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Ms Margaret Kirton  
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Dear Ms Kirton

**Gunlake Quarry Extension Project SSD15\_7090 – review of Environmental Impact Statement**

Reference is made to a letter referred by EMM to the Heritage Council of NSW seeking a review of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) with respect to historic heritage for the proposed extension of the existing Gunlake Quarry (received on 4 April 2016).

The Heritage Division of the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH), as delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW, has reviewed the EIS dated April 2016 and provides the following comments:

The assessment of historic heritage has followed the previous assessment prepared for the original approval issued by the Department of Planning and Environment on 24 September 2008 and subsequent modifications.

It is noted the current EIS has only checked existing legislative schedules for known listed heritage items. This has not included consideration of other non-statutory lists such as the National Trust of Australia (NSW). The EIS has not included discussion of background history of the locality to place this area in context and it is recommended in future that non-statutory lists are also checked and this information included to ensure appropriate identification of significant items, where present.

However, in this instance the study area is located away from former alignments of the Hume Highway and known historic townships and the Heritage Division has no issues with the existing assessment at this time as it appears there are no heritage values present within the subject land. No conditions of approval are recommended to the Department of Planning and Environment.

If you have any queries, please contact Felicity Barry, Senior Archaeologist at the Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage on (02) 9995 6914 or by email at [Felicity.Barry@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Felicity.Barry@environment.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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**As Delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW**  
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