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Attention: Jessie Giblett

Dear Ms Giblett

Ardmore Park Quarry Modification 2 - Alternate Haul Route

I write about the proposal to modify Multiquip's Ardmore Park Quarry development consent to allow haulage along alternate traffic routes. This proposal will result in an increase to heavy vehicle movements on Windellama Road, which is the location of the Windellama Public School.

Windellama Public School is located on a split site. In its daily operations, students cross the road to access their playground during school hours. There is school community concerns about the potential impacts the increase in heavy vehicle movements could have on the safety of students, staff and the general school community given this operational environment.

The Traffic Impact Assessment appears to not adequately consider school safety needs. The stated measures identified – to avoid start and finish times of Windellama Public School and to voluntarily reduce travel speeds – do not reflect the operational conditions of the school and are not legally enforceable.

I understand that the completion of the Bungonia bypass is unknown, and without this infrastructure in place, there is concern Windellama Road will be the only transport infrastructure route in operation or indefinitely should the bypass not be built. This would increase the risks to the school community as traffic movements could remain on Windellama Road for a substantial period of time.

Safety measures are therefore recommended to be implemented by way of conditions of consent or by liaising with the relevant roads authority (RTA or Local Council) to ensure a safe environment. This could include:

- creating a reduced speed zone at the location of the Windellama Public School
- installing flashing lights to warn of the reduced speed zone
- identification of an alternative route that does not pass Windellama Public School



Education & Communities

I reiterate that the local school community is concerned by the proposed modification and requests that the applicant ensure an appropriate and justified level of community consultation is undertaken (and during operations if the modification is approved). It is recommended the applicant meet with the school community to give advice on the impacts of the proposed traffic route, and to answer any school community concerns.

I note that the Department of Education and Communities was not identified as an agency for which consultation is required. Given the scope of the proposed project includes transport routes which pass schools, I request that in the future, similar projects of this kind are referred to the Department of Education and Communities and included in consultation programs.

If you have any queries in regard to this matter please contact Shane Cridland, Regional Asset Planner for the Illawarra South East Region (ph: 02 4221 6458 or Email: shane.cridland@det.nsw.edu.au).

Yours sincerely

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