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Attention: Margaret Kirton
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Dear Margaret

Subject: Submission - Gunlake Quarry Expansion Project (SSD 15_7090)

Goulburn Mulwaree Council does not object to the proposed Gunlake Quarry Extension Project currently on public exhibition, however provides the following comments for consideration during the assessment of the development application.

There is a high level of interest in the project and existing Gunlake operations from the Towrang and Marulan communities demonstrated through attendance at a public meeting held by Gunlake in July 2015, engagement in the Gunlake CCC process and regular representations made to Council. In light of this interest, Council considers that further public consultation should be considered to give the community greater comfort that the various issues and potential direct and indirect social impacts of the development have been appropriately addressed.

While a number of concerns are being raised about the project with Council, the consistent issues discussed with the community relate to traffic generation, haulage routes, noise and dust.

Following the review of the EIS prepared by EMM, Council considers the information provided around these issues (particularly the haulage routes) does not provide enough detail to demonstrate that appropriate consideration has been given to the various options presented and sufficient justification of the preferred option given.

Further discussion on the social and amenity impacts of the preferred haulage route and other options should be provided and greater emphasis given to strategically addressing the broader heavy vehicle transport management opportunities and cumulative impacts on the surrounding area.

However, Council does acknowledge that Gunlake partially funded the upgrade of Brayton Road in 2015. Part of the Council resolution dated 16 December 2014 stated:

Council accepts the contribution without prejudice from Gunlake Quarry on the condition that Council will not require further capital road upgrade monies for Bypass and Brayton Roads from any expansion of Gunlake Quarry in the next 5 years. This condition does not preclude Council from make submission on any other matters associated with any expansion of Gunlake Quarry including the requirement that Gunlake Quarry continue to contribute to maintenance of Brayton and Bypass Roads by way of cents per tonnes carted across these two roads.

Council also recommends Gunlake provide further detail on the indirect and direct social impacts (and benefits) of the development on the local community, with a greater emphasis on mitigating potential amenity impacts on property owners in the surrounding Marulan and Towrang areas.

At this stage, Council considers that further consultation is required to address the concerns of the community prior to the determination of the application.

Please contact me on (02) 48 234 480 if you require clarification on any of the points raised above.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Louise Wakefield', with a stylized, cursive script.

Louise Wakefield
Director Growth Strategy & Culture