be implemented prior to the disturbance of any land. This will include development of all of the sediment dams presented in *Figures 3.2a* and *b* prior to construction and during operation of the quarry.

Sediment fencing will be installed down slope of any disturbed areas to minimise off site migration of contamination. Sediment fencing will be installed in accordance with the Blue Book sediment fence guidance (SD 6-8).

Prior to any area of land being disturbed, the area will be marked out and contractors informed that works cannot extend outside the boundary of this area. This will ensure that the erosion and sediment control measures set up are able to capture the area of land being disturbed.

Land disturbance will be minimised by clearing the smallest practical area possible and rehabilitating non-active operational areas as quickly as possible (eg outer bund walls and overburden dumps).

An erosion control measure selection process will be adopted in any area where land is being disturbed. This assessment process will include adopting the erosion and sediment control decision tree presented in Annex A, which has been adapted from Annex F of *Volume 2E Mines and Quarries (DECC, 2008)*. This selection process is based on the following key steps:

- identifying the problem – erosion or sedimentation – to be managed;
- where the problem is erosion, identifying whether it is caused by rainfall impact or concentrated flow;
- where the problem is sedimentation, identifying if sediment is conveyed by sheet or concentrated flow; and
- selecting the appropriate techniques presented in Annex A depending on the identified specific nature of the problem.

This process will be implemented prior to land disturbance being undertaken as the quarry proceeds over the 30 year operations. The methods adopted will be implemented as soon as practicably possible after the land is disturbed. This will include staged implementation of the erosion and sediment controls/measures, i.e., site stabilisation works prior to land disturbance works finishing.

The measures adopted will be merged with the long-term management objective to permanently re-vegetate disturbed areas with native vegetation species as appropriate, which is discussed further in subsequent sections.

4.3.2 Top Soil Management

Top soil stripping will be completed when the soil is moist to prevent disaggregation of soil structure where possible.

A philosophy of handling soil only once will be adopted where possible at the site to minimise the time at which soil may be vulnerable to erosion. This will be achieved by careful scheduling of quarrying activities and having designated permanent areas for top soil stockpiling. It will also include appropriate scheduling of stripping to develop the bunding around the site without stockpiling the material first.

Stockpiles and bunds will be managed in accordance with the SD 4-1 stockpiles present within the Blue Book.

Drainage will be developed around stockpiles to prevent ponding on or around the base of the stockpiles.

Erosion control systems on overburden stockpiles and bunding will include surface roughening, soil surface mulching and mid slope diversions where possible.

4.3.3 Sediment Dams

The capacities of sediment dams onsite have been designed in accordance with the Schedule 3, Condition 25 of the Project Approval. Details of this are provided in the previous chapter. The locations of sediment dams around the site are presented in *Figures 3.2a* and *Figure 3.2b.*

In accordance with the requirements of the Blue Book, all sediment dams will be design with a length to width ratio of 3 to 1 such that the residence time within the dams will be suitable for settling sediment prior discharge to the water supply dam pre-treatment system. If this ratio cannot be achieved, baffles will be installed within the dams to artificially create a 3 to 1 ratio.

The required sediment dam capacities within the pit are large. In order ensure that the sump pits achieve the desired purpose of capturing all surface run-off from disturbed areas while preventing the sump from impacting site works a staged approach to pit sump migration and development is recommended. An idealised approach is presented in *Figure 4.1.* This includes the following key factors:

- alternating the location of the pit sump from one side of the pit to the other;
- developing the pit sump prior to commencing any quarrying of the remainder of the pit;
- the pit sump will be excavated to a depth equal to the depth required to reach recommended dam capacity plus the quarry bench height;
- quarrying will move progressively across the base of the pit from one side to the other;
- once quarrying has reached the other side of the pit a new pit sump will be developed to a depth required to reach recommended pit sump capacities plus the quarry bench height; and
- quarrying will move progressively back across the pit again. This will be an ongoing process until the maximum depth of the pit is reached.

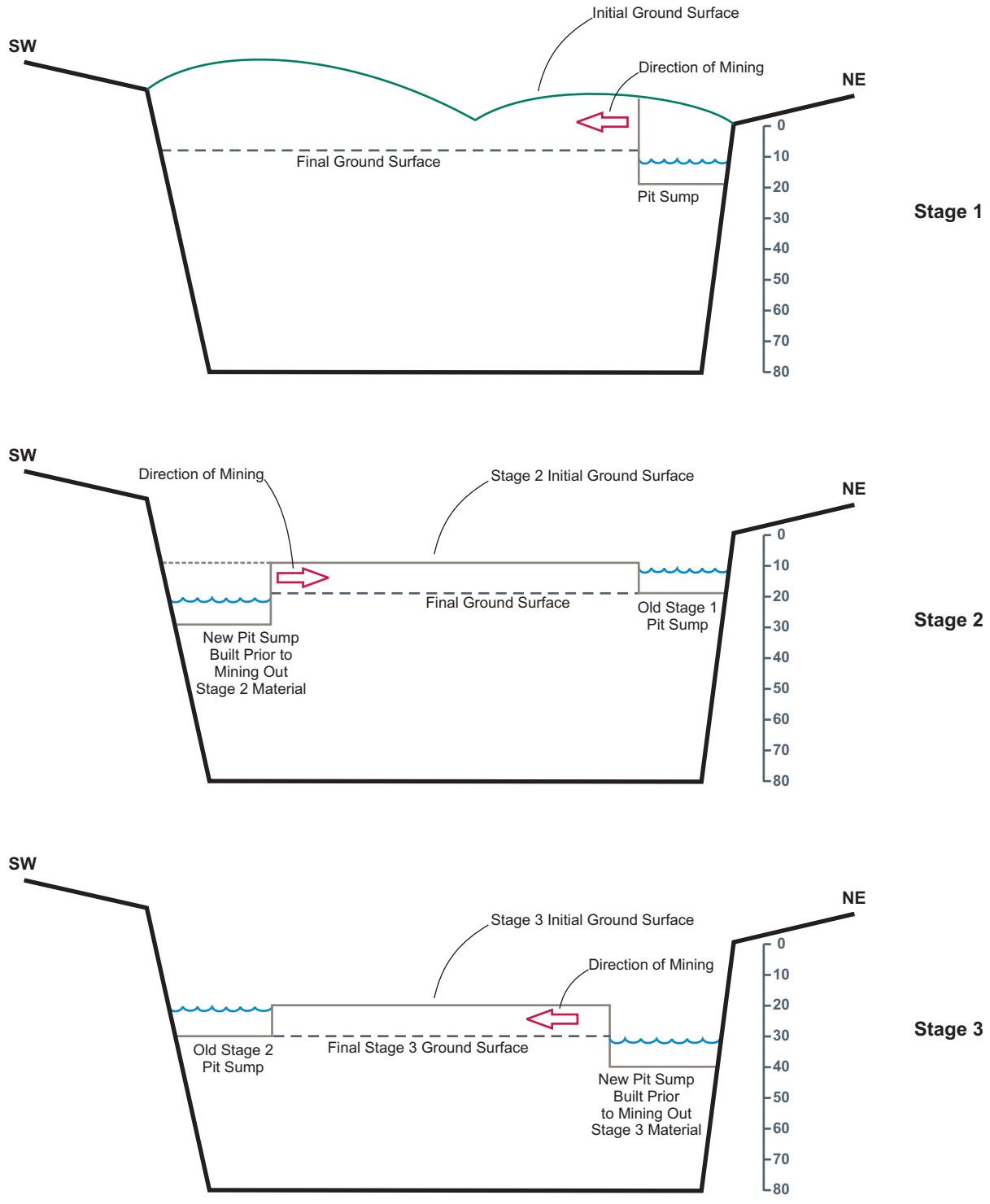


Figure 4.1

Idealised Quarrying Procedure

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This approach represents an idealised procedure to guide pit sump development. Other approaches may be adopted within the pit to account for effective capture of surface run-off in the pit sump and to meet on going operation requirements. However, the approaches adopted will ensure that the pit sump capacity meets the required design capacity and is performing the required function detailed in the Project Approval.

The bunding around the northern and eastern boundaries of the resource area has an elevation of approximately 10 m and will form barriers to natural drainage from sediment dams back to the Tangarang Creek and/or Barbers Creek catchments. The bunding will act as a secondary containment mechanism in addition to sediment dams located within the pit for impacted surface water. However, once the pit extends below the base of the natural catchment area draining to the north, the pit itself will act as a secondary water containment mechanism for water from disturbed areas flowing into the pit. This will prevent any untreated surface water from disturbed areas from flowing directly into Tangarang Creek.

The pit sump is unlikely to be subject to significant leakage mainly due to the very low permeability of the granodiorite and a groundwater gradient that will be directed into the pit. As such no liner will be placed within the pit sump.

Out of pit sediment dams will be designed in accordance with earth dam requirements presented in *Section 6 (SD 6-3)* of *Volume 1* of the *Blue Book*. In pit, sediment dams will not spill water and will not be designed to strictly meet these criteria.

The sediment dams external to the pit will be constructed within the natural low permeability silt and clay sediments within the study site. If permeable material below the silts and clays are penetrated, exhumed silts and clays will be used to line the dams. A silt/clay layer of approximately 1 m thickness will be used to line all sediment dams outside of the quarry pit.

All sediment dams and associated drainage will be constructed prior to any works commencing upgradient of the dams. The dams will be constructed in dry conditions only to prevent sediment laden water discharging from the site due to run-off occurring during their construction.

4.3.4 Pre-Treatment System for the Water Supply Dam

A pre-treatment facility will be located in the headwaters of the water supply dam that will receive water from sediment dams on site and within the pit.

The bio-retention system will include a sloped vegetated drainage channel underlain by filter media, comprising of a layer of sand.

A perforated drainage pipe embedded in course aggregate will underlie the filter media. The bio-retention swale will act as an additional filter to water being discharged into the water supply dam.

The required capacity of this system is detailed in the previous chapter.

4.3.5 Drainage Systems

The drainage network will be designed to pre-treat run-off prior to discharging to sediment dams. This will be accomplished by installing rock check dams along the drainage pathways to reduce flow energy and promote capture and settling of fines.

The permanent areas of the drainage network will be designed to minimise in drain erosion and will include:

- installing appropriate liners, which could include prefabricated liners consisting of concrete, polyethylene, other forms of erosion control blankets or hard armour channels;
- rock check dams at regular[1] intervals along drainage lines to reduce flow energy; and
- design of drains that have grades of less than 1 % where possible. Where grades are greater than 1 % suitable systems will be developed to prevent erosion of the drainage channels in accordance with the Blue Book. This may include the use of liner blankets.

Upslope drainage systems will be placed around the permanent edges of the pit to prevent erosional surfaces developing around the edge of the pit and to prevent instability. This drainage system will then direct water within localised structures into the pit base.

Areas of the quarry footprint which are yet to be disturbed (eg.. to the south of the pit) surface run-off will be uncontrolled and will flow directly into the pit. Due to the nature of the topography in these areas, the majority of surface run-off will naturally channel into localised discharge zones into the pit. If required, temporary permeable rock walls/dams will be used to dissipate flow and reduce erosion at the quarry pit edge and at the pit base where these flows occur.

[1] The 'Blue Book' recommends that rock check dams should be spaced so that the toe of the upstream dam is level with the spillway of the downstream dam.

4.3.6 Road Systems

Roads will be constructed to ensure surface drainage is optimised and stabilised so that erosion of roads is reduced and so that sedimentation along roadside drains is minimised.

Roads will be sloped such that run-off will flow by the shortest routes to roadside drainage systems that will redirect run-off to catchment drainage networks and sediment dams.

Roadways on stockpiles and bunded areas will be designed to slope inwards so that run-off will be directed back into the pit and trapped within the site erosion and sediment control network.

4.3.7 Long Term Management

As explained earlier, the long term management procedure will be to revegetate disturbed areas or implement suitable drainage facilities around built structures.

The re-vegetation plan will be design to use native flora that will result in rapid stabilisation of disturbed areas. Key areas that will be re-vegetated will include bund walls and overburden stockpiles.

4.3.8 Water Supply Dam Construction

In order to prevent sedimentation and water quality reduction within Tangarang Creek during construction of the water supply dam wall, the following methods will be adopted at the site. Construction of the dam is anticipated to take less than two weeks, with construction planned to be undertaken during low flows in Tangarang Creek. These methods are summarised on *Figure 3.2a*.

1. A temporary weir will be developed at the up-gradient side of the dam footprint. This weir will be developed during a period when there is limited flow within the creek.

2. Drainage lines will then be developed around the periphery of the water supply dam construction site.

3. The drainage lines will drain directly into sediment dams of Catchment S capacity located within Catchment S and S2 in *Figure 3.2a*. The sediment dam in the Catchment S2 will drain back into the temporary weir created to capture and divert Tangarang Creek flows to down gradient areas. The sediment dam in Catchment S will drain directly back into Tangarang Creek.

4. Pumps will be installed within the temporary weir to pump inflow to the down gradient catchment.

5. The construction area will be stabilised using the process outlined for erosion and sediment control measure implementation detailed in 4.3.1 above. This will be followed by long term stabilisation using native vegetation species.

6. After construction and stabilisation works are complete, the temporary diversion weir and the sediment dam within Catchment S will be decommissioned or left to form part of the base of the water supply dam. The sediment dam within Catchment S will remain to capture and effectively treat run off from the dam wall . This sediment dam will discharge directly back to Tangarang Creek catchment down gradient of the water supply dam.

4.4 MAINTENANCE

The site environmental officer or delegated individual will undertake regular inspections to assess the integrity of the sediment and erosion control systems on site. This will include assessing permanent structures and those temporarily installed by contractors working in specific areas.

Inspections of permanent structures will be undertaken after rainfall events greater than 15 mm in 24 hours). The aim of this will be to see how the system is performing under low flow events so that system weaknesses can be improved in preparation for larger rainfall events and to ensure that the system is unobstructed ahead of larger rainfall events. The 15 mm rainfall event used for initiating checks maybe revised if the system is seen to be performing effectively under this amount of rainfall.

Inspection of temporary structures around construction areas, overburden stripping areas and unconsolidated stockpiles will be undertaken prior to the commencement of works and on a rainfall event and weekly basis thereafter.

Inspections will include visual observations to check for erosion of surfaces on site and sedimentation within the water management network. An erosion and sediment control checklist is provided in Annex C.

Where systems have been viewed not to be functioning correctly the system will be restored to meet the requirements presented within this document and the standards presented in the "Blue Book". In areas, where erosion is occurring regularly, additional erosion control measures will be put in place in accordance with the "Blue Book".

The structures/activities requiring inspection include:

- road and associated drainage systems;
- drainage networks;
- sediment dams;
- bunding and overburden stockpiles;
- temporary stockpiles; and
- overburden stripping areas.

The specific inspection requirements for these structures are presented below.

4.4.1 Roads

Roads will be visually inspected for the presence of erosion of the road systems and sedimentation within roadside drainage networks. Where erosion and sedimentation is observed, this will be rectified immediately by regrading the road and by clearing sediment accumulation within the drainage network. An assessment will then be made of the potential cause of the erosion and sediment control issues and additional measures will be put in place to reduce erosion. The measures that could be considered include:

- installation of mitre drains;
- scour protection of road drainage; and
- re-grading of the road surface to reduce gradient.

4.4.2 Drainage Networks

Drainage networks will be visually inspected for the presence of erosion of drainage channels and accumulation of sediment in drainage channels. Where erosion and sedimentation has occurred, immediate action will be taken to repair the damage. Rock check dams will also be inspected for sedimentation and will be clean out as required.

Where regular erosion and sedimentation is occurring, an assessment will be made of the likely cause of the issue and further protection measures will be put in place to mitigate the erosion and sedimentation. This may include, but is not limited to:

- installing additional up gradient sediment fences;
- emplacement of more robust drain liners in accordance with the "Blue Book";
- installing additional energy dissipation structures in accordance with the "Blue Book";
- reducing the grade of the drainage network.

4.4.3 Sediment Dams

The sediment dam within the pit (the pit sump) will be regularly moved and will therefore not require regular visual inspection for sedimentation. Other dams will require visual inspection on a regular basis to ensure that sedimentation of the dams is not resulting in a capacity less than the design requirements. As such these dams will require emptying on a regular basis for inspection. It is recommended that measuring stakes are placed in the dams to monitor the depth of sediment. Subject to required capacities being reduced by sediment accumulation, the dams will be re-excavated/re-graded.

Visual inspections should also be completed to assess the clarity of water within the dams prior to discharge and the integrity of the dams structures. This will include checking for cracking within, leakage of the dam walls. Where the integrity of the dam walls appears to compromised, immediate works will be undertaken to stabilise the structure.

4.4.4 Bunding and Overburden Stockpiles

The sides of overburden stockpiles and bunding will be visually inspected to check the condition of existing erosion control structures and for the development of erosion features such as scouring. Where identified, additional measures will be put in place to reduce erosion. This may include the installation of upgradient surface water flow capture systems, the installation of erosion control blankets, development of mid-slope terraces or the re-grading of the slopes to reduce gradients.

4.4.5 Temporary Stockpiles And Overburden Stripping Areas

Regular visual inspections of these areas will be undertaken to ensure that works are being undertaken within the area that erosion and sediment controls are protecting. Visual inspections will also be undertaken of the features that have been installed such as sediment control fencing and hay bailing to prevent soil erosion and sedimentation.

4.4.6 Remaining Areas

A broad inspection of all other areas onsite will be undertaken for the signs of erosion and sedimentation. Where identified, an assessment will be made of the likely cause of the erosion/sedimentation and appropriate control measures will be installed.

5 MONITORING PROGRAM

5.1 INTRODUCTION

Schedule 3, Condition 29 of the Project Approval details the requirements for a Surface Water Monitoring Program. It states that:

"The Surface Water Monitoring Control Program shall include:

a) detailed baseline data on surface water flows and quality in Tangarang Creek and Barbers Creek;

b) surface water impact assessment criteria;

c) a program to monitor surface water flows and quality;

d) a protocol for the investigation of identified exceedences of the surface water impact assessment criteria; and

e) a program to monitor the effectiveness of the Erosion and Sediment Control Plan."

Schedule 3, Condition 30 of the Project Approval details the requirements for a Groundwater Monitoring Program. It states that:

"The Groundwater Monitoring Control Program shall include:

a) detailed baseline data on groundwater levels, flows and quality based on statistical analysis;

b) groundwater impact assessment criteria for monitoring bores;

c) a program to monitor regional groundwater levels and quality; and

d) a protocol for the investigation of identified exceedences of the groundwater impact assessment criteria;

The overall objective of the monitoring plan is to meet the requirements of the project approval presented above. To meet this objective the monitoring plan has been designed to:

- characterise baseline surface and groundwater conditions to set a benchmark for water quality conditions against which the any potential impacts of the quarry can be compared;
- provide water quality data, such as pit water chemistry groundwater and surface water chemistry, to establish chemical relationships between the quarry operations, groundwater and surface water features, which will allow potential impacts to be better delineated;

- assess the suitability of water stored in the water supply dams for use in quarry operations and for environmental releases;
- assess the quality of water being discharged from sediment dams to the water supply dam;
- collectively assess the effectiveness of the water management system;
- assess the quality of water being discharged from sediment dams located outside the pit catchment (i.e. around site bunding) to ensure discharge water quality meets required standards;
- assess the quality of water being discharged from the water supply dam back to Tangarang Creek to ensure discharge water quality meets required standards;
- characterise the groundwater elevations in both the shallow aquifer system located at the interface between overburden and granodiorite bedrock (located at depths of between 15 m and 30 m below ground surface (m bgs) and the deeper fractured bedrock system to the estimated maximum depth the quarry pit (approx. 80 mbgs);
- provide a sentinel well between the pit void and any abstraction wells, which can be used as a trigger for potential impacts and therefore for implementing potential mitigation measures;
- tie the monitoring network into previous surface and groundwater assessments to maintain consistency and to allow for extended baseline conditions data. This therefore excludes those wells currently located within the quarry pit footprint; and
- provide additional data such as pit void base elevations/water elevations and surface water elevations to establish groundwater flow directions between the quarry pit and surface water features such that potential seepage impacts can be estimated.

5.2 MONITORING PROGRAM

5.2.1 Surface Water Quality Monitoring

To achieve the surface water objectives the monitoring site presented in *Figure 5.1* have been established. The monitoring sites presented are summarised below.

Upstream (monitoring site U1) – water quality will be monitored upstream from the main water supply dams to assess the water quality from upstream catchment areas. Catchment run-off has the potential for elevated nutrient levels associated with agricultural practises in the predominantly rural catchment. The samples will be scheduled for the complete laboratory analytical suite presented in following sections of this chapter.

Dams (monitoring sites WD1) – water quality will be monitored at the outflow point in the main water supply dams following establishment to ensure that water is of suitable quality for its intended use in quarry operations and for releases to Tangarang Creek. The samples will be scheduled for the complete laboratory analytical suite.

Tangarang Creek (monitoring site T1) – water quality will be monitored in Tangarang Creek downstream of the supply dam to confirm that site operations are not impacting receiving waters. Water samples will be scheduled for the complete laboratory analytical suite.

Out of Pit Sediment Dams (monitoring sites OSD 1 to OSD 14) – field based water quality monitoring will be undertaken at all sediment dams located outside the bund that discharge offsite during construction and rehabilitation of the bunds. This will be undertaken prior to discharge of water from the site. Sampling will include visual inspections of the water quality and collection of water clarity data using a water quality meter.. Further to this, field monitoring of the water quality in the 'out of pit' site sediment dams located within the operational area will be undertaken to assess the effectiveness of the dams. If adverse water quality is identified an assessment will be undertaken to identify and mitigate any potentially adverse impacts. Samples will be obtained from the discharge point of the dams. As sampling will be undertaken within these dams, it is not considered necessary to monitor flow quality in Barbers Creek. This is considered to be a suitable approach given that accessibility to Barbers Creek is severely limited and accessing the Creek for sampling is likely to represent a significant health and safety issue.

In Pit Sediment Dams (monitoring site ISD1) – in pit water quality will be sampled prior to discharge to the pre-treatment bio-retention swale located at the head waters of the water supply dam. The samples will be scheduled for the complete laboratory analytical suite.

Bio-retention Swale Discharge (monitoring site BRS1) – discharge from the pre-treatment bio-retention swale to the water supply dam will also be monitored. This will holistically assess the discharge water quality from other sediment dams located on site. The samples will be scheduled for the complete laboratory analytical suite. Samples will be obtained from the discharge point of the dams.

Usage - rainfall, flow and usage data will also be recorded during the operation of the quarry. A gauge will be located at the site to gain daily rainfall and evaporation data to predict water supply balances and to manage dust suppression. Water levels in each of the storages will be monitored at least weekly to confirm available supply and to alert operations to impending water restrictions. Flow meters will be installed to monitor the quantity of water being used on-site and to quantify environmental release requirements.

5.2.2 Surface Water Flow Monitoring

To ensure that at least 10 % of the daily flows in Tangarang Creek are being released back to the catchment, a flow monitoring system will be implemented within the water supply dam. . Changes in the level of the lake at the water supply dam face will be calibrated with dam volume and used to determine daily inflow and outflow volumes.

Environmental releases will occur continuously in accordance with in-flows, and will be supplemented by spills during high flow conditions.

Spills from the overflow point in the water supply dam will be monitored daily using a level stage system that relates stage height to total flows. When flows occur the stage will be monitored on a twice daily basis by the environmental officer for the site or by an automated flow gauging system.

5.2.3 Groundwater Elevation Monitoring

North of Quarry: Two wells will be monitored on the northern side of the pit, this will include on going monitoring of P04, which is screened within the shallow aquifer system and an additional well (MW42) will be installed within the fractured bedrock aquifer to depths (80 m) that will allow characterisation of groundwater elevations over the entire lifetime of the quarry.

East of the Quarry - Two wells will be monitored on the eastern side of the pit. Well (MW43) will be installed within the fractured bedrock aquifer to depths (80 m) to allow characterisation of groundwater elevations over the entire quarry life. Well (MW44) will be installed within the shallow aquifer system to monitor shallow groundwater elevations over the life of the quarry.

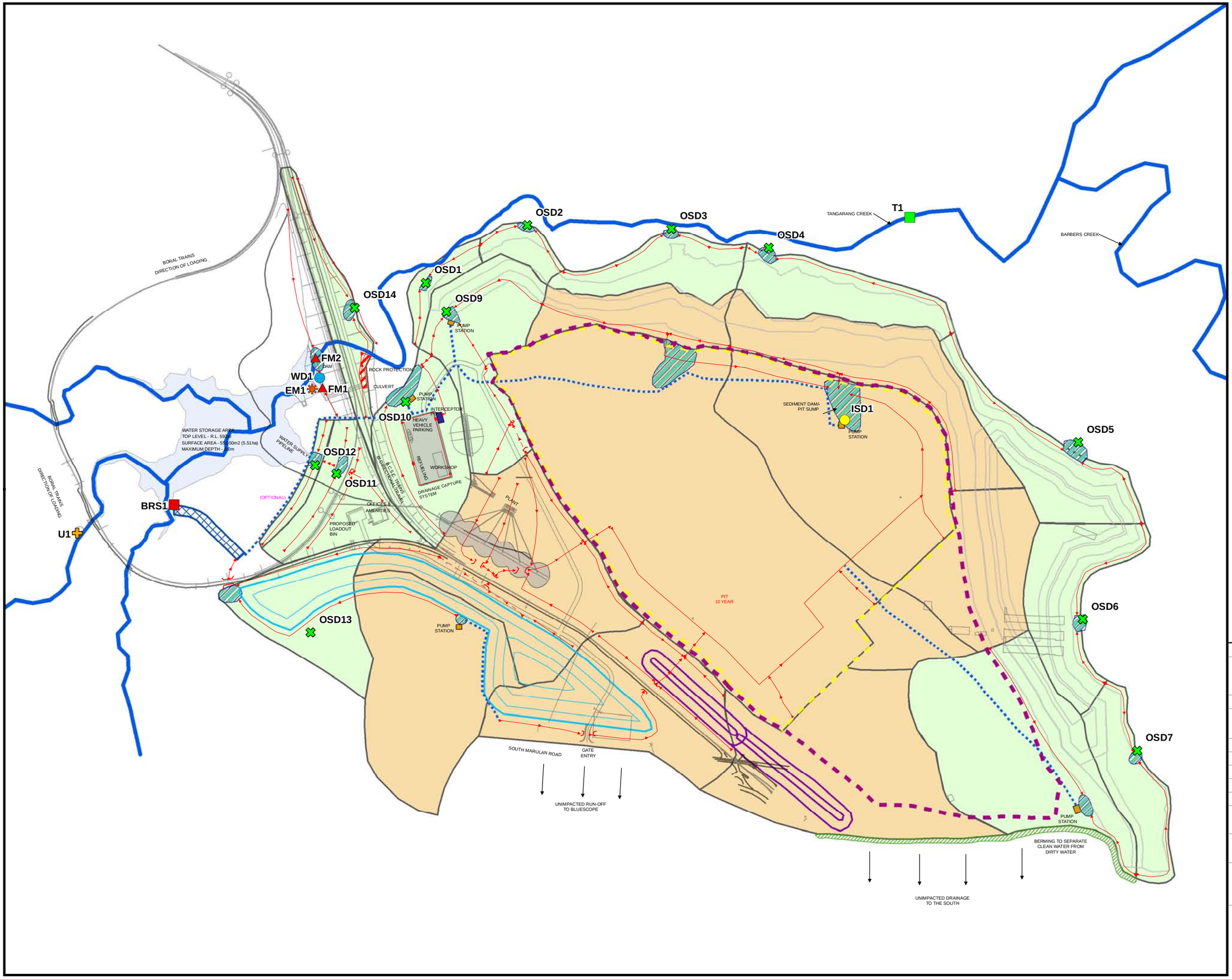
South of the Quarry: The existing monitoring network to the south of the quarry pit will be used to monitor groundwater elevations. P35 and P41 will be used to monitor shallow and deep groundwater elevations and chemistry on the south side of the quarry pit. These wells will need to have casings installed through the overburden and well monuments emplaced at the surface (they will remain as open hole installations).

West of the Quarry: Two wells will be monitored on the western side of the pit. (MW45) will be installed within the fractured bedrock aquifer to depths (80 m) that will allow characterisation of groundwater elevations over the entire quarry lifetime. A further well (MW46) will be installed within the shallow aquifer system to monitor shallow groundwater elevations over the quarry lifetime.

Sentinel Well: - An additional sentinel well (MW47) will be installed within the overburden/bedrock interface aquifer approximately 500 m to the west of the pit void to monitor potential impacts between the site and the nearest abstraction bores. Groundwater elevation changes in this will then be tied to mitigation measures to prevent adverse impacts to the nearest abstraction bores.

Pit Void: - The base of the pit void and/or the pit sump water elevations will be recorded and related to groundwater elevations and surrounding surface water features to provide essential data for determining potential seepage impacts.

All groundwater sampling locations will be surveyed relative to Australian Height Datum.



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- Flow Monitoring Site
- Bio-Retention Swale Discharge Water Quality Monitoring Location
- Tangarang Creek Water Quality Monitoring Location
- Upstream Inflow
- Water Supply Dam Discharge Water Quality Monitoring Location
- In Pit Sediment Dam Water Quality Monitoring Location
- Out of Pit Sediment Dam Water Quality Monitoring Location
- 10 Year Pit
- 30 Year Pit
- Pumping Pipe Line
- Drainage Lines
- Interceptor Pit
- Pump Station
- Burming
- Sediment Dam
- Water Supply Dam (pre-treatment system/ bio-retention swale)
- In Pit Capture and Treatment
- Out of Pit Capture and Treatment
- Dam Location

Emplacements

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Notes:

1. There are no catchments P & Q.
2. There is no sampling point OSD8.

Figure 5.1

Surface Water Monitoring Sites

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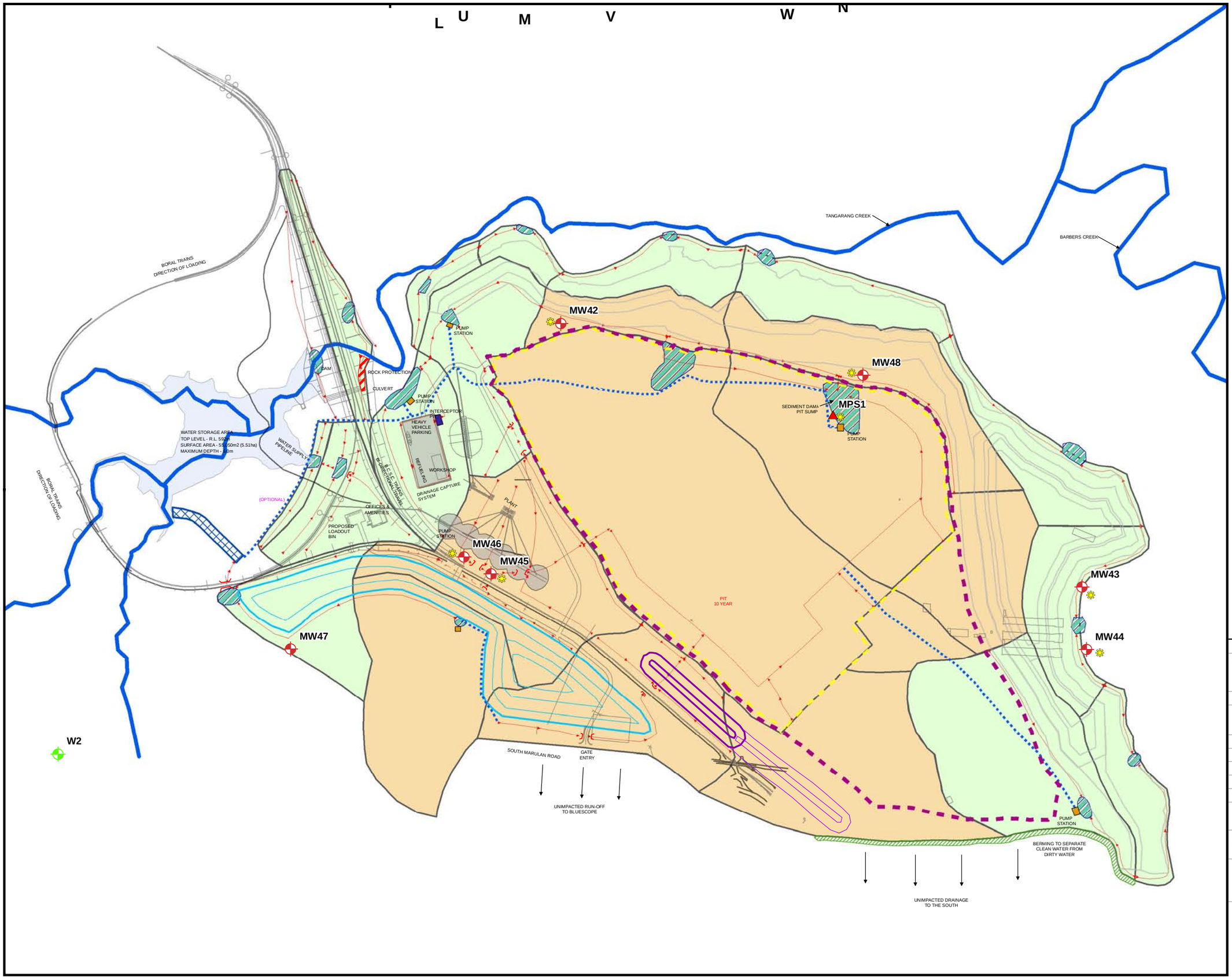
5.2.4 Groundwater Quality Monitoring

Eight monitoring wells used for monitoring elevation and the pit sump will be sampled for groundwater quality. This includes a shallow and deeper aquifer system well on each side of the quarry pit including:

- wells MW42 and MW48 on the north side of the pit,
- wells MW43 and MW44 on the east side of the pit;
- wells P35 and P41 on the south side of the pit;
- wells MW45 and MW46 on the west side of the pit; and
- pit sump water will be sampled at times when water is present during groundwater sampling events.

The Sentinel Well will be installed further west of the site as a trigger for potential drawdown effects at the nearest abstraction bore and therefore is not required to be included in the groundwater chemistry regime.

Groundwater monitoring sites are shown graphically on *Figure 5.2*.



Legend

- Abstraction Well Locations
- Existing Monitoring Well Locations
- Proposed New Monitoring Well Locations
- Mine Pit Sump
- Groundwater Sampling Sites
- 10 Year Pit
- 30 Year Pit
- Pumping Pipe Line
- Drainage Lines
- Dam Location
- Interceptor Pit
- Pump Station
- Burming
- Sediment Dam
- Water Supply Dam (pre-treatment system/ bio-retention swale)
- In Pit Capture and Treatment
- Out of Pit Capture and Treatment

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Notes:
1. There are no catchments P & Q.

Figure 5.2

Groundwater Monitoring Sites

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5.2.5 Analytical Schedule

The following analytical schedule will be completed for surface and groundwater samples obtained from the site and the surrounding area, except for the out of pit sediment dams. The out of pit sediment dams will be monitored for field chemical and visual parameters only.

- field chemical parameters including dissolved oxygen (DO), turbidity (surface water only), electrical conductivity (EC), pH, oil and grease and temperature;
- visual monitoring of algal blooms within the water supply dam;
- total dissolved solids (TDS);
- total suspended solids (TSS);
- turbidity (NTU);
- TPH,
- PAH,
- major cations and anions including calcium (Ca^{2+}), potassium (K^{+}), magnesium (Mg^{2+}), sodium (Na^{+}), ammonia (NH_4^{+}) chloride (Cl^{-}), sulphate (SO_4^{2-}), bicarbonate (HCO_3^{-}), nitrate (NO_3^{-}) and nitrite (NO_2^{-}).
- total nitrogen (TN) and total phosphorus (TP); and
- faecal coliforms including enterococci (surface water samples only);

Given that industrial facilities and machinery will be onsite there may be potential for petroleum based contaminants. Indicator analyses for these type of contaminants include total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH).

Nitrogen based compounds often occur within mines and quarries due to the use of explosives and it is proposed that speciated nitrogen including, ammonia, nitrate and nitrite are added to the analytical schedule.

Total nutrient concentrations have been included in the list of parameters as elevated nutrient levels have been identified within existing water quality data for Tangarang Creek, which is typical of agricultural catchments. The operation of the quarry has potential to contribute to nutrient levels and faecal coliforms through the operation of the package sewage treatment plant for offices and amenities. The snapshot water sample from Tangarang Creek indicated that baseline water quality has elevated levels of nutrients (total nitrogen and total phosphorous), which is typical of agricultural catchments.

5.2.6 *Monitoring Frequency*

Water quality monitoring will commence prior to site establishment and/or any quarrying activities to develop background information on quality and flows within the existing waterways.

Water quality sampling will initially be quarterly with additional event based sampling following rainfall events of greater than 30 mm (max one per quarter when out flow from the dams is occurring). Sampling of surface water monitoring sites will be restricted to T1 and B1 to establish a baseline prior to the commencement of construction. All groundwater sampling sites will be included in the baseline sampling regime.

Field chemical parameters will be measured from the site's dirty water management system to confirm suitability prior to any releases to the external receiving water environment.

If adverse water quality parameters are identified at any location within the site water management system, increased monitoring will be undertaken to further characterise the issue. The increase in frequency will be subject to the particular condition and may result in daily or weekly monitoring at localised zones within the water management system.

Following the initial year of quarry operations the frequency may be extended to half yearly, provided water quality continues to meet the performance criteria.

Groundwater elevations and the pit void base/sump elevations will be monitored on a quarterly basis to allow seasonal trends in baseline and operational groundwater elevations to be established.

Surface water releases will be monitored at locations FM1 and FM2 whenever flows are occurring using automated flow meters.

5.2.7 *Quality Control*

All samples will be taken in accordance with NSW guidance for surface and groundwater sampling and by a suitably experienced sampler.

All laboratory analysis will be completed by a laboratory that is NATA accredited for the analytes presented above.

A summary of the proposed monitoring program is included in *Table 5.1*.

All flow gauging equipment will be checked and re-calibrated in accordance with suppliers recommendations.

Monitoring will be undertaken by appropriately trained and qualified individuals to ensure quality of monitoring procedures.

5.2.8 Reporting

Reporting will be undertaken on a quarterly basis and compared against assessment criteria. Any exceedances of criteria will trigger an immediate investigation to determine the cause of the exceedance and preparation of a corrective action plan to re-establish appropriate controls.

Reporting of all monitoring data will be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of *Schedule 5 - Environmental Management and Monitoring Conditions.* This includes requirements to report incidents that occur on site and to report monitoring data within and annual report. Quarterly monitoring reports will also be posted on the quarry website (www.boral.com.au/peppertreequarry).

Table 5.1 Summary of Monitoring Program

Location	Location Name	Depth (m bgs)	Water Body	Installation	Monitoring Network	Analytical Suite	Frequency	Rationale
Surface water								
Upstream catchment	*U1*	*Na*	*Tangarang Creek*	*Na*	*Water Chemistry*	*Field chemical parameters, BOD, TSS, TPH, PAH, major cations and anions, nutrients and faecal coliforms.*	*Quarterly.*	*Determine the quality of water in the upper catchment for use in quarry operations*
Water Supply Dam	*WD1*	*Na*	*Tangarang Creek*	*Na*	*Water Chemistry*	*Field chemical parameters, BOD, TSS, TPH, PAH, major cations and anions, nutrients and faecal coliforms.*	*Quarterly during a flow event. If no flow at least quarterly.*	*Determine suitability for use and environmental releases.*
Tangarang Creek	*T1*	*Na*	*Tangarang Creek*	*Na*	*Water Chemistry*	*Field chemical parameters, BOD, TSS, TPH, PAH, major cations and anions, nutrients and faecal coliforms.*	*Quarterly during a flow event. If no flow at least quarterly.*	*Confirm releases from the main water supply dams are not adversely impacting upon downstream water quality.*
Pit Sump/Sediment Dam	*ISD1*	*Na*	*In Pit Sediment Dam*	*Na*	*Water Chemistry*	*Field chemical parameters, BOD, TSS, TPH, PAH, major cations and anions, nutrients and faecal coliforms.*	*Quarterly during a flow event. If no flow at least quarterly.*	*Assess the impact that water requiring release from dirty water dams have on water supply dam water quality.*
Water Supply Dam Pre-treatment Bio-Retention Swale	*BRS1*	*Na*	*Bio-retention Swale.*	*Na*	*Water Chemistry*	*Field chemical parameters, BOD, TSS, TPH, PAH, major cations and anions, nutrients and faecal coliforms.*	*Quarterly during a flow event. If no flow at least quarterly.*	*Assess the impact water requiring release from dirty water dams will have upon water supply dam and downstream water quality.*
Out of Pit Sediment Dams	*OSD1 to OSD15*	*Na*	*Out of Pit Sediment dams*	*Na*	*Water Chemistry*	*Field chemical parameters including water clarity.*	*Quarterly during a flow event. If no flow at least quarterly.*	*Assess the impact that water running off the bund areas after construction and during rehabilitation will have on downstream water quality.*
Water Supply Dam Environmental Release Point	*FM1*	*Na*	*Water Supply Dam*	*Na*	*Surface Water Flow*	*Flow gauging*	*Automated monitoring when flow occurs (hourly)..*	*To monitor outflow from the water supply dam to meet the 10% environmental flow requirements.*

Location	Location Name	Depth (m bgs)	Water Body	Installation	Monitoring Network	Analytical Suite	Frequency	Rationale
Water Supply Dam Spill Point	*FM2*	*Na*	*Water Supply Dam*	*Na*	*Surface Water Flow*	*Flow gauging*	*Automated monitoring when flow occurs (hourly). or twice daily manual monitoring during spill events.*	*To monitor flows spilling form the spill way to determine total flows back to the catchment.*
Water Supply Dam Water Elevation	*EM1*	*Na*	*Water Supply Dam*	*Na*	*Surface Water Flow*	*Flow gauging*	*Automated monitoring of change in lake levels (hourly)*	*Determining the daily inflows to the dam to aid the determination of 10% environmental release volumes.*
Groundwater								
North of Pit	*MW48*	*22*	*Overburden/ Bedrock Interface Aquifer*	*Proposed*	*Groundwater Quality and Elevation*	*Field chemical parameters, BOD, TSS, TPH, PAH, major cations and anions*	*Quarterly*	*Characterising groundwater elevations and chemistry within the shallow aquifer system to the north*
	MW42	*approx. 80*	*Fractured Rock Aquifer*	*Proposed*	*Groundwater Quality and Elevation*	*Field chemical parameters, BOD, TSS, TPH, PAH, major cations and anions*	*Quarterly*	*Characterising groundwater elevations and groundwater chemistry within the deeper aquifer system*
East of Pit	*MW43*	*approx. 80*	*Fractured Rock Aquifer*	*Proposed*	*Groundwater Quality and Elevation*	*Field chemical parameters, BOD, TSS, TPH, PAH, major cations and anions*	*Quarterly*	*Characterising groundwater elevations and groundwater chemistry within the deeper aquifer system to the east*
	MW44	*approx. 30*	*Overburden/ Bedrock Interface Aquifer*	*Proposed*	*Groundwater Quality and Elevation*	*Field chemical parameters, BOD, TSS, TPH, PAH, major cations and anions*	*Quarterly*	*Characterising groundwater elevations and groundwater chemistry within the shallow aquifer system to the east*
South of Pit	*P35*	*18*	*Overburden/ Bedrock Interface Aquifer*	*Existing*	*Groundwater Quality and Elevation*	*Field chemical parameters, BOD, TSS, TPH, PAH, major cations and anions*	*Quarterly*	*Characterising groundwater elevations within the shallow aquifer system to the south*
	P41	*79*	*Fractured Rock Aquifer*	*Existing*	*Groundwater Quality and Elevation*	*Field chemical parameters, BOD, TSS, TPH, PAH, major cations and anions*	*Quarterly*	*Characterising groundwater elevations and groundwater chemistry within the deeper aquifer system to the south*

Location	Location Name	Depth (m bgs)	Water Body	Installation	Monitoring Network	Analytical Suite	Frequency	Rationale
West of Pit	MW45	approx. 80	Fractured Rock Aquifer	Proposed	Groundwater Quality and Elevation	Field chemical parameters, BOD, TSS, TPH, PAH, major cations and anions	Quarterly	Characterising groundwater elevations and groundwater chemistry within the deeper aquifer system to the west
	MW46	approx. 30	Overburden/ Bedrock Interface Aquifer	Proposed	Groundwater Quality and Elevation	Field chemical parameters, BOD, TSS, TPH, PAH, major cations and anions	Quarterly	Characterising groundwater elevations and groundwater chemistry within the shallow aquifer system to the west
	MW47	approx. 30	Overburden/ Bedrock Interface Aquifer	Proposed	Groundwater Elevation	na	Quarterly	Sentinel well to act as an indicator of potential impacts at the nearest abstraction well.
Quarry Pit	MPS1	Surface	NIL	NIL	Groundwater Quality and Elevation	Field chemical parameters, BOD, TSS, TPH, PAH, major cations and anions	Quarterly	Characterising water elevations and chemistry of the quarry pit surface water.

5.3 ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

5.3.1 *Surface Water and Groundwater Water Quality*

Surface and groundwater quality data will be compared to the baseline data to be established prior to commencement of construction and operation and against ANZECC criteria for the protection of fresh and marine water quality. Groundwater samples will also be compared with the Australian Drinking Water Guideline criteria for potential impacts upon surrounding bores registered for domestic use.

A potentially adverse impact will be considered to exist where identified concentrations are present above ANZCECC or ADWG criteria and are outside the range of background concentrations. When this occurs, further investigation by appropriately qualified person/consultant, will be initiated to characterise the source of the exceedance and to recommend and implement solutions to mitigate any potential impacts. Additional monitoring may be required to identify the source of the impact and monitor the effectiveness of the remedial solution.

The threshold criteria adopted for the analytes being monitored are presented in *Table 5.2*.

Table 5.2 Water Quality Criteria

Analyte	ADWG		ANZECC		Other
	Guideline Values				
	health	aesthetic	Ecosystem Protection	Primary Contact	
Field Parameters					
Dissolved oxygen (mg/L)	not necessary	>8	9-12 [2]	> 6.5	
Turbidity Field (water quality meter)	not necessary		2-25		
Electrical conductivity (mS/cm)	-	1000	30-350		
pH (field)	-	6.5-8.5	6.5-8.0 [2]	5-9.0	
Oil and Grease					None Visible
Solids					
Total Dissolved Solids mg/L		500			
Total Suspended Solids mg/L					
Turbidity – Laboratory (NTU)		5	2_25		
TPH					
TPH C_{10}-C_{36}	-	-	7 [3]		
PAHs					
Benzo[a]pyrene	0.01	-	ID [1]		
Naphthalene	-	-	16 [1]		
Cations and Anions					
Calcium (Ca2+)	-	-	-		
Potassium (K+)	-	-	-		
Magnesium (Mg2+)	-	-	-		
Sodium (Na+)	ID	180 000	-		
Ammonia (NH4+)	ID	500	900 [1]		
Chloride (Cl-)	-	250 000	-		
Sulphate (SO42-)	-	-	-		
Bicarbonate (HCO3-)	-	-	-		
Nitrate (NO3-)	50 000	-	700 [1]		
Nitrite (NO2-)	3000	-	-		
Nutrients					
Total Nitrogen			250		
Total Phosphorous			20		
Bacteria					
Faecal coliforms (cfu/100mL)				150	

All data in µg/L unless otherwise specified

- no criteria

ID insufficient data to set guidelines

1. ANZECC (2000) freshwater trigger value for the protection of 95% of species

2. ANZECC (2000) default trigger values for physical and chemical stressors for South East Australia for slightly disturbed ecosystems - upland river

3. ANZECC (2000) low reliability value for the protection of 95% of species

5.3.2 Surface Water Flows

A potential adverse impact will be deemed to occur when the environmental flow releases from the water supply dam are not equivalent to 10% of the daily inflows to the water supply dam catchment. ;

5.3.3 Groundwater Elevation

The assessment criteria for groundwater elevations will include potentially adverse drawdown within sentinel well MW47 located 500 m from the western pit edge. Modelling in the previous groundwater investigation suggested a drawdown of greater than 5 m near the pit was required before drawdown impacts would be observed in the nearest abstraction bore (W2). Therefore, when a drawdown of greater than 5 m is observed within this well a potentially adverse impact will be considered to be potentially present at the nearest registered groundwater abstraction well (W2). When this occurs further investigation will be initiated, which is discussed in more detail in the following section.

The assessment criteria for groundwater elevations to the north and east of the quarry pit will include lowering of groundwater elevations below the base of the Barbers Creek Tributary elevations, which has potential to induce seepage from Barbers Creek.

6 SURFACE WATER AND GROUNDWATER RESPONSE PLAN

6.1 INTRODUCTION

The objective of this section is to provide procedures for responding to impacts identified by the monitoring program and by routine monitoring of the erosion and sediment control systems.

It should be noted that previous chapters have described a comprehensive system via which water will be managed in a way that will minimise/mitigate impacts to the flow and quality of surrounding surface water and groundwater systems. This system includes the following mitigation measures:

- diversion of clean water run-off away from site activities;
- containment of potentially contaminating activities within sealed and bunded areas and the inclusion of interceptor systems to contain contamination;
- appropriate storage of potentially contamination substances;
- retention and treatment of "dirty water" to prevent sediment laden or contaminated runoff leaving the site;
- specific erosion and sediment control systems and monitoring to minimise the development of sediment laden rain-off;
- recycling and treatment of all water used in quarrying activities to minimise demand for top-up water from the clean water dams and to minimise the flow of dirty water to the Pit storage;
- construction of a vegetated bio-retention swale upstream of the primary water storage dam is expected to improve the quality of run-off entering the water supply dam and act as a filter for excess flows from the in-pit storages;
- release of environmental flows, equivalent to a minimum of 10% of average daily flows to be released to mimic natural flow patterns; and
- surface water and groundwater quality and quantity monitoring to confirm the efficiency of the proposed water management system and ensure there are no detrimental impacts upon groundwater systems or surface receiving waters.

Based on the above, this chapter is designed to act as a response plan for taking action in the unlikely event that an unforeseen incident occurs at the site.

Responding to identified impacts will be the responsibility of the Site Environmental Officer.

Schedule 5, Condition 3 of the Project Approval details the reporting requirements for identified impacts/incidents and the states that:

"Within 7 days of detecting an exceedance of the goals/limits/performance criteria in this approval or an incident causing (or threatening to cause) material harm to the environment, the Proponent shall report the exceedance/incident to the Department and any relevant agencies. This report must:

a) describe the date, time and nature of the exceedance/incident;

b) identify the cause (or likely cause) of the exceedences/incident;

c) describe what action has been taken to date; and

d) describe the proposed measures to address the exceedences/incident."

The key areas that the monitoring system will identify potential impacts include:

- surface water flows;
- surface water quality;
- groundwater quality; and
- groundwater elevations.

The response plans for identified impact in these key areas is detailed below.

6.2 SURFACE WATER FLOW IMPACT RESPONSE

Adverse impacts to flows are likely to be identified as a reduction in flow below the 10% environmental release requirements.

It is most likely that reduced flow releases from the dam back to the catchment will be associated with blocking of dam outlet pipes, the temporary failure of pumping systems due to power and/or mechanical issues, malfunction of the monitoring systems, or routine maintenance work.

If the flow monitoring system identifies an issue associated with the flows being returned back to the catchment the following actions will be taken:

- immediate action will be taken to augment the flows back to the catchment. This will include installing standby pumps within the water supply dam or having an stand by release pipeline within the dam, which will be used to augment flows as required;

- the Department of Planning (DoP) and DECCW will be notified of the incident/impact/potential impact within seven days of its identification;

- an investigation will be undertaken to establish the root cause of the reduced flows. This will include checking for blockages, assessing the design of the system, checking flow gauging systems and checking pump capacities. Investigations will be undertaken by appropriately qualified personnel or consultants;

- subject to the findings of the investigation actions will be taken to repair, replace or change the identified cause of the reduced flows. These actions will be completed by appropriately qualified personnel or consultants; and

- the identified cause of the impact and the selected response will be formally documented in an incident response report. This will be prepared in accordance with Schedule 5, Condition 3 of the Project Approval..

6.3 SURFACE WATER QUALITY IMPACT RESPONSE

Adverse water quality impacts are likely to be associated with malfunction of the site water management system. This would include:

- inappropriate design of the capture and treatment of the surface water run-off from the site during construction and operation;

- isolated spills of contamination substance on the site;

- algal blooms within the water supply dam;

If the water quality monitoring system identifies an issue associated with the discharge water quality being returned back to the catchment, or at any stage at which monitoring is being undertaken along the water management treatment train the following actions will be taken:

- while considered highly unlikely due to the proposed designed of the water management system, if water quality issues associated with discharge from the water supply dam to the down gradient catchment are identified, further treatment trains will be implemented. It is anticipated that this will include:

    - standby treatment systems to remove algae from discharge. These would be developed in response to regular monitoring for algae and be species specific;

    - standby treatment systems (such as flocculation ponds) to reduce sediment loads within the discharge;

- while systems have been put in place to effectively capture spills, spill response kits will be readily available at locations of potential spills and will be deployed immediately after a spill occurs to capture and contain a spill. All staff, handling potentially contaminating substances or using potentially contamination vehicles or undertaking potentially contaminating activities will be appropriately trained in the use of the spill kits.

- the Department of Planning (DoP) and DECCW will be notified of the incident/impact/potential impact within seven days of its identification;

- an investigation will be undertaken to establish the root cause of water quality issues. This will include checking the water treatment train within the water management and drainage system to identify the source of the water quality impacts. Investigations will be undertaken by appropriately qualified personnel or consultants;

- subject to the findings of the investigation actions will be taken to repair, replace or change the identified cause of the water quality impacts. These actions will be completed by appropriately qualified personnel or consultants; and

- the identified cause of the impact and the selected response will be formally documented in an incident response report. This will be prepared in accordance with Schedule 5, Condition 3 of the Project Approval.

6.4 GROUNDWATER WATER QUALITY IMPACT RESPONSE

While groundwater and surface water impacts to local water users are unlikely due to the management systems implemented at the site and the nature of the (i.e. not free flowing), if impact was to occur it is likely to be associated with:

- isolated spills seeping directly to underlying groundwater; and/or
- diffuse contamination associated with general quarrying activities, such as chemicals used for rock blasting seeping into underlying groundwater.

Isolated contaminant spills will be dealt with in the same way as described previously, however, additional action will be taken to isolate, remove or remediate contaminated soil that could be acting as a source for contaminating underlying groundwater.

Diffuse contamination identified in monitoring wells will be handled in the following way:

- as groundwater generally travels slowly, identification of contamination within groundwater wells surrounding the site is likely to act as an early warning sign to promote investigation and remedial action. As such, at the identification of contamination above assessment criteria, an investigation will be undertaken to assess the potential impacts the identified contamination may have on surrounding receptors. This will include undertaking a hydrogeological assessment, fate and transport model and an ecological risk assessment to quantify the potential impacts at identified receptors. The investigation will make recommendations on appropriate actions to take to mitigate any potential adverse impacts identified by the investigation;
- actions will then be taken mitigate any potential impacts that are simulated to occur in the future; and
- similarly to the previous sections, appropriate action will be taken to notify the appropriate regulatory authorities and report the incident in accordance with the requirements of the Project Approval.

6.5 GROUNDWATER ELEVATION IMPACT RESPONSE

If drawdown with the sentinel well MW47 associated with the pit exceeds 5 m, further investigation will be initiated. This will include initiation of monitoring of groundwater elevations within the nearest registered abstraction well (if permission is provided). The available water column in this well during abstraction will be compared against the expected drawdown associated with the quarry pit void, as previously modelled, to determine if the water supply is likely to be potentially compromised. If there is potential for this to occur, Boral will further quantify the significance of the impact using more sophisticated hydrogeological techniques. If significant impacts are still identified, then options for supplementing the water supply of surrounding abstraction wells will be considered.

Similarly to the previous sections, appropriate action will be taken to notify the appropriate regulatory authorities and report the incident in accordance with the requirements of the Project Approval.

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Annex A

Modelling Spreadsheet Results

Water Supply Dam Catchment Area

Total Catchment Area =	730.00	***ha***	***Weir Level (FSL) =***		6.50
Catchment Multiplier =	0.77		***Weir Length =***		15.00
Full Supply Vol =	111607	***m^3***	***Weir Coeff =***		1.70
FSL	6.50	***m AHD***	111.6	***ML Storage***	
Rainfall Period ->	***1900-1972***	***1910-1982***	***1920-1992***	***1930-2002***	***Ave***
Period (Days)	26663	26663	26664	26663	26663
Maximum Inflow (ML/d)	637.6	637.6	637.6	637.6	637.6
Average Inflow (ML/d)	2.50	2.64	2.67	2.28	2.52
10 Percentile Daily Inflow (ML/d)	2.66E-05	2.26E-05	4.85E-05	2.19E-05	2.99E-05
90 Percentile Daily Inflow (ML/d)	5.84	6.16	6.24	5.57	5.95
Days of Shortages (no water)	2	2	2	33	9.75
(Percentage)	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.12%	0.04%
Days of Restrictions (50% usage)	59	12	12	98	45.25
(Percentage)	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.17%
Max Duration of Shortage (Days)	2	2	2	12	5
Ave. Duration of Shortage (Days)	2.0	2.0	2.0	4.7	2.7
Med. Duration of Shortage (Days)	2	2	2	3	2
10 Percentile of Shortage (Days)	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.6	1.9
90 Percentile of Shortage (Days)	2.0	2.0	2.0	10.8	4.2
Days of Spills	8267	8663	8902	7998	8457.5
(Percentage)	31.0%	32.5%	33.4%	30.0%	31.7%
Max Daily Outflow (ML)	637.14	637.00	637.00	637.00	637.03
Average Daily Outflow (ML)	1.98	2.12	2.15	1.77	2.00
10 Percentile Daily Outflow (ML)	2.66E-06	2.26E-06	4.85E-06	2.19E-06	2.99E-06
90 Percentile Daily Outflow (ML)	4.66	4.97	5.13	4.36	4.78
Flow Returned to Catchment (%)	79	80	80	78	79

Operational Area

Total Catchment Area =	164.00	ha	***Weir Level (FSL) =***		10.49
Catchment Multiplier =	0.17		***Weir Length =***		15.00
Full Supply Vol =	992250	m^3	***Weir Coeff =***		1.70
FSL	10.49	***m AHD;***	992.3	***ML Storage***	
Rainfall Period ->	***1900-1972***	***1910-1982***	***1920-1992***	***1930-2002***	***Ave***
Period (Days)	26663	26663	26664	26663	26663
Maximum Inflow (ML/d)	143.2	143.2	143.2	143.2	143.2
Average Inflow (ML/d)	0.56	0.59	0.60	0.51	0.57
10 Percentile Daily Inflow (ML/d)	5.97E-06	5.07E-06	1.09E-05	4.92E-06	6.71E-06
90 Percentile Daily Inflow (ML/d)	1.31	1.38	1.40	1.25	1.34
Days of Shortages (no water)	23693	23511	23471	23968	23660.75
(Percentage)	88.86%	88.18%	88.03%	89.89%	88.74%
Days of Restrictions (50% usage)	2388	2528	2560	2288	2441
(Percentage)	9.0%	9.5%	9.6%	8.6%	9.15%
Max Duration of Shortage (Days)	299	280	234	234	262
Ave. Duration of Shortage (Days)	16.9	16.2	15.4	17.2	16.4
Med. Duration of Shortage (Days)	5	5	5	6	5
10 Percentile of Shortage (Days)	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
90 Percentile of Shortage (Days)	49.0	43.0	40.0	46.0	44.5
Days of Spills	0	0	0	0	0
(Percentage)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Maximum Daily Pumping Rate (ML)	4.68	4.68	4.68	4.68	4.68
Average Daily Pumping Rate (ML)	0.52	0.55	0.55	0.47	0.53
10 Percentile Daily Outflow (ML)	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	4.73E+02	1.18E+02
90 Percentile Daily Outflow (ML)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Flow Returned to Catchment (%)	93	93	92	92	93

Annex B

Selection of Control Measures

Appendix F: Selection of control measures

This appendix, based on an approach developed by the Queensland Department of Mains Roads, provides a step-by-step guide to the selection of erosion and sediment control measures.

The steps involve:

- identifying the problem – erosion or sedimentation – to be managed (see figure F.1)
- where the problem is erosion, identifying whether it is caused by raindrop impact or concentrated flow
- where the problem is sedimentation, identifying if sediment is conveyed by sheet or concentrated flow
- selecting the appropriate techniques (see table F.1) depending on the identified specific nature of the problem.

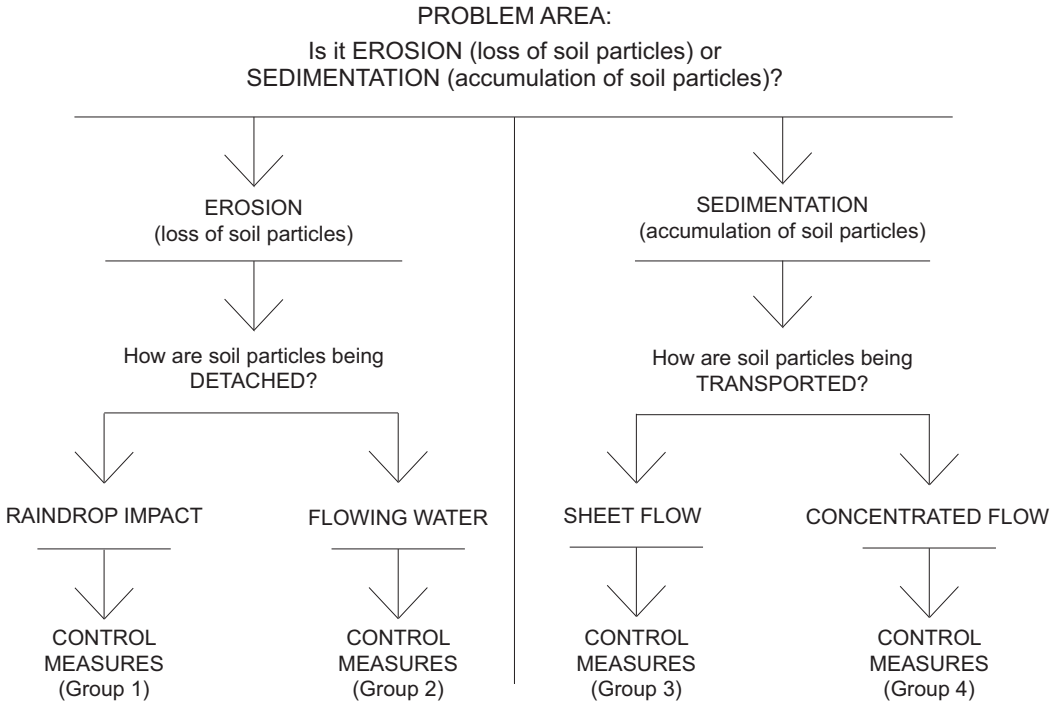

Figure F.1 Step-by-step decision-support flowchart for selection of erosion and sediment control measures

Table F.1	Group 1 – Erosion control RAINDROP IMPACT	
Vegetation • temporary vegetation (cover crop only) • permanent vegetation – introduced (exotic) pasture species or native (endemic) species • refer to **vol. 1**: sections 4.3.2, 7.1 and 7.2; appendices A6 and G		
Batter blankets • vegetation promotion blankets • vegetation suppression blankets • needle-punched geotextile membrane • builder's plastic membrane • refer to **vol. 1**: section 5.4.2; SD5-2; appendices A6 and D		
Soil surface mulching • hydromulch or hydraulic bonded-fibre matrix • blown straw, hay, crop residue, with bitumen tack • tub-ground or chipped organic mulch • brush-matting • rock or gravel mulch • refer to **vol. 1**: section 7.4; figure 7.3; appendices A6 and D		
Geocellular containment systems • Non-woven geotextile type material • Polypropylene material (perforated and non-perforated) • refer to **vol. 1**: section 5.4.2; SD5-3; appendix D		
Surface roughening • roughening parallel to contour • contour ripping or scarifying • 'track walking' • refer to **vol. 1**: section 4.3.2; figures 4.3(a) and (b)		
Geobinders • organic tackifiers • co-polymer emulsions • bitumen emulsion • cementitious products • refer to **vol. 1**: section 7.1.2; appendices A6 and D		

Table F.1	Group 2 – Erosion control CONCENTRATED WATER FLOW

Up-slope diversions

- excavated channel-type bank
- backpush-type bank or windrow
- catch drains
- shoulder dyke
- refer to **vol. 1**: section 5.4.4; SD5-5 and SD5-6

Mid-slope diversions

- berms and benches
- temporary diversions (at cut/fill line)
- cross banks
- refer to **vol. 1**: section 4.3.1; figure 4.2; appendix A4

Soft armour channels

- trapezoidal or parabolic shape
- consider channel grade and maximum permissible velocity
- establish vegetative ground cover
- standard (un-reinforced) or re-inforced turf
- biodegradable erosion control mat (temporary) or synthetic erosion control mat (permanent)
- refer to **vol. 1**: sections 5.4.3, 7.3; SD5-7; appendix D

Hard armour channels

- loose rock
- rock-filled wire mattresses
- articulating concrete block systems
- grouted rock
- cast in-situ concrete
- builder's plastic lining or geotextile lining
- refer to **vol. 1**: section 5.4.4; table 5.2; figure 5.4; appendix D

In-stream diversions

- temporary coffer dams
- water-filled structures
- temporary lined channel (stream diversion)
- refer to **vol. 1**: section 5.3.5; appendix I

Table F.1	Group 2 – Erosion control CONCENTRATED FLOW (cont'd)

Check dams

- stacked rock
- sandbags and geotextile sausages
- straw bales
- logs
- proprietary products
- refer to **vol. 1**: section 5.4.3; SD5-4; figures 5.3(a) and (b)

Batter drains

- concrete (pre-cast or on-site)
- half 'armco' pipe
- sandbags
- rock-filled wire mattresses
- loose-rock rip rap
- builder's plastic or geotextile lined chutes
- refer to **vol. 1**: section 5.4.4; appendix D

Grade control structures and flumes

- gully pits and field inlets
- sandbag drop structures
- rock-filled wire gabions and mattress structures
- driven sheet piling
- concrete chutes
- inclined pipe spillways
- builder's plastic-lined chutes

Outlet dissipation structures

- loose-rock rip-rap aprons
- rock-filled wire mattresses
- roughness elements
- hydraulic jump-type structures
- impact-type structures
- refer to **vol. 1**: section 5.4.5; figures 5.8, 5.9, 5.10, 5.11 and SC5-8

Revetments and retaining walls

- rip rap
- rock-filled wire gabions and mattresses

Table F.1	Group 3 – Sediment control SHEET FLOWS

Vegetative buffers
- well established sward with good groundcover
- refer to **vol. 1**: section 6.3.8; table 6.4; SD6-13; appendix G

Sediment barriers/filters
- sediment fences
- vegetation, brush, rock or gravel windrows
- straw bale barriers
- refer to **vol. 1**: section 6.3.7; SD6-7 and SD6-8; figure 6.10; appendix D

Site exit points
- shaker ramps
- rock aprons
- wheel wash systems
- refer to **vol. 1**: section 6.3.9; SD6-14

Table F.1	Group 4 – Sediment control CONCENTRATED FLOWS

Sediment curtains / turbidity barriers
- floating geotextile
- proprietary polypropylene products
- temporary coffer dams
- water-filled structures
- refer to **vol. 1**: section 6.3.7; SD6-10; appendix D

Sediment traps
- stacked rock/timber with geotextile
- excavated sumps
- straw bale or sand bag structures
- gully pit, field inlet and kerb inlets
- refer to **vol. 1**: section 6.3.6, figure 6.11; SD6-11 and SD6-12

Sediment retention basins
- Type C (riser type) basin
- Type F (extended settling) basins
- Type D (flocculation) basins
- refer to **vol. 1**: sections 6.3.3, 6.3.4 and 6.3.5; SD6-3 and SD6-4; appendices E and J

Annex C

Erosion And Sediment Control Inspection Checklist

EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Date			
Start Time		**Finish Time**	
Conducted By			

Inspections to be Completed	**Compliance with CEMP (tick one box)**			**Comments/ Corrective Action(s) Required?**	**Action by / Date**	**Date Completed**
	NA	**Yes**	**No**			
Site Erosion						
Are work activities and land disturbance being confined to the minimum area practicable and are sensitive areas being avoided/protected? [*Use barrier fence where required to control access and limit the extent of disturbance*]	☐	☐	☐			
Is site access controlled to limit unnecessary disturbance?	☐	☐	☐			
Is there evidence of problematic site erosion such as gullies, rilling, land slips, subsidence, and stream bank instability associated with project activities?	☐	☐	☐			
Does an erosion hazard exist that requires installation of new erosion and sediment controls? Operational areas, bunding and overburden stockpiles *Implement decision tree for the selection of erosion control devices as outlined in Annex B*	☐	☐	☐			
Is upstream 'run-on' stormwater being successfully diverted around active quarry areas to minimise dirty water run-off? [*stormwater diversions should be in place before land disturbance commences*]	☐	☐	☐			
Are appropriate site erosion control measures (barrier fencing, stormwater diversions, mulch, surface stabilisation) in place where required and are they being properly maintained?	☐	☐	☐			
Is there evidence of erosion on haul roads or road side drainage networks?	☐	☐	☐			

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Is there an accumulation of sediment in drainage network or check dams?	☐	☐	☐			
Are sediment dams working within design capacity? Does sediment need to be removed from the base of the ponds as indicated by measuring stakes?	☐	☐	☐			
Is there evidence of cracking or leaking from the dam walls?	☐	☐	☐			
Is there evidence of increased turbidity in Tangarang Creek attributable to the project downstream of the construction activities?	☐	☐	☐			
Is uncontaminated, weed free topsoil being stockpiled separately from general excavated material so that it may be used in subsequent rehabilitation	☐	☐	☐			
Are sediment traps filled with so much sediment that their function is reduced? [*Sediment should be removed from traps when it accumulates to 1/3 of the capacity of the device*]	☐	☐	☐			
Are all completed work areas being successfully stabilised (by vegetation or other means)?	☐	☐	☐			
Is the site inspected weekly and after all significant rain events to assess the integrity and performance of the erosion and sediment controls and ensure ongoing maintenance of erosion and sediment controls	☐	☐	☐			
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