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Letter re: Support of the Gunlake Quarry, Submission to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment NSW

To Whom it May Concern;

Premier Drill and Blast (PDB)) is an Australian owned company, being in business for over 35 years, specialising in the supply of drilling services as well as the sourcing, supply, planning, design and undertaking of drilling and blasting activities for the construction, mining, explosives suppliers and quarry industries. Our highly skilled and experienced team is committed to delivering safe, reliable, cost-effective drilling and blasting services, on time; using proven techniques and equipment whilst complying with relevant requirements for the safety of staff, clients, the public, and for environmental protection.

Our business wishes to show support for the above application by the Gunlake Quarry Operators whole heartedly due to a significant number reasons of which not all are related to our business relationship.

Myself as a quarry professional have seen the major decline within the major quarry operations in the Sydney Region over the past 20 years so much so that the fact is; there are now no quarry operations within an hour of the Sydney market, this has substantially increased the costs of construction materials relatively inline with the depletion of these resources. I also observe that the Goulburn Region has now become a somewhat hub for this heavy industry and is ideally located for the Sydney market and the many and varied upcoming significant state infrastructure projects that are taking place and have been submitted for future development. Our business also supports the application strongly for the below but limited to;

- The Gunlake Operations currently directly contract and employ many local people within their workforce the logical and rational increase in production to meet the coming market demands shall greatly increase this again.
- As the very sustainable quarry industry becomes a career of choice for many as a professional career this modification shall only be for the betterment of people seeking a professional role or other within the industry.
- The business has in the recent past, allocated major budget for the upgrading of local roads and infrastructure associated directly and indirectly with the operation.
- The Gunlake team have been extremely supportive of the local businesses, suppliers and associations and I know personally that many local charitable functions have received tremendous support from them.

As above and in light that this is currently a major existing quarry operation the Premier Drill and Blast team give full support to the Gunlake business owners in relation to this application, and as we and the majority of people within the industry see them as being highly competent and professional within their business undertakings and operations development as well as the management of their responsibilities to safety, the natural environmental, social and community license and quality of the products produced.

Yours Sincerely;

Peter Andrews

Operations Manager and the;

Premier Drill and Blast Team