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Dear Mr Seymour

Response to Submissions Champions Quarry Modification 4 (MP 09_0080 MOD 4)

The public exhibition of the Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) for Modification 4 concluded on Tuesday 17 July 2018.

The Department received 11 submissions from the general public, and 3 submissions from Government agencies, including council.

The Secretary requests that you prepare and submit a report detailing your responses to all issues raised in submissions, at your earliest convenience. The submissions can be viewed on the Department's website www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au.

In addition, the Department has identified several areas where further assessment or additional information is required (see **Attachment A**). Please also address these comments in your response.

If you have any questions, please contact Rob Beckett at the details listed above.

Yours sincerely



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Megan Dawson
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ATTACHMENT A

Traffic
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A number of public submissions express concern that an updated road safety audit has not been undertaken for Modification 4. In particular, nearby residents disagree that the condition of Wyrallah Road is equal to or better than at the time of the previous road inspection, conducted between 2007 and 2009. The Department requests a detailed response to these concerns. 2. RMS has raised concerns that no turning paths for the largest vehicle have been provided at key junctions such as Wyrallah Road and Broadwater Road to assess if turns can be undertaken safely. Please also address this in your detailed response to road safety concerns. 3. Please provide more information with respect to the proposal to <i>intermittently</i> increase truck movements to and from the quarry? At what times during the day is this most likely to occur and over what period of time? Are increased truck movements anticipated on consecutive days or for consecutive periods? 4. The SEE states that there are two bus companies operating school bus services along the transport routes. However community members have advised that there are four bus companies operating on these routes. Please clarify. 5. Please confirm how the weight limit for trucks travelling along Broadwater Road would be enforced, given that truck loads are measured with front end loaders, as opposed to a weighbridge. 6. Table 1 of the SEE reports traffic volumes for 2017, and projected volumes for 2027. Please confirm whether these volumes are in one or both directions of travel.
Noise
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. The SEE provides an assessment of operational noise impacts only. The Department requests than an assessment of road traffic noise impacts be undertaken in accordance with the <i>Road Noise Policy</i> (DECCW 2011). 8. The SEE includes a number of statements which appear to conflict with the current conditions of the project approval. For example, Section 4.2.2 states that the 'project approval permits quarry operations as described in the EA, therefore permits the minor 1 dBA exceedances of the PSNC at NAL 2 and NAL 3 under certain operating conditions'. Similarly, Section 4.2.4 states that 'predicted minor exceedances are considered acceptable and approved despite not being reflected in the 2012 PA conditions, as they were clearly presented in the EA and Noise Assessment.' All operations must comply with the noise criteria in conditions 4 and 5 of Schedule 3 of the project approval, irrespective of any conflicting predictions in the EA. Please amend the SEE accordingly. 9. Section 4.1 of the Noise Assessment recommends that the noise criteria in condition 5 of Schedule 3 be amended to accommodate the predicted exceedances discussed in item 9 above. The proposed changes are not reflected in the description of the proposed modification, and no detailed justification has been provided in support of these changes. Your attention is also drawn to the Secretary's Assessment Report for Modification 3, which recommended that the noise criteria remain unchanged, and that further monitoring be undertaken in order to validate the noise model. Please provide further explanation and justification regarding any proposed changes to the noise criteria.
Air Quality
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Several community submissions raise concerns regarding potential dust impacts associated with increased traffic. The SEE indicates that these impacts are likely to be minor, given that no increase in the annual production rate is proposed. However, as the proposal would allow a 100 percent increase in daily truck movements, the Department considers that further consideration of short-term air quality impacts is required.
Compliance
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. A number of community submissions raise concerns regarding previous compliance issues at the quarry. The Department requests a detailed response to these concerns.
Consultation
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12. Please provide a description of consultation undertaken with the Community Consultative Committee. 13. Please provide a description of any stakeholder engagement undertaken in respect of the proposed modification with the neighbouring receivers.