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Director, Resource Assessments
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Department of Planning, Industry and Environment

Submitted via online portal

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Martins Creek Quarry Project (State Significant Development) - Application No: SSD-6612

The Australian Workers' Union (the **AWU**) is the trade Union which represents workers employed by the Daracon Group's construction materials and civil construction businesses, this includes the work performed at the Martins Creek Quarry.

For over 20 years, the Daracon Group's integrated civil engineering and construction materials business has provided direct and indirect employment opportunities in the Hunter Region to thousands of men and women.

The material extracted at the Martins Creek Quarry will be used by Daracon and other firms to help build infrastructure projects in the Hunter Region, including roads, rail, water infrastructure, community space and new release land for residential housing. These projects will both support local jobs in construction projects and, in the longer term, support ongoing economic growth within surrounding communities and across the Hunter Region through improved amenities and built environment.

The AWU supports the Martins Creek Quarry Project and believes the approval of the project will have positive and lasting employment and economic effects on the surrounding area. The approval of the Project is essential to provide job security to AWU members and improved career progression opportunities within the local area.

The AWU looks forward to working with Daracon and other stakeholders to help ensure a productive, safe and environmentally sustainable workplace at the Martins Creek Quarry. Should the Department need any further information, please contact our office on 1300 763 223 or via nicole.alexander@awunsw.com.au.

Yours sincerely

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