

Appendix 2

Correspondence from DPE dated 16 November 2017

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Mr Nick Warren
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Dear Mr Warren

**Austen Quarry Extension Project (SSD 6084)
Modification 1 – Environmental Assessment Requirements**

I refer to your letter of 14 November 2017 seeking environmental assessment requirements for a proposed modification to the development consent for the Austen Quarry Extension Project (SSD 6084 MOD 1). The Department understands that the proposed modification seeks to increase the annual production and truck dispatch limits, amend the start time of loading and dispatch operations, reduce the size of the overburden emplacement area, and amend the biodiversity offset condition within SSD 6084.

Based on the information provided in your letter, I can confirm that the proposed modification falls within the scope of section 96(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. With respect to the supporting Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE), the Department is satisfied with your company's identification of key issues and supports the proposed assessment approach, which includes:

- detailed traffic, air quality, noise (operational and road) and blast impact assessments; and
- re-assessment of the project's biodiversity impacts and offset obligations.

The Department also requests that the SEE consider:

- any changes to the total resource to be extracted, and any resulting impacts on rehabilitation and the conceptual final landform; and
- any changes to surface or groundwater management that may arise as a result of the proposed modification.

With regards to the air quality and noise impact assessments, please ensure they are undertaken in accordance with the EPA's 2016 *Approved Methods for the Modelling and Assessment of Air Pollutants in NSW* and 2017 *Noise Policy for Industry*, as applicable.

Notwithstanding the above, I remind you that all potential impacts of the modification must be assessed.

Please contact the Department at least two weeks before you plan to submit the modification application and supporting SEE. This will enable the Department to provide lodgement instructions, confirm the applicable fee, determine the required number of copies of the SEE and discuss exhibition periods. Please note that extended exhibition timeframes will apply to applications submitted around the Christmas holiday period.

Should you have any questions in relation to the above, please contact Genevieve Seed, Senior Planning Officer – Resource Assessments, on 9274 6489.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Megan Dawson' followed by the date '16/11/17'.

Megan Dawson
A/Director Resource Assessments

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