

24 February 2026

Water NSW Ref: DAR 26008-a1
Council Ref: DA.2025.0541

General Manager
Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council
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Attention: Jacob Williams

Subject: Part 6.5 of SEPP Biodiversity & Conservation (2021)
DA.2025.0541; Lot 331 & 332 DP 755915; 522 Larbert Road, Larbert

Dear Mr Williams

I refer to NSW Planning Portal referral received on 9 February 2026 requesting the concurrence of Water NSW under Part 6.5 of State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021 (the SEPP) for a proposal for staged, progressive expansion of the existing sand extraction area at Larbert Quarry by an additional 18.1 ha approximately over Lots 332 and 333, with an estimated resource of approximately 1.23 million tonnes.

Water NSW provided concurrence advice on 2 March 2023 for the original sand extraction quarry application (DA.2022.1181; Water NSW Ref: DAR 22082-a1).

Insufficient information has been provided with the application to enable an adequate assessment of the probable effect of the development on water quality. In accordance with the concurrence requirements of the SEPP and section 52 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*, Water NSW requests that Council obtain from the applicant sufficient information to enable Water NSW to undertake a neutral or beneficial effect on water quality assessment (NorBE) for the development.

Surface Water & Groundwater

- Final survey and site plans for existing sand quarry approved under DA.2022.118 to be provided, with specific final 'as constructed' contour plans for the existing quarry and details of groundwater table interception depth(s) recorded.
- Reporting indicates no more than 3m depth below groundwater table is proposed (as not feasible to go deeper as part of quarry operations). Please provide civil plans and cross-sectional plans (including design batter slopes) indicating excavation depths across the site for all proposed stages.
- Water Balance Modelling (GoldSIM) assumes groundwater inflows of 0.04ML/d (40,000L/d) for water draw-down below the water-table (based on maximum depth 3m below surface elevation. Further details need to be provided as to how this specific value has been calculated, given its importance in the modelling.
- A 3rd Strahler order watercourse is mapped directly adjacent to the northern boundary of the proposed expansion areas (see **Figure 1** attached). How will this be specifically impacted and maintained from the excavations directly adjacent.
- Confirmation of necessary requirements for any controlled activity approvals under *Water Management Act 2000* including proposed re-direction of existing watercourse (see **Figure 1** attached) and construction of the farm dam to the south of existing approved quarry area.

Other

- **1:100 ARI flood levels** for the total development site, as only general details provided in reporting.

The "clock" will stop from the date on this letter and Water NSW will not consider whether to grant concurrence to this application until such time as satisfactory additional information is received.

Water NSW considers that this additional information must be provided to Council within 120 days from the date the Council requests the information. If the information is not provided to Council by this date or such further period as Water NSW may allow, Water NSW will proceed with its assessment. The outcome of the assessment may be a refusal of concurrence.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact me via environmental.assessments@waternsw.com.au.

Yours sincerely



Jack Sharples
Catchment Assessment Officer

Figure 1: Watercourses within site

