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Emailed: via Planning Portal

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Dear Mr McAteer,

Subject: Planning Proposal PP2016/0006 – Village Rezoning - Hills Road Rileys Hill – Section 3.34(2)(d) Public Authority Consultation

Thank you for your correspondence of 29 October 2021. This is a response from the NSW Department of Regional NSW – Mining, Exploration & Geoscience (MEG) – Geological Survey of NSW (GSNSW).

MEG-GSNSW notes that the subject site is located within the Transition Area (buffer zone) of an identified mineral resource area known as Rileys Hill Quarry (the Quarry). The Quarry is an identified resource area included in the Richmond Valley Mineral Resource Audit (MRA). MRA is part of an on-going mapping program to assist councils with land use planning. MRA is conducted in accordance with Ministerial Planning Direction 1.3 - Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries under Section 9.1(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. MRA mapping for Richmond Valley has previously been supplied to Council and re-supply and/or updates can be provided upon request.

Transition areas (TAs) are an indicative area surrounding identified resources that may be affected by the impacts of an operation (eg noise, dust, vibration etc). TAs are nominally set at 500m for sites which do not (or have not) used blasting in the extraction of material and 1000m for sites which do (or have) used blasting in the extraction of material. The transition area for the Quarry is set at 1,000m and encompasses the entire proposal area.

The information that MEG has in its databases in relation to the Quarry is that is not operating however in the past the former NSW Public Works Department extracted material for use as armour stone from a sandstone resource (estimated in the past to be greater than 400,000 tonnes).

MEG-GSNSW acknowledges that the Quarry is currently not operating and has not been in operation for a considerable period of time. Despite its current operational status, MEG-GSNSW has no up-to-date information regarding any (or the quantity of any) residual resource remaining at the site.

Furthermore, Department of Regional NSW-MEG is not a consent authority and has no statutory role in the authorisation or licencing of quarries extracting construction materials and therefore does not receive information in relation to potential proponent's intentions or in relation to proposals for future extraction of construction materials.

MEG-GSNSW has no specific resource sterilisation concerns to raise in relation to the planning proposal however Council (as the determining authority) should satisfy itself that any future development in the proposal area and any possible future operation at the Quarry will not lead to land use conflict. Council should base its decision on the Land Use Conflict Risk Assessment Report (conducted for the proposal area and the Quarry) when considering changes to land use adjacent to the Quarry site.

Queries regarding the above information should be directed to the MRG-GSNSW - Land Use team at landuse.minerals@geoscience.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven Palmer".

Steven Palmer
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