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## Martins Creek Quarry Project

To whom it may concern,

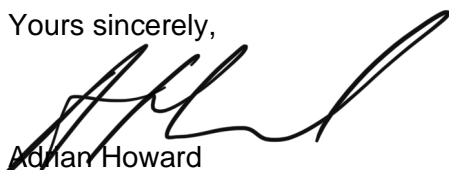
WesTrac would like to register their support for the Martins Creek Quarry Project SSD-6612. When approved this quarry will provide materials essential for ongoing local construction projects, in addition to larger Federal and State government infrastructure projects in the Hunter, Central Coast and Sydney regions. The long-term benefit of employment and economic benefit for the region and state, this operation will provide high quality materials to projects, negating the need to haul in materials from more distant quarries.

WesTrac are the Caterpillar dealer for NSW, the ACT and WA, we directly employ over 1,400 people in NSW, of whom approximately 1,150 are employed outside the Sydney metropolitan area. Our workforce includes professional, trades and support staff, working in the mining and construction industries. We also have a large apprenticeship training program, helping develop the tradespeople of the future. This quarry will be supported from our Tomago facility, where we provide onsite support, field service, workshops, parts and administrative activities, all contributing to the local and greater Hunter community.

Daracon are an established WesTrac customer and we have extensive engagements with them throughout their NSW operations. In addition to direct employment opportunities, WesTrac has continued to invest in high end technology to support Daracon and our other customers. In the last 12 months we have spent over \$15m on capital equipment to expand our technical support capacity to our customers. The Martins Creek Quarry provides us with the certainty to make these investments and provide ongoing skilled employment opportunities in regional NSW.

WesTrac supports bringing the Martins Creek Quarry back to full production, to reduce the reliance on transporting materials from more remote locations. Martins Creek Quarry will provide local jobs, local materials and local economic benefit, supporting NSW's regional economic growth.

Yours sincerely,



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