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Dear Mr Calcagno,

Re: D01406120 : Speers Point Quarry - RZ/2/2008

I refer to your email of 2 August 2012. This is a response from NSW Trade & Investment – Mineral Resources Branch (MRB).

MRB notes the importance of ensuring that adequate supplies of construction materials are available within the Lake Macquarie Local Government Area (LGA) to meet foreseeable future needs. Although low unit cost materials, construction materials are nonetheless essential for the development and maintenance of roads, buildings and other infrastructure. If construction materials have to be obtained from further afield, the additional transport costs incurred will inevitably be borne by the community and may limit future growth in the area. MRB invites strategic discussions on protecting other regionally significant extractive resources for the future.

Mineral Resource Audit

The Mineral Resource Audit (MRA) is an assessment of known mineral and extractive resources of regional significance, and will include a full report and accompanying map and GIS data. This advice is provided in relation to Section 117 (2) of the Environment Planning and Assessment Act, 1979 (Direction 1.3 – Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries). This information is also a valuable source of data for other government agencies involved in land use planning and natural resource management.

A MRA for the Lake Macquarie LGA is being finalised currently and will be provided to council in the near future. The Speers Point Quarry is not included in the latest version. Due to proximal residential areas, significant development potential of the resource in the future is very limited, and expansion of this resource unlikely. However, this does not preclude the opportunity to extract small scale quantities of construction materials (with consent) for localised use (e.g. residential).

Should you have any queries concerning the advice provided in this response please contact Simon Francis – Acting Team Leader - Land Use on (02) 4931 6707 or email simon.francis@industry.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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