# **Project Approval**

# Section 75J of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979

I, the Minister for Planning approve the project referred to in schedule 1, subject to the conditions set out in schedules 2 to 5.

The reason for these conditions is to:

- prevent, minimise, and/or offset adverse environmental impacts;
- set standards and performance measures for acceptable environmental performance;

require regular monitoring and reporting; and

· provide for the on-going environmental management of the project.

Frank Sartor MP Minister for Planning

Sydney

2007

File No. 9040608

**SCHEDULE 1** 

**Project Application:** 

06\_0074

Proponent:

Boral Resources (NSW) Pty Ltd

Approval Authority:

Minister for Planning

Land:

See Appendix 1

Project:

Marulan South hard rock quarry and associated infrastructure

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# **DEFINITIONS**

Annual Environmental Management Report **AEMR** 

Building Code of Australia **BCA** 

Community Consultative Committee CCC

Council Goulburn Mulwaree Council

Day is defined as the period from 7.00am to 6.00pm, Monday to Day

Saturday and 8.00am to 6.00pm Sundays and Public Holidays

Department of Environment and Conservation DEC

Department Department of Planning

Director-General of the Department of Planning, or delegate Director-General

Department of Natural Resources DNR Department of Primary Industries DP1

EΑ Environmental Assessment for the project titled Marulan South Quarry

Environmental Assessment Report Volumes 1 and 2 dated October

2006 prepared by ERM

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 EP&A Act

Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 **EP&A Regulation** 

EPL Environment Protection Licence under the Protection of the

Environment Operations Act 1997

Evening is defined as the period from 6.00pm to 10.00pm Evenina

Land means the whole of a lot, or contiguous lots owned by the same Land

landowner, in a current plan registered at the Land Titles Office at the

date of this approval

Night is defined as the period from 10.00pm to 7.00am Monday to Night

Saturday and 10.00pm to 8.00am Sundays and Public Holidays

Development to which the Project Approval applies

Project Boral Resources (NSW) Pty Ltd Proponent Roads and Traffic Authority **RTA** 

Land to which the Project Approval applies (see Appendix 1) Site

Marulan South Quarry Submissions Report dated December 2006 Submissions Report

# SCHEDULE 2 ADMINISTRATIVE CONDITIONS

# **Obligation to Minimise Harm to the Environment**

1. The Proponent shall implement all practicable measures to prevent or minimise any harm to the environment that may result from the construction, operation, or rehabilitation of the project.

# Terms of Approval

- 2. The Proponent shall carry out the project generally in accordance with the:
  - (a) EA:
  - (b) submissions report; and
  - (c) conditions of this approval.

Note: The general layout of the project is shown in the figure in Appendix 2.

- 3. If there is any inconsistency between the above, either the most recent document or the conditions of this approval shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.
- 4. The Proponent shall comply with any reasonable requirement/s of the Director-General arising from the Department's assessment of:
  - (a) any reports, plans, programs or correspondence that are submitted in accordance with this approval; and
  - (b) the implementation of any actions or measures contained in these reports, plans, programs or correspondence.

# **Limits on Approval**

- 5. This approval shall lapse at the end of 2038.
- 6. The Proponent shall not transport more than 3.5 million tonnes of product from the site in a year.
- 7. All extractive materials and products shall be transported from the site by rail. However, the Proponent may transport some product by road in an emergency with the written approval of the Director-General.

# Structural Adequacy

8. The Proponent shall ensure that all new buildings and structures on the site are constructed in accordance with the relevant requirements of the BCA.

#### Notes.

- Under Part 4A of the EP&A Act, the Proponent is required to obtain construction and occupation certificates for any building works.
- Part 8 of the EP&A Regulation sets out the detailed requirements for the certification of development.

#### Demolition

 The Proponent shall ensure that all demolition work on site is carried out in accordance with AS 2601-2001: The Demolition of Structures, or its latest version.

#### **Protection of Public Infrastructure**

- 10. The Proponent shall:
  - (a) repair, or pay all reasonable costs associated with repairing any public infrastructure that is damaged by the project; and
  - (b) relocate, or pay all reasonable costs associated with relocating any public infrastructure that needs to be relocated as a result of the project.

# Operation of Plant and Equipment

- 11. The Proponent shall ensure that all plant and equipment used at the site is:
  - (a) maintained in a proper and efficient condition; and
  - (b) operated in a proper and efficient condition.
- 12. With the approval of the Director-General, the Proponent may prepare and submit any management plan or monitoring program required by this approval on a progressive basis.

# SCHEDULE 3 ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE CONDITIONS

#### **GENERAL EXTRACTION AND PROCESSING PROVISIONS**

#### Identification of Boundaries

- 1. Prior to the commencement of construction, or as otherwise agreed by the Director-General, the Proponent shall:
  - (a) engage an independent registered surveyor to survey the boundaries of the approved limit of extraction;
  - (b) submit a survey plan of these boundaries to the Director-General; and
  - (c) ensure that these boundaries are clearly marked at all times in a permanent manner that allows operating staff and inspecting officers to clearly identify those limits.

Note: The limit of extraction is shown conceptually on the plan in Appendix 2.

#### NOISE

#### Construction of Bunds

- 2. In carrying out the construction of the noise bunds, the Proponent shall:
  - (a) comply with the construction noise criteria in the Environmental Noise Control Manual 1994 for the first three months of the construction work; and
  - (b) thereafter, comply with the daytime operational noise criteria in condition 4.

# **Construction Noise Management Plan**

- 3. The Proponent shall prepare and implement a Construction Noise Management Plan for the project to the satisfaction of the Director-General. This plan must be submitted to the Director-General for approval prior to the commencement of construction, and include:
  - (a) a detailed description of the measures that would be implemented to achieve the construction noise limits in the Environmental Noise Control Manual 1994 and the operational noise criteria in condition 4;
  - (b) a community notification protocol for the proposed construction activities;
  - (c) a description of the measures that would be implemented where the construction noise limits and/or operational noise limits are unlikely to be achieved or are not being achieved; and
  - (d) details of who would be responsible for monitoring, reviewing and implementing the plan.

# **Operational Noise Impact Assessment Criteria**

4. The Proponent shall ensure that the noise generated by the project does not exceed the noise impact assessment criteria in Table 1.

Residential Receiver	Day	Evening	Nig	ht
	L <sub>Aeq(15 minute)</sub>	L <sub>Aeq(15 minute)</sub>	L <sub>Aeq(15 minute)</sub>	L <sub>A1(1 minute,</sub>
Day Shift Activities: 7.00am to 7.0	0рт			
1	35	35	35	45
2	39	39	39	45
3	44	44	44	46
4	37	37	37	46
5	35	35	35	45
6	35	35	35	45
Any other noise sensitive location	35	35	35	45
Night Shift Activities: 7.00pm to 7.	.00am			
1	n/a	35	35	45
2	n/a	35	35	45
3	n/a	35	35	46
4	n/a	35	35	46
5	n/a	35	35	45
6	n/a	35	35	45
Any other noise sensitive location	n/a	35	35	45

Table 1: Noise Impact Assessment Criteria

#### Notes:

- Noise from the site is to be measured at the most affected point within the residential boundary, or at the
  most affected point within 30 metres of the dwelling where the dwelling is more than 30 metres from the
  boundary, to determine compliance with the identified noise limits, except where otherwise specified below.
- Noise from the project is to be measured at 1 metre from the dwelling facade to determine compliance with the L<sub>A1 (1 minute)</sub> noise level.
- Where it can be demonstrated that direct measurement of noise from the project is impractical, alternative means of determining compliance may be acceptable (see Chapter 11 of the NSW Industrial Noise Policy).
- The modification factors presented in Section 4 of the NSW Industrial Noise Policy shall also be applied to the measured noise level where applicable.
- The identified noise emission limits apply under meteorological conditions of wind speed up to 3m/s at 10 metres above ground level, and temperature inversion conditions.

# Land Acquisition Criteria

5. If the noise generated by the project exceeds the criteria in Table 2, the Proponent shall, upon receiving a written request for acquisition from the landowner, acquire the land in accordance with the procedures in conditions 6-8 of Schedule 4.

Residential Receiver	Day	Evening / Night
	LAeq(15 minute)	L <sub>Aeq(15 minute)</sub>
1	41	40
2	44	44
3	44	44
4	41	41
5	40	40
6	40	40

Table 2: Land Acquisition Criteria

Note: The notes under Table 1 apply equally to Table 2.

#### **Cumulative Noise Criteria**

- 6. The Proponent shall take all reasonable and feasible measures to ensure that the noise generated by the project combined with the noise generated by other extractive industries does not exceed the following amenity criteria on any privately owned land, to the satisfaction of the Director-General:
  - L<sub>Aeq(11 hour)</sub> 50 dB(A) Day;
  - L<sub>Aeq(4 hour)</sub> 45 dB(A) Evening; and
  - L<sub>Aeq(9 hour)</sub> 40 dB(A) Night.

# **Additional Noise Mitigation Measures**

- 7. Upon receiving a written request from the owner of residential receiver 3 (except where a negotiated noise agreement is in place) the Proponent shall implement additional noise mitigation measures such as double glazing, insulation, and/or air conditioning at any residence on the land in consultation with the owner. These additional mitigation measures must be reasonable and feasible. If within 3 months of receiving this request from the landowner, the Proponent and the owner cannot agree on the measures to be implemented, or there is a dispute about the implementation of these measures, then either party may refer the matter to the Director-General for resolution.
- 8. Within 3 months of this approval, the Proponent shall notify the owner of residential receiver 3 that he/she is eligible for additional noise mitigation measures.

#### Continuous Improvement

- 9. The Proponent shall:
  - (a) implement all reasonable and feasible best practice noise mitigation measures;
  - (b) investigate ways to reduce the noise generated by the project; and
  - (c) report on these investigations and the implementation and effectiveness of these measures in the AEMR.

to the satisfaction of the Director-General.

#### **Noise Monitoring Program**

- 10. The Proponent shall prepare and implement a Noise Monitoring Program for the project to the satisfaction of the Director-General. This program must:
  - (a) be submitted to the Director-General for approval prior to the commencement of construction;
  - (b) be prepared in consultation with the DEC; and
  - (c) include a combination of real-time, attended and unattended noise monitoring to monitor the performance of the project, and a noise monitoring protocol for evaluating compliance with the relevant noise limits/criteria in this approval.

#### **Hours of Operation**

11. The Proponent shall comply with the hours of operation in Table 3.

Activity	Day	Time
	Monday-Friday	7.00am to 6.00pm
Construction works	Saturday	8.00am to 1.00pm
CONSTRUCTION WORLD	Sunday and public holidays	None
Topsoil/overburden removal/emplacement	Any day	7.00am to 7.00pm
	Monday-Saturday	9.00am to 5.00pm
Blasting	Sunday and public holidays	None
In-pit activities (including drilling, extraction, processing, and transfer of material out of the pit)	Any day	7.00am to 7.00pm
Out-of-pit activities (including processing, stockpiling, train loading and distribution, and maintenance)	Any day	24 hours

Table 3 - Hours of Operation

#### **BLASTING AND VIBRATION**

# Airblast Overpressure Criteria

12. The Proponent shall ensure that the airblast overpressure level from blasting at the project does not exceed the criteria in Table 4 at any residence on privately-owned land.

Airblast overpressure level (dB(Lin Peak))	Allowable exceedance
115	5% of the total number of blasts over a period of 12 months
120	0%

Table 4: Airblast Overpressure Impact Assessment Criteria

#### **Ground Vibration Criteria**

13. The Proponent shall ensure that the ground vibration level from blasting at the project does not exceed the criteria in Table 5 at any residence or sensitive receiver on privately-owned land.

Peak particle velocity (mm/s)	Allowable exceedance		
5	5% of the total number of blasts over a period of 12 months		
10	0%		

Table 5: Ground Vibration Impact Assessment Criteria for Residences on Privately-owned Land

# **Operating Conditions**

- 14. The Proponent shall implement best blasting practice to:
  - (a) ensure that no flyrock leaves the site;
  - (b) protect the safety of people, property, and livestock; and
  - (c) minimise the dust and fume emissions from blasting on the site,

to the satisfaction of the Director-General.

#### **Public Notice**

- 15. The Proponent shall:
  - (a) notify the landowner/occupier of any residence within 2 kilometres of the quarry pit who registers an interest in being notified about the blasting schedule on site;
  - (b) operate a blasting hotline, or alternative system agreed to by the Director-General, to enable the public to get up-to-date information on blasting operations at the project; and
  - (c) keep the public informed about this hotline (or any alternative system),
  - to the satisfaction of the Director-General.

#### Monitoring

- 16. The Proponent shall prepare and implement a Blast Monitoring Program for the project to the satisfaction of the Director-General. This program must:
  - (a) be submitted to the Director-General for approval prior to the commencement of construction;
  - (b) be prepared in consultation with the DEC; and
  - (c) monitor the performance of the project against the relevant blasting criteria.

#### **AIR QUALITY**

#### Impact Assessment Criteria

17. The Proponent shall ensure that dust generated by the project does not cause additional exceedances of the criteria listed in Tables 6-8 at any residence that exists on the date of this approval, or on more than 25 percent of any privately-owned land.

Pollutant	Averaging period	Criterion
Total suspended particulate (TSP) matter	Annual	90 μg/m <sup>3</sup>
Particulate matter < 10 $\mu$ m (PM <sub>10</sub> )	Annual	30 μg/m³

Table 6: Long Term Impact Assessment Criteria for Particulate Matter

Pollutant	Averaging period	Criterion
Particulate matter < 10 μm (PM <sub>10</sub> )	24 hour	50 μg/m³

Table 7: Short Term Impact Assessment Criteria for Particulate Matter

Pollutant	Averaging period	Maximum increase in deposited dust level	Maximum total deposited dust level
Deposited dust	Annual	2 g/m²/month	4 g/m <sup>2</sup> /month

Table 8: Long Term Impact Assessment Criteria for Deposited Dust

Note: Deposited dust is assessed as insoluble solids as defined by Standards Australia, 1991, AS/NZS 3580.10.1-2003: Methods for Sampling and Analysis of Ambient Air - Determination of Particulates - Deposited Matter - Gravimetric Method.

#### Land Acquisition Criteria

18. If the dust emissions generated by the project exceed the criteria in Tables 9, 10 and 11 at any residence on, or on more than 25 percent of, any privately owned land, the Proponent shall, upon receiving a written request for acquisition from the landowner, acquire the land in accordance with the procedures in conditions 6-8 of Schedule 4.

Pollutant	Averaging period	Criterion
Total suspended particulate (TSP) matter	Annual	90 μg/m³
Particulate matter < 10 μm (PM <sub>10</sub> )	Annual	30 μg/m³

Table 9: Long Term Land Acquisition Criteria for Particulate Matter

Pollutant	Averaging period	Criterion	Percentile <sup>1</sup>	Basis
Particulate matter < 10 µm (PM <sub>10</sub> )	24 hour	150 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	99 <sup>2</sup>	Total <sup>3</sup>
Particulate matter < 10 μm (PM <sub>10</sub> )	24 hour	50 μg/m <sup>3</sup>	98.6	Increment <sup>4</sup>

Table 10: Short Term Land Acquisition Criteria for Particulate Matter

#### Notes:

<sup>1</sup>Based on the number of block 24 hour averages in an annual period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Incremental increase in PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations due to the mine alone.

Pollutant	Averaging period	Maximum increase in deposited dust level	Maximum total deposited dust level
Deposited dust	Annual	2 g/m²/month	4 g/m²/month
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Table 11: Long Term Land Acquisition Criteria for Deposited Dust

Note: Deposited dust is assessed as insoluble solids as defined by Standards Australia, AS/NZS 3580.10.1:2003: Methods for Sampling and Analysis of Ambient Air - Determination of Particulate Matter - Deposited Matter - Gravimetric Method.

# **Operating Conditions**

- 19. The Proponent shall:
  - ensure any visible air pollution generated by the project is assessed regularly, and that quarrying operations are relocated, modified, and/or stopped as required to minimise air quality impacts on privately owned land; and
  - (b) ensure that real-time air quality monitoring for 24-hour average PM<sub>10</sub> and meteorological monitoring data are assessed regularly, and that quarrying operations are relocated, modified and/or stopped as required to ensure compliance with the relevant air quality criteria.

#### Monitoring

- 20. The Proponent shall prepare and implement an Air Quality Monitoring Program for the project to the satisfaction of the Director-General. This program must:
  - (a) be submitted to the Director-General for approval prior to the commencement of construction;
  - (b) be prepared in consultation with DEC; and
  - (c) use a combination of high volume samplers and dust deposition gauges to monitor the performance of the project, and include a protocol for evaluating compliance with the relevant air quality criteria in this approval.

# METROLOGICAL MONITORING

21. During the project, the Proponent shall maintain a suitable meteorological station on (or in close proximity to) the site to the satisfaction of the DEC and the Director-General. This station must satisfy the requirements in the Approved Methods for Sampling of Air Pollutants in New South Wales publication.

# SURFACE AND GROUND WATER

#### Water Supply

22. Prior to the commencement of construction, the Proponent shall obtain the necessary approvals for the project under the *Water Act 1912*.

Note: The Water Management Act 2000 may apply to the project. The Proponent shall consult with the DNR on the relevant approvals at the time the application is made.

# **Discharges**

23. Except as may be expressly provided for by an EPL, the Proponent shall not discharge any dirty water from the quarry or ancillary operational areas.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Excludes extraordinary events such as bushfires, prescribed burning, dust storms, sea fog, fire incidents, illegal activities or any other activity agreed by the Director-General in consultation with the DEC.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Background PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations due to all other sources plus the incremental increase in PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations due to the mine alone.

#### **Tangarang Creek Environmental Flow**

24. The proponent shall provide an environmental flow to Tangarang Creek equivalent to 10% of average daily flows. Details of the management of these environmental flows shall be included in the Site Water Balance for the project (see below).

#### **Sediment Dams**

- 25. The Proponent shall ensure that:
  - (a) critical structures such as "dirty water" dams are designed, constructed and maintained to a accommodate a 1 in 100 year ARI 24-hour event; and
  - (b) other dams and water management structures are designed, constructed and maintained to accommodate a 1 in 20 year ARI 24-hour event.

#### Management and Monitoring

- 26. The Proponent shall prepare and implement a Water Management Plan for the project to the satisfaction of the Director-General. This plan must:
  - (a) be submitted to the Director-General for approval prior to the commencement of construction;
  - (b) be prepared in consultation with the DNR, DEC and Sydney Catchment Authority; and
  - (c) include a:
    - Site Water Balance:
    - · Erosion and Sediment Control Plan:
    - Surface Water Monitoring Program;
    - Ground Water Monitoring Program; and
    - Surface and Ground Water Response Plan to address any potential adverse impacts associated with the project.

#### Site Water Balance

- 27. The Site Water Balance shall
  - include details of all water extracted (including make up water), dewatered, transferred, used and/or discharged by the project; and
  - (b) describe measures to minimise water use by the project.

#### **Erosion and Sediment Control**

- 28. The Erosion and Sediment Control Plan shall:
  - (a) be consistent with the requirements of Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction, Volume 1, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, 2004 (Landcom);
  - (b) identify activities that could cause soil erosion and generate sediment;
  - (c) describe measures to minimise soil erosion and the potential for the transport of sediment to downstream waters;
  - (d) describe the location, function, and capacity of erosion and sediment control structures; and
  - (e) describe what measures would be implemented to maintain (and if necessary decommission) the structures over time.

# **Surface Water Monitoring**

- 29. The Surface Water Monitoring Program shall include:
  - (a) detailed baseline data on surface water flows and quality in Tangarang Creek and Barbers Creek:
  - (b) surface water impact assessment criteria;
  - (c) a program to monitor surface water flows and quality;
  - (d) a protocol for the investigation of identified exceedances of the surface water impact assessment criteria; and
  - (e) a program to monitor the effectiveness of the Erosion and Sediment Control Plan.

#### **Ground Water Monitoring Program**

- 30. The Ground Water Monitoring Program shall include:
  - (a) detailed baseline data on ground water levels, flows, and quality, based on statistical analysis;
  - (b) groundwater impact assessment criteria for monitoring bores;
  - (c) a program to monitor regional ground water levels and quality; and
  - (d) a protocol for the investigation of identified exceedances of the ground water impact assessment criteria.

#### TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT

31. The Proponent shall prepare and implement a construction traffic management plan for the project to the satisfaction of the RTA and Council.

#### **ABORIGINAL HERITAGE**

- 32. The Proponent shall prepare and implement an Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan for the project to the satisfaction of the Director-General. This plan must:
  - (a) be submitted to the Director-General for approval prior to the commencement of construction;
  - (b) be prepared in consultation with the DEC and relevant Aboriginal communities; and
  - (c) include a:
    - description of the measures that would be implemented for the mapping, and salvage or relocation of the archaeological relics in the Tangarang Creek Dam 1 area;
    - description of the measures that would be implemented if any new Aboriginal objects or relics are discovered during the project; and
    - protocol for the ongoing consultation and involvement of the Aboriginal communities in the conservation and management of Aboriginal cultural heritage on the site.

#### FLORA AND FAUNA

- 33. The Proponent shall:
  - (a) rehabilitate the site in a manner that is generally consistent with the conceptual rehabilitation principles in Chapter 2.8 of the EA; and
  - (b) implement the Habitat Management Area in a manner that is generally consistent with the proposal outlined in the Submissions Report (and shown conceptually in Appendix 3), including the establishment, conservation and maintenance of at least 12 hectares of vegetation species characteristic if Box Gum Woodland,

to the satisfaction of the Director-General.

#### Landscape and Rehabilitation Management Plan

- 34. The Proponent shall prepare and implement a Landscape and Rehabilitation Management Plan for the project to the satisfaction of the Director-General. This plan must:
  - (a) be submitted to the Director-General for approval prior to the commencement of construction;
  - (b) be prepared in consultation with the DEC and Council;
  - (c) describe in general the short, medium, and long-term measures that would be implemented to:
    - rehabilitate the site;
    - implement the Habitat Management Area;
    - manage the remnant vegetation and habitat on the site; and
    - landscape the site (including the bunds and overburden emplacement areas) to mitigate any visual impacts of the project;
  - (d) describe in detail the measures that would be implemented over the next 5 years to rehabilitate and manage the landscape on the site;
  - (e) describe how the performance of these measures would be monitored over time; and
  - (f) set completion criteria for the rehabilitation of the site.

#### Rehabilitation Bond

35. Within 3 months of the first Independent Environmental Audit the Proponent shall lodge a rehabilitation bond for the project with the Director-General. The sum of the bond shall be calculated at \$2.50/m² for the total area to be disturbed in each 5 year period, or as otherwise directed by the Director-General.

#### Notes:

- If the rehabilitation is completed to the satisfaction of the Director-General, the Director-General will release the rehabilitation bond.
- If the rehabilitation is not completed to the satisfaction of the Director-General, the Director-General will call in all or part of the rehabilitation bond, and arrange for the satisfactory completion of the relevant works.
- 36. Within 3 months of subsequent audits, the Proponent shall review, and if necessary revise, the sum of the bond to the satisfaction of the Director-General. This review must consider:
  - (a) the effects of inflation;
  - (b) any changes to the total area of disturbance; and
  - (c) the performance of the rehabilitation against the completion criteria of the Rehabilitation and Landscape Management Plan.

# VISUAL IMPACT

# Visual

37. The Proponent shall minimise the visual impacts of the project to the satisfaction of the Director-General.

#### **Lighting Emissions**

- 38. The Proponent shall take all practicable measures to prevent and/or minimise any off-site lighting impacts from the project.
- 39. All external lighting associated with the project shall comply with Australian Standard AS4282 (INT) 1995 Control of Obtrusive Effects of Outdoor Lighting.

### Advertising

40. The Proponent shall not erect or display any advertising structure(s) or signs on the site without the written approval of the Director-General.

Note - This does not include business identification, traffic management and safety or environmental signs.

#### **WASTE MANAGEMENT**

- 41. The Proponent shall:
  - (a) monitor the amount of waste generated by the project;
  - (b) investigate ways to minimise waste generated by the project;
  - (c) implement reasonable and feasible measures to minimise waste generated by the project; and
  - (d) report on waste management and minimisation in the AEPR.
  - to the satisfaction of the Director-General.
- 42. The Proponent shall ensure that all waste generated or stored on site is assessed, classified and managed in accordance with the DEC's Environmental Guidelines: Assessment Classification and Management of Liquid and Non-Liquid Wastes.

# **EMERGENCY AND HAZARDS MANAGEMENT**

#### **Dangerous Goods**

43. The Proponent shall ensure that the storage, handling, and transport of dangerous goods are conducted in accordance with the relevant *Australian Standards*, particularly AS1940 and AS1596, and the *Dangerous Goods Code*.

# Safety

44. The Proponent shall secure the project to ensure public safety to the satisfaction of the Director-General.

#### **Bushfire Management**

- 45. The Proponent shall:
  - ensure that the project is suitably equipped to respond to any fires on-site; and
  - (b) assist the rural fire service and emergency services as much as possible if there is a fire on-site.

#### PRODUCTION DATA

- 46. The Proponent shall:
  - (a) provide annual production data to the DPI using the standard form for that purpose; and
  - (b) include a copy of this data in the AEMR.

#### **QUARRY EXIT STRATEGY**

- 47. The Proponent shall prepare and implement a Quarry Exit Strategy for the project to the satisfaction of the Director-General. This strategy must:
  - (a) be submitted to the Director-General for approval at least 5 years prior to the cessation of the project:
  - (b) be prepared in consultation with the relevant agencies;
  - (c) define the objectives and criteria for quarry closure;
  - (d) investigate options for the future use of the site, including any final void/s;
  - (e) describe the measures that would be implemented to minimise or manage the ongoing environmental effects of the project; and
  - (f) describe how the performance of these measures would be monitored over time.

# SCHEDULE 4 ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES

#### NOTIFICATION OF LANDOWNERS

1. If the results of monitoring required in Schedule 3 identify that impacts generated by the project are greater than the relevant impact assessment criteria, then the Proponent shall notify the Director-General and the affected landowners and/or existing or future tenants (including tenants of quarry owned properties) accordingly, and provide quarterly monitoring results to each of these parties until the results show that the project is complying with the relevant criteria.

#### INDEPENDENT REVIEW

2. If a landowner (excluding quarry owned properties) considers that the operations of the quarry are exceeding the impact assessment criteria in Schedule 3, then he/she may ask the Proponent in writing for an independent review of the impacts of the project on his/her land.

If the Director-General is satisfied that an independent review is warranted, the Proponent shall within 3 months of the Director-General advising that an independent review is warranted:

- (a) consult with the landowner to determine his/her concerns;
- (b) commission a suitably qualified, experienced and independent person, whose appointment has been approved by the Director-General, to conduct monitoring on the land, to determine whether the project is complying with the relevant criteria in Schedule 3, and identify the source(s) and scale of any impact on the land, and the project's contribution to this impact; and
- (c) give the Director-General and landowner a copy of the independent review.
- 3. If the independent review determines that the quarrying operations are complying with the relevant criteria in Schedule 3, then the Proponent may discontinue the independent review with the approval of the Director-General.
- 4. If the independent review determines that the quarrying operations are not complying with the relevant criteria in Schedule 3, and that the quarry is primarily responsible for this non-compliance, then the Proponent shall:
  - (a) implement all reasonable and feasible measures, in consultation with the landowner, to ensure that the project complies with the relevant criteria; and
  - (b) conduct further monitoring to determine whether these measures ensure compliance; or
  - (c) secure a written agreement with the landowner to allow exceedances of the relevant criteria in Schedule 3,

to the satisfaction of the Director-General.

If the additional monitoring referred to above subsequently determines that the quarrying operations are complying with the relevant criteria in Schedule 3, then the Proponent may discontinue the independent review with the approval of the Director-General.

If the Proponent is unable to finalise an agreement with the landowner, then the Proponent or landowner may refer the matter to the Director-General for resolution.

If the matter cannot be resolved within 21 days, the Director-General shall refer the matter to an Independent Dispute Resolution Process (see Appendix 4).

 If the landowner disputes the results of the independent review, either the Proponent or the landowner may refer the matter to the Director-General for resolution.

If the matter cannot be resolved within 21 days, the Director-General shall refer the matter to an Independent Dispute Resolution Process (see Appendix 4).

#### LAND ACQUISITION

- 6. Within 3 months of receiving a written request from a landowner with acquisition rights, the Proponent shall make a binding written offer to the landowner based on:
  - (a) the current market value of the landowner's interest in the property at the date of this written request, as if the property was unaffected by the project the subject of the project application, having regard to the:
    - existing and permissible use of the land, in accordance with the applicable planning instruments at the date of the written request; and
    - presence of improvements on the property and/or any approved building or structure which
      has been physically commenced at the date of the landowner's written request, and is due
      to be completed subsequent to that date, but excluding any improvements that have
      resulted from the implementation of the 'additional noise mitigation measures' in condition 7
      of Schedule 3;

- (b) the reasonable costs associated with:
  - relocating within the Goulburn Mulwaree local government area, or to any other local government area determined by the Director-General; and
  - obtaining legal advice and expert advice for determining the acquisition price of the land, and the terms upon which it is required; and
- (c) reasonable compensation for any disturbance caused by the land acquisition process.

However, if at the end of this period, the Proponent and landowner cannot agree on the acquisition price of the land, and/or the terms upon which the land is to be acquired, then either party may refer the matter to the Director-General for resolution.

Upon receiving such a request, the Director-General shall request the President of the NSW Division of the Australian Property Institute to appoint a qualified independent valuer or Fellow of the Institute, to consider submissions from both parties, and determine a fair and reasonable acquisition price for the land, and/or terms upon which the land is to be acquired.

Within 14 days of receiving the independent valuer's determination, the Proponent shall make a written offer to purchase the land at a price not less than the independent valuer's determination.

If the landowner refuses to accept this offer within 6 months of the date of the Proponent's offer, the Proponent's obligations to acquire the land shall cease, unless otherwise agreed by the Director-General.

- 7. The Proponent shall bear the costs of any valuation or survey assessment requested by the independent valuer, or the Director-General and the costs of determination referred above.
- 8. If the Proponent and landowner agree that only part of the land shall be acquired, then the Proponent shall pay all reasonable costs associated with obtaining Council approval for any plan of subdivision (where permissible), and registration of the plan at the Office of the Registrar-General.

# SCHEDULE 5 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING CONDITIONS

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

- 1. The Proponent shall prepare and implement an Environmental Management Strategy for the project to the satisfaction of the Director-General. This strategy must be submitted to the Director-General for approval prior to the commencement of construction, and:
  - (a) provide the strategic context for environmental management of the project;
  - (b) identify the statutory requirements that apply to the project;
  - (c) describe in general how the environmental performance of the project would be monitored and managed;
  - (d) describe the procedures that would be implemented to:
    - keep the local community and relevant agencies informed about the construction, operation and environmental performance of the project;
    - receive, handle, respond to, and record complaints;
    - resolve any disputes that may arise during the life of the project;
    - respond to any non-compliance;
    - manage cumulative impacts; and
    - respond to emergencies; and
  - (e) describe the role, responsibility, authority, and accountability of the key personnel involved in the environmental management of the project.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING PROGRAM**

 The Proponent shall prepare an Environmental Monitoring Program for the project to the satisfaction of the Director-General. This program must be submitted to the Director-General prior to the commencement of construction, and consolidate the various monitoring requirements in Schedule 3 of this approval into a single document.

#### INCIDENT REPORTING

- 3. Within 7 days of detecting an exceedance of the goals/limits/performance criteria in this approval or an incident causing (or threatening to cause) material harm to the environment, the Proponent shall report the exceedance/incident to the Department and any relevant agencies. This report must:
  - (a) describe the date, time, and nature of the exceedance/incident;
  - (b) identify the cause (or likely cause ) of the exceedance/incident;
  - (c) describe what action has been taken to date; and
  - (d) describe the proposed measures to address the exceedance/incident.

# **ANNUAL REPORTING**

- 4. Within 12 months of the date of commencement of construction, and annually thereafter, the Proponent shall submit an AEMR to the Director-General and relevant agencies. This report must:
  - (a) identify the standards and performance measures that apply to the project;
  - (b) describe the works carried out in the last 12 months;
  - (c) describe the works that will be carried out in the next 12 months;
  - include a summary of the complaints received during the past year, and compare this to the complaints received in previous years;
  - (e) include a summary of the monitoring results for the project during the past year;
  - f) include an analysis of these monitoring results against the relevant:
    - impact assessment criteria/limits;
    - monitoring results from previous years; and
    - predictions in the EA;
  - (g) identify any trends in the monitoring results over the life of the project;
  - (h) identify any non-compliance during the previous year; and
  - (i) describe what actions were, or are being, taken to ensure compliance.

#### INDEPENDENT ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT

- 5. Within 3 years of the date of the commencement of construction, and every 5 years thereafter, unless the Director-General directs otherwise, the Proponent shall commission and pay the full cost of an Independent Environmental Audit of the project. This audit must:
  - (a) be conducted by a suitably qualified, experienced, and independent person(s) whose appointment has been approved by the Director-General;
  - (b) include consultation with the relevant agencies;
  - (c) assess the environmental performance of the project, and its effects on the surrounding environment;
  - (d) assess whether the project is complying with the relevant standards, performance measures and statutory requirements;

- (e) review the adequacy of any strategy/plan/program required under this approval; and, if necessary,
- (f) recommend measures or actions to improve the environmental performance of the project, and/or any strategy/plan/program required under this approval.
- 6. Within 1 month of completion of each Independent Environmental Audit, the Proponent shall submit a copy of the audit report to the Director-General and relevant agencies, with a response to any of the recommendations in the audit report.
- 7. Within 6 months of completing the audit, the Proponent shall review, and if necessary revise, the management plans, monitoring programs, and strategies required in schedules 3 and 5 of this approval to the satisfaction of the Director-General.

# **COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

- 8. Prior to the commencement of construction, the Proponent shall establish a Community Consultative Committee (CCC) for the project. The CCC shall:
  - (a) be comprised of:
    - 2 representatives from the Proponent, including the person responsible for environmental management at the quarry;
    - 1 representative from Council (if available); and
    - at least 3 representatives from the local community,

whose appointment has been approved by the Director-General;

- (b) be chaired by an independent chairperson, whose appointment has been approved by the Director-General;
- (c) meet at least twice a year;
- review the Proponent's performance with respect to environmental management and community relations;
- (e) undertake regular inspections of the quarry operations;
- review community concerns or complaints about the quarry operations, and the Proponent's complaints handling procedures; and
- (g) provide advice to:
  - the Proponent on improved environmental management and community relations, including the provision of information to the community and the identification of community initiatives to which the Proponent could contribute;
  - · the Department regarding the conditions of this approval; and
  - the general community on the performance of the quarry with respect to environmental management and community relations.

# Notes

- The CCC is an advisory committee. The Department and other relevant agencies are responsible for ensuring that the Proponent complies with this approval.
- The membership of the CCC should be reviewed on a regular basis (every 3 years).
- If possible, an alternate member should be appointed for each of the representatives from the local community.
- 9. At its own expense, the Proponent shall,:
  - (a) ensure that 2 of its representatives attend CCC meetings;
  - (b) provide the CCC with regular information on the environmental performance and management of the project;
  - (c) provide meeting facilities for the CCC;
  - (d) arrange site inspections for the CCC, if necessary;
  - (e) take minutes of the CCC meetings;
  - (f) make these minutes available to the public;
  - (g) respond to any advice or recommendations the CCC may have in relation to the environmental management or community relations; and
  - (h) forward a copy of the minutes of each CCC meeting, including a response to any recommendations from the CCC, to the Director-General within a month of the CCC meeting.

# **ACCESS TO INFORMATION**

- 12. Within 1 month of the approval of any plan/strategy/program required under this approval (or any subsequent revision of these plans/strategies/programs), or the completion of any independent environmental audit or AEMR, the Proponent shall:
  - (a) provide a copy of the relevant document/s to the Council, relevant agencies and the CCC;
  - ensure that a copy of the relevant document/s is made publicly available on its website and at the quarry,

to the satisfaction of the Director-General.

- 13.
- During the project, the Proponent shall:

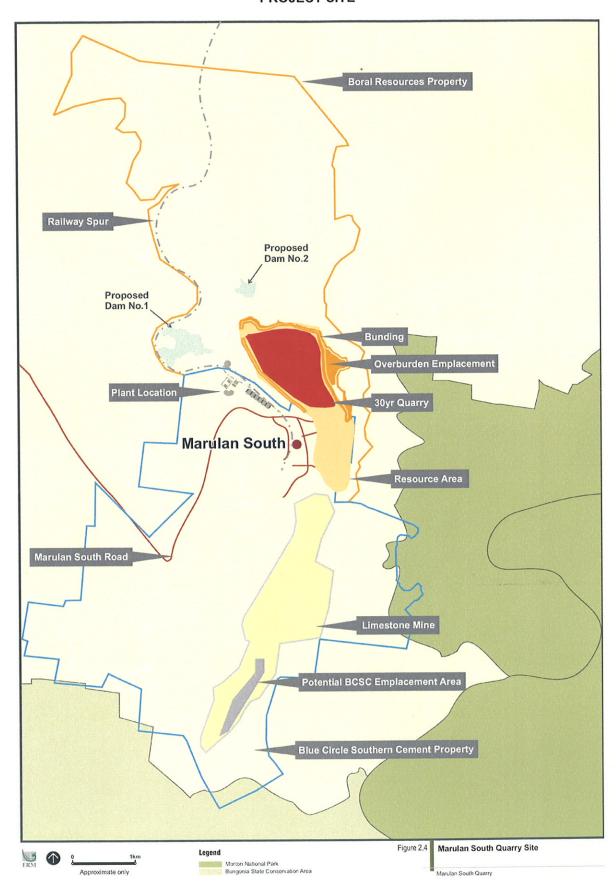
  (a) make a summary of monitoring results required under this approval publicly available on its website and at the quarry; and

  (b) update these results regular ly (at least every 3 months), to the satisfaction of the Director-General.

# APPENDIX 1 SCHEDULE OF LAND

Lot	DP
23	867667
5	203290
95	· 750029
24	867667
109	750029
1	371167
1-6	261615
1	557562
143	750029
12	570616
2	557562
21	657523
100	1064791
4	106569
1-9	216767
11	570616
5	111641
22	867667
5	106569
2	106569

# APPENDIX 2 PROJECT SITE



# APPENDIX 4 INDEPENDENT DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS

# **Independent Dispute Resolution Process** (Indicative only)

