

1<sup>st</sup> July 2021

The Director, Resource Assessments  
Planning Services  
Department of Planning and Environment  
GPO Box 39  
SYDNEY NSW 2001

RE: MARTINS CREEK QUARRY PROJECT SSD 14 - 6612 - LETTER OF SUPPORT

Rubicon Enviro Pty Ltd wishes to express its support for the Martins Creek Quarry Amended Development Application.

Our Company is engaged widely across the NSW construction industry, providing soil and water management consulting services for infrastructure providers and major construction companies. Our clients include many major construction companies and State and Local Government authorities.

We are acutely aware of the challenges faced by our clients in securing suitable hard-rock aggregates, in terms of material quality specifications, transport requirements & costs, and ongoing availability of product. The Martins Creek Quarry is one of few suppliers of an important source of quarry materials for use on many of the projects we encounter each year. The quarry supplies concrete aggregates, drainage aggregates, road pavement gravels and rail ballast to many different specifications for State and Commonwealth funded projects such as road, rail and major Infrastructure projects throughout the Hunter Valley and Regional NSW.

We have been engaged by Buttai Gravel Pty Ltd (Daracon) since 2013 to undertake periodic environmental inspections of the Martins Creek Quarry. During this period, I have been pleased to observe Daracon improve and upgrade the quarry operations & systems, which include but are not limited to;

- Installing and operating high efficiency water treatment systems for the water quality basins,
- Installing and operating a wheel wash for departing trucks and other vehicles,
- Upgrading and installing improved overland flow lines and piped drainage systems,
- Installing and maintaining upgraded drainage and pollution controls in the lube shed and heavy vehicle lay-up,
- Utilising proprietary dust suppression products within the crushing & screening machinery,
- Implementing a sustained & periodic weed suppression program which has significantly reduced the occurrence of weed outbreaks, particularly with regard to 'Paterson Curse' & 'Pampas Grass',
- Upgrading and maintaining air quality monitoring systems.

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We note the revised proposals detailed in the Amended Development Application such as the rail spur extension, the proposed new access road, rail bridge & weighbridge relocation, and the provision of noise attenuation measures would address concerns of noise and traffic impacts on the adjacent Martins Creek township. The proposed local road improvements and revised transport arrangements would also mitigate impacts on the wider road network and surrounding towns.

We confirm our support for the ongoing operation of the Martins Creek Quarry which is a critical component in the NSW infrastructure and construction industry. In addition to the benefits it provides to the local and wider communities, the continued operation of the quarry will maintain pricing competition within the market, and contribute to the reliability of product supply.

We welcome any enquiries that you may have and please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards,



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