

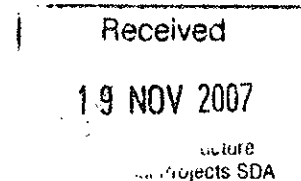
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Attn: Caitlin Bennet

Hume Highway duplication. Northern Hume Alliance. Sturt Highway to Tarcutta (N1) and Kyeamba Hill (N2) modification request for quarries/borrow pit.

Dear Ms Mitchell

The Hume Highway duplication – Sturt Highway to Tarcutta and Kyeamba Hill projects were approved by the Minister for Planning under Concept Approval 06_0314 and Project Approvals 06_0245 and 06_0246.

In developing the construction program for the projects, the need to obtain additional extractive material outside the road footprint has been identified. It is proposed to develop and operate two existing (but currently non-operational) quarries and one new borrow pit to provide material to both the Sturt Highway to Tarcutta and Kyeamba Hill projects. The potential need for additional material sources was contemplated in the Concept Plan and project environmental assessments but specific locations/sites were not identified at that time.

In accordance with section 75W(2) of the EP&A Act I request the Minister to modify the Minister's approval to the projects to amend the scope of work and accordingly modify condition 1.1 of Project Approvals 06_0245 and 06_0246 to allow development and operation of the quarries/borrow pit for the purpose of supplying road making materials to the projects.

An assessment of the proposed quarries/borrow pit is provided in the attached *Hume Highway Duplication, Application for Modification of the Approval, Quarries Environmental Assessment* (Northern Hume Alliance). Additional copies are being delivered to you under separate cover.

The capital investment value of the quarries/borrow pit is significantly less than 50% of the capital investment value of the approved project. A cheque for \$1500 being the fee applicable to the modification request (\$750 per project approval) is being sent separately.

Please contact Peter Hurst on (02) 6923 3415 should you wish to discuss or clarify any issues.

Yours sincerely

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