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Dear Mr Phillips

STOCKTON SAND QUARRY DREDGING CONTINUED OPERATIONS (SSD 9490) Lots 1 & 2 DP 1006399 and Lot 3 DP 664552 COXS LANE, FULLERTON COVE

I refer to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) exhibited on the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment website in relation to the continued operations at the Stockton Sand Quarry. The application proposes to extract sand from a former sandpit by excavator and dredging.

The EIS for the proposed development has been reviewed paying particular attention to construction & operational noise, air quality, potable water supply, recycled water and community engagement. The following discussion is provided:

Potable Water Supply

The proponent has provided some discussion in relation to a potable water supply in the exhibited Environmental Impact Statement. It is understood that reticulated water is not available at the site. Potable water is supplied in 20L containers from a contractor and the remainder of water used in the office building and amenities is supplied via a 10,000L rainwater tank.

The proponent is encouraged to contact Hunter New England Local Health District to discuss the private potable water supply. The proponent is required to provide a Quality Assurance Program in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Health Act 2010*. Hunter New England Local Health District is able to assist the proponent in developing a Quality Assurance Program.

Additional information can also be accessed through the NSW Health website via the following link:

https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/water/Pages/private-supplies.aspx

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Mosquito Management Plan

A Mosquito Management Plan including a risk assessment should be included to ensure any potential mosquito breeding sites are identified e.g. natural or constructed wetlands, stormwater drains, lagoons, ponds and low lying areas. The mosquito management plan will also assist to prevent both nuisance biting mosquitoes and disease transmitting mosquitoes affecting workers, employees, visitors and the local population.

Community Engagement

The proponent has provided discussion in relation to community engagement in the exhibited Environmental Impact Statement. The proponent is encouraged to continue to engage with the community to ensure genuine community consultation and active participation of the community in the process of establishing the project and its ongoing operations should the project be approved.

Part of community engagement also includes avenues and mechanisms for lodgement of complaints in relation to construction and operational phases of the project. Whilst this submission discusses specific Management Plans, all Management Plans should include a complaints handling, investigation and actions system for addressing complaints lodged by the community.

Should you require any additional information in relation to the above, please telephone Ms Cindy Gliddon, Environmental Health Officer on 4924 6468.

Yours sincerely

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