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Dear Sir

Oberon White Granite Quarry Project (07_0122); Exhibition of Environmental Assessment

Thank you for your letter dated 17 November 2010 referring the Environmental Assessment for the Oberon White Granite Quarry to the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) for submissions.

Following review of the Environmental Assessment the RTA does not object to the proposed project subject to the following recommended conditions of approval:

- That the commitments as set out at 8.2, 8.3 and 8.4 of Table 5.1: Draft Statement of Commitments in the Environmental Assessment are complied with. That the commitments as set out at 8.1 and 8.5 are amended in accordance with these RTA submissions.
- The applicant is to comply with all of the RTA's terms of concurrence pursuant to Section 138 of the Roads Act 1993 before any transportation of plant, product or other goods or materials is commenced following Project Approval.
- The applicant is to prepare and supply a Code of Conduct to all drivers of heavy vehicles (including contractors) transporting plant, product or other goods or materials to or from the project site.
- The Code of Conduct is to include:
 - o Details of the transportation hours pursuant to the Project Approval.
 - o That no transportation of plant, product or other goods or materials is to occur outside of the transportation hours.
 - o Details of the transportation routes to be followed for the delivery of product.
 - o Details of the existence and purpose of the reflective markers and fog signs installed on Hampton Road.
 - o Details of the local school bus route, operating hours and pick-up and drop-off points along the transportation routes.
 - o That drivers are to be conscious of the school bus and school children particularly during the operating hours of the local school bus.
 - o That all loaded trucks are to exit the site over and be weighed at the weighbridge.
 - o That any overloaded trucks are to unload any excess product and be reweighed before exiting the site.
 - o That drivers are to minimise the use of exhaust breaks when travelling on Ferndale Road, in a built-up area or on any other local roads.
 - o That all loads are to be covered prior to exiting the quarry.
 - o That drivers are to operate their vehicles in a safe, professional and courteous manner.

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- The Code of Conduct is to be given RTA concurrence and distributed to drivers prior to commencement of any transportation, including transportation for the purposes of establishment and construction.
- The Code of Conduct is to be revised, RTA approved and redistributed at any time there is a change or changes to the local school bus route within 250 metres of the intersection of Hampton and Ferndale Roads: including changes to operating hours and pick-up and drop-off points.

As indicated by the above recommended conditions RTA concurrence is also required pursuant to Section 138 of the *Roads Act 1993* as the project will involve works and structures within a State road. In this respect the RTA's terms of concurrence are as follow:

- All access to project site is to be via the intersection of Hampton and Ferndale Roads. No additional access will be allowed onto Hampton Road.
- Safe Intersection Sight Distance (SISD) of a minimum 225 metres is to be maintained in both directions along Hampton Road.
- Vegetation and grasses within the road reserve are to be maintained at a level to ensure clear sight distance of approaching vehicles. All current Occupational Health and Safety requirements are to be met when carrying out works in the road reserve.
- 'Give Way' signs and should be installed on Ferndale Road at the intersection with Hampton Road in accordance with *Australian Standard 1742* and the RTA *Road Design Guide*. Installation of the 'Give Way' signs must be approved prior to installation in accordance with the RTA's *Delegation to Councils Regulation of Traffic*.
- A give way line is to be marked on Ferndale Road at the intersection with Hampton Road in accordance with Figure 4.8.35 of the RTA *Road Design Guide*.
- Reflective marker posts and 'In Fog Slow Down Hazard Warning Lights May be Used on Moving Vehicles' (G9-256) signs are to be installed on Hampton Road 225 metres from the intersection with Ferndale Road in both directions. The applicant is to consult with and be given final authorisation from the RTA as to the precise location of the reflective markers and signs.
- All works within a State road reserve including the installation of reflective markers and signage and maintenance of the road reserve are to be carried out by a prequalified contractor or Oberon Council.
- A Road Occupancy Licence is required prior to any works commencing within three metres of the travel lanes of Hampton Road. This can be obtained by contacting Mr Paul Maloney on (02) 6861 1686. Submission of a Traffic Control Plan is required as part of this licence.
- All works associated with the development are to be at no cost to the RTA.

Please keep the RTA informed of the progress of the Project Application.

If you require any further information please contact Susie Mackay (02) 6861 1688.

Yours faithfully

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