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Your Ref: SSD 07\_0020 Blakebrook Quarry

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Attention: Ms Went, Commercial Services Compliance Coordinator

Dear Ms Oldham

**Subject: Request for advice on modification of development consent for Blakebrook Quarry**

Thank you for your request received through the NSW Planning Portal on 30 July 2019 seeking comments from the Biodiversity and Conservation Division of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment on the proposed modification of development consent for the Blakebrook Quarry. I appreciate the opportunity to provide input.

The Biodiversity and Conservation Division was in the Office of Environment and Heritage but now forms part of the Environment, Energy and Science Group in the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (see <https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au>).

The proposed modification seeks to consolidate two existing development consents into one consent for an operating asphalt plant within Blakebrook Quarry and the quarry itself. It also requests variation to development approval conditions to allow for increased daily truck numbers and asphalt production.

We have reviewed the Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) prepared by Mitchel Hanlon Consulting Pty Ltd and submitted with the proposal. The SEE identifies potential impacts of the proposal on biodiversity, Aboriginal cultural heritage and flooding and presents measures to mitigate these impacts.


The current operation of the asphalt plant and quarry is subject to impact mitigation measures contained in the Environmental Management Strategy, Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan, Soil and Water Management Plan and Biodiversity Offset Strategy. These should continue to protect biodiversity, Aboriginal cultural heritage and soil and water resources at and around the project area.

However, additional daily truck movements associated with increased asphalt production may elevate the risk of fauna injury or death from vehicular collisions, particularly for ground-dwelling birds, mammals such as Koala, and reptiles. Increased vigilance and care would be needed by site operators to ensure these incidents are avoided with appropriate monitoring and reporting.

In summary, we recommend that existing impact mitigation measures contained in the above current quarry management documents continue to be used to protect the biodiversity, Aboriginal cultural heritage and soil and water resources of the project area.

If you have any further questions about this issue, Dr Andrew Huggett, Senior Conservation Planning Officer, Biodiversity and Conservation, can be contacted on 6659 8240 or at [andrew.huggett@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:andrew.huggett@environment.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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