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Dear Ms Seed

MARTINS CREEK QUARRY EXTENSION PROJECT (SSD 6612)

Reference is made to the Department of Planning and Environment's correspondence received by the Heritage Division on 10 October 2016 inviting comment on the Martins Creek Quarry Extension Project, a State Significant Development (SSD) application.

The Environmental Impact Statement has been reviewed, and in particular, the supporting Historical Heritage Assessment entitled *Martins Creek Quarry Expansion—Historical Heritage Assessment*, prepared by Niche Environment and Heritage, dated 9 June 2015. The following comments are made:

- The Historical Heritage Assessment *found that the proposed extraction area at Martins Creek Quarry overlaps with the heritage curtilage of the 'Martin Creek railway buildings and quarry', listed as a locally significant heritage item on the Dungog Local Environmental Plan (2014).*

The Historical Heritage Assessment recommends the following mitigation measures:

- The proposed extraction works at Martins Creek Quarry overlaps with the heritage curtilage of the locally significant 'Martins Creek railway buildings and quarry'. However, no modification to the rail line or quarry infrastructure is proposed and there would be no impact on the item's heritage significance. No further heritage assessment of the item is therefore required prior to the commencement of extraction works.
- In the unlikely event that historical archaeological relics were to be discovered during ground disturbance, work in the immediate area would need to cease and a suitably qualified archaeologist be engaged to assess the condition, extent and likely significance of the remains. If the relics were identified to be of Local or State heritage significance, OEH would need to be notified in accordance with s.146 of the Heritage Act and further discussions with OEH and DP&E held regarding future management of the item.

The Heritage Division recommends that these mitigation measures be included as conditions of consent for the Martin's Creek Quarry Extension Project.

If you have any questions regarding the above matter please contact Michael Ellis, Senior Heritage Assessment Officer, at the Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage, on 9873 8572 or Michael.Ellis@heritage.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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As Delegate of the NSW Heritage Council