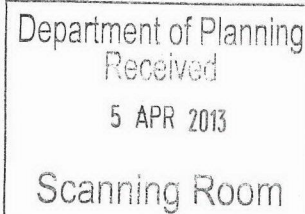


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Dear Mr Winwood

Re: Central Coast Sands Quarry (08_0173) – Exhibition of Environmental Assessment

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on the above matter. This is a response from the NSW Department of Trade & Investment (DTIRIS) – Mineral Resources Branch (MRB). The Department of Primary Industries, incorporating advice from Agriculture, Fisheries and Forests NSW may respond separately.

MRB has no concerns to raise in regard to the proposed extension to the quarry.

MRB notes a number of boreholes have been drilled in the subject area, with logs and geological findings included in the geotechnical assessment report. The existing quarry also provides good exposures of the geological profile of the proposed extension area.

MRB however still considers that the environmental assessment lacks adequate detail regarding the regional and local geological setting. This information would be useful to put into context the importance of the resource (and the Somersby Plateau in general) to the supply of construction materials to the Central Coast and Sydney markets.

For further information regarding mineral issues please contact Malcolm Drummond, on (02) 4931 6704 or malcolm.drummond@industry.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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