

Council has received an additional submission as a result of the second advertisement period of Development Proposal for Doonbah Quarry, JRPP Reference No. 2014NTH023. This submission has been forwarded to the Applicant Planning Consultant and the following response has been received.

The only issue raised in this submission that has not been addressed in the EIS or by our previous response to submissions, is in relation to the "possible and probable increase in insect activity, especially mosquitoes..."

Deep open water areas are unlikely to provide much opportunity for mosquitoes. To control mosquitoes, the Constructed Wetlands Manual (DLWC, 1998) recommends open water areas should be deep, up to 2 m in the centre, with edges sloping at not less than 1V:3H. The proposed excavation/lake will achieve this design criteria. Also, despite the proposal increasing the size of the excavation/lake, it is not new. An excavation/lake has existed for many years without a mosquito issue and it is considered unlikely the proposal will create one.

Council's Environmental Health Officer has considered the submission and response above and agrees with the above advice.

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