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Dear Ms Clifton

Rowling Quarry Expansion - Exhibition

I refer to your request dated 5 July 2016 seeking comment from the Office and Environment and Heritage (OEH) on the exhibited Environmental Assessment for the proposed Rowling Quarry expansion.

We have reviewed the information provided against our requirements sent to the Department of Planning and Environment on 22 May 2015. OEH makes the following recommendations:

1. Targeted seasonal surveys be conducted for Duramana Fingers (*Caladenia attenuate*) within the recommended survey period of October to November; and
2. An Assessment of Significance (Seven-Part Test) be undertaken and documented in the EIS if this species is determined to have potential to occur on the site.

Our detailed comments are provided in Attachment A.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact Michelle Howarth on 02 6883 5339 or email michelle.howarth@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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OEH Review - Biodiversity

Rowling Quarry Expansion – Environmental Impact Statement

Acronyms

OEH	NSW Office of Environment and Heritage
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement

1. Duramana Fingers (*Caladenia attenuate*)

The Ecological Assessment states that all field work including flora surveys were undertaken in December 2015. Duramana Fingers cannot be reliably surveyed in the month of December. This species is listed as Critically Endangered under the NSW *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* and is known from only two populations within the Bathurst Ilford region. The species can occupy low condition vegetation. It is recommended that targeted surveys for this species be conducted within the recommended survey times of October to November.

In addition to targeted seasonal surveys that are required for this species, an Assessment of Significance (Seven-Part Test) should be undertaken if there is potential for the species to occur on the site.

Recommendation

- 1.1 Targeted seasonal surveys be conducted for Duramana Fingers (*Caladenia attenuate*) within the recommended survey periods; and
- 1.2 An Assessment of Significance (Seven-Part Test) be undertaken and documented in the EIS if this species is determined to have potential to occur on the site.