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Attention: Jack Murphy
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Dear Jack

**Subject: MP 06_0074 MOD 5
Peppertree Quarry – Modification 5**

I refer to the above matter which was reported to the Council meeting held 4 December 2018 and provide the following comments.

Goulburn Mulwaree Council does not object to the proposed Peppertree Quarry Modification 5 application currently on public exhibition, however provides the following comments for consideration during the assessment of the application.

Biodiversity

The proposal has not satisfactorily met the requirements of the Biodiversity Conservation Act. The following direct impacts would result from the proposal:

- clearing of vegetation conservatively estimated to be 39.69ha including 27.68 ha of endangered ecological community
- clearing of associate threatened species habitat
- clearing of koala habitat estimated to be 27.1ha; and
- clearing of Large-eared Pied Bat habitat estimated to be 27.1ha

Boral have acquired 1000ha which helps to offset Koala, Large-eared Pied Bat and the Coastal Grey Box habitat. They are currently negotiating another 360ha to help offset the impacts on the Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum grassy woodland endangered ecological community. We are asking they finalise all of the land purchases and satisfy biodiversity requirements before a determination is made.

Marulan South Road

Council is currently negotiating with Boral in relation to the closure and purchase of Council roads within the site (refer Attached, Figure 1).

It is recommended that prior to works commencing, all road closure requirements and works are to be finalised.

The modification includes a proposal to construct a new haul road from the pit to the south-west overburden emplacement area.

If the road closure permits are not finalised before this road is operational the haul road will conflict with a public road (Refer Attached, Figure 2).

Noise

Potential noise impact from construction and operation of the proposal on nearby sensitive residential, commercial and industrial receivers was assessed in accordance with the EPA's guidelines. It is recommended that Boral and the EPA review the current environment protection licence prior to a determination of the application

Dust

The preparation of an Air Quality Management Plan, in consultation with the EPA is a condition of the current consent. It is recommended that the Plan is reviewed by Boral and the EPA in consultation with DPE prior to determination being made.

Visual Amenity

The south-west overburden emplacement area will be a new area of disturbance at the site and has the potential to be visible from publicly accessible areas and private properties. The visual impact was analysed and considered to have a low overall visual exposure to those receivers.

In the context of the surrounding extractive industries developments, the visual impact is considered acceptable.

I can be contacted on (02) 48 234 480 if you would like to discuss these comments further.

Yours sincerely



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Figure 1

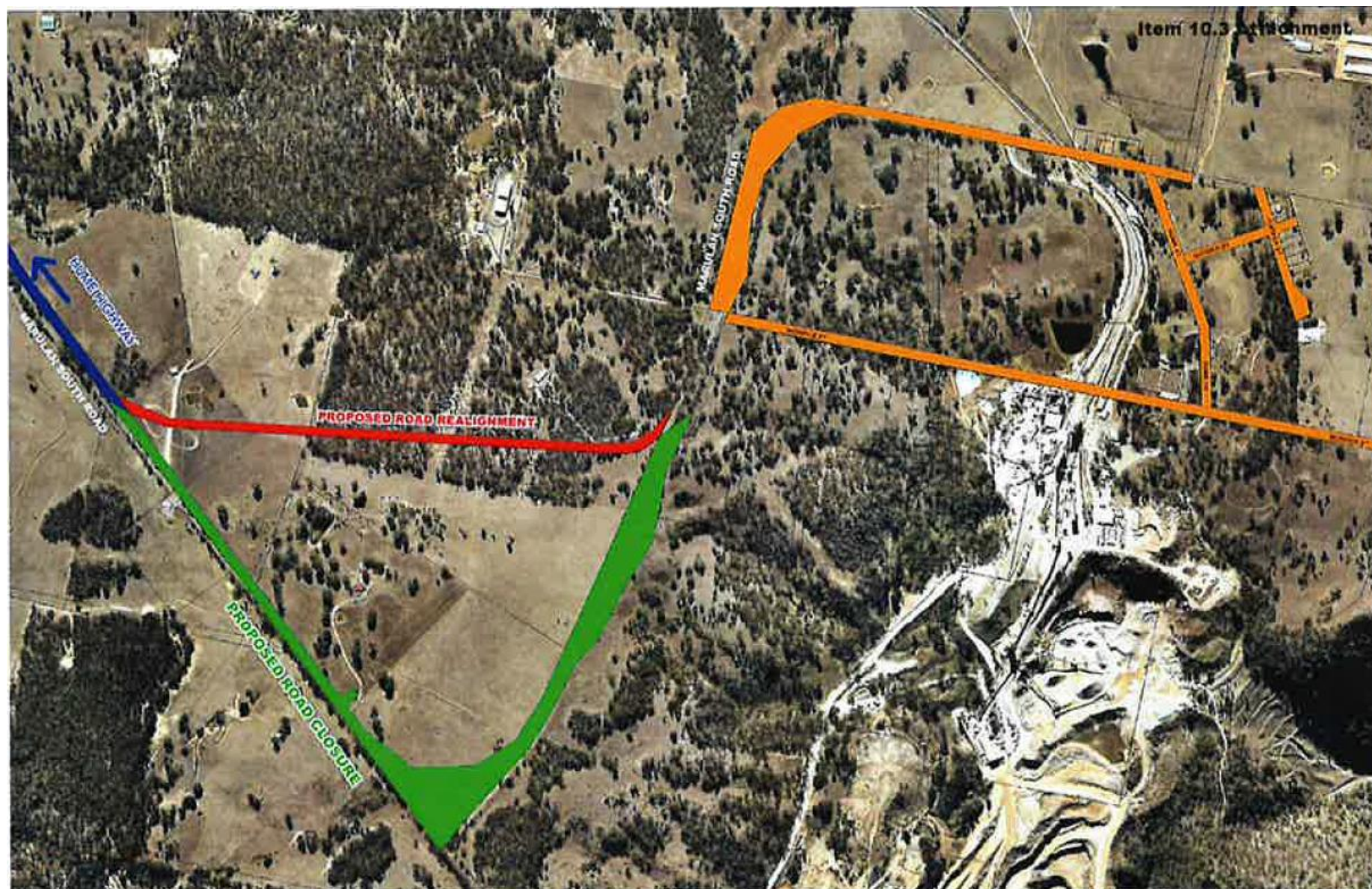


Figure 2

