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Dear Caleb

Subject: Hitchcock Road Quarry – Mod 1 Biodiversity, ENM & Quarry Life – Advice.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on the above matter. This is a response from the NSW Department of Regional NSW – Mining, Exploration and Geoscience (MEG) – Geological Survey of New South Wales (GSNSW).

GSNSW have reviewed the SoEE for the modification and notes that the Modified Biodiversity Offset Strategy proposed for the south eastern portion of Lot 214 DP 52039 (recently acquired by the proponent) is within an area previously identified by GSNSW as potential resource land. However, GSNSW understands the considerable constraints to extraction in this proposed offset area and understands that the modification represents a rational approach for the overall project. The proposed modifications would result in substantially the same development.

GSNSW recommends that the amended consent include the provision of annual production data to MEG. MEG collects data on the quantity of construction materials produced annually throughout the State. Forms are sent to all operating quarries at the end of each financial year for this purpose. The statistical data collected is of great value to Government and industry in planning and resource management, particularly as a basis for analysing trends in production and for estimating future demand for particular commodities or in particular regions. Production data may be published in aggregated form, however production data for individual operations is kept strictly confidential.

Queries regarding the above information should be directed to the MEG - Land Use team at landuse.minerals@geoscience.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steven Palmer'.

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