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13 October, 2011

Panel Secretariat - Northern Region  
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Dear Sir/Madam

**Development Application 2011/34 - Proposed Quarry on Lot 12 DP 582916 and Lot 1 DP 366036, Parish of Stratheden**

With reference to the above and your correspondence dated 20 September, 2011 and received on 26 September, 2011 regarding the peer review undertaken by Umwelt Pty Ltd, the following response is provided.

The Peer Review Report has been referred to the Applicant of DA 2011.34 to undertake the additional environmental studies as outlined in the Report and submit these to Council.

The Applicant has responded via correspondence from Greg Alderson & Associates Pty Ltd dated 4 October, 2011 and 11 October, 2011 and from P & R Carlill dated 6 October, 2011 which has been separately provided to the Panel Secretariat. The correspondence dated 4 and 6 October, 2011 indicates that the applicant does not intend to undertake any additional studies in relation to the proposed development. However, the correspondence dated 11 October, 2011 indicates that "further reports could be forthcoming, being the ecological and socio economic assessments".

Council's Development Management Panel (DMP) has undertaken an assessment of the peer review and the responses provided by the applicant and is of the opinion that, should no additional studies be provided by the applicant, then it is considered that the assessment report previously provided to the Panel still represents the most comprehensive information available in order to determine the application (with perhaps some revision to ensure that the conditions provide clarity on compliance requirements and are auditable).

Should the applicant agree to undertake additional studies, it is estimated that that this may require a further two months for the completion of these studies, following which a further 21 days should be allocated for the assessment and review of the additional information submitted.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arthur Piggott', written over the printed name.

Arthur Piggott  
**GENERAL MANAGER**