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Terri

Please find attached a copy of the response from Roads and Maritime Services in respect to the subject application.

I have included a signed pdf and a word version for your convenience.

Regards

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Attention: Terri O'Brien

DA10.2017.35776.1 – PROPOSED EXPANSION OF ROCKWOOD QUARRY, LOT 2 DP1018401 & LOT 3 DP23306, WINCHESTER LANE, TABLE TOP.

I refer to your correspondence regarding the subject Application which was referred to Roads and Maritime Services for assessment and comment.

From the information provided it is understood that the proposal represents a request for the continued operation of an existing quarry. The application is supported by an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared by Habitat Planning and a Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) prepared by Peter Meredith Consulting. The subject site has an existing access to Gerogery Road, which is a local road, within a 100 km/h speed zone.

It is understood from the EIS that the current approvals for the existing quarry allow an annual production rate of 75,000 cubic metres per annum with the operation to cease in September 2019. The current proposal represents a request for an increase in the maximum annual production rate to 100,000 cubic metres from the quarry and the continued operation of the quarry activities for a further 30 year period.

Vehicular access to the subject site is via Winchester Lane and Gerogery Road and Wagga Road which was formerly part of the Hume Highway but is now classed as a local road. These roads and the immediate surrounding road network are classed as local roads under the provisions of the Roads Act. It is noted that the majority of traffic generated by the development would be towards Albury-Wodonga to the south of the development site. These movements would utilise the nearby classified road network. Given the projected increased traffic volumes, the proximity of the site to the classified road network and the intersection treatments providing access to the classified road network it is not considered that the development proposal will significantly change the current impacts of the existing quarry operation on the classified road network.

The Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) indicates that the sight distances available at the intersection of Winchester Lane with Gerogery Road do not comply with the required sight distances as outlined in the Austroads Guide to Road Design for a 100 km/h speed zone. Further to this Winchester Lane is unsealed at its intersection with Gerogery Road. To address this issue the TIA suggests works to the existing road side embankment or a reduction on the speed limit along Gerogery Road. The reduction in the speed limit to 80 kmh does not appear to be consistent with the NSW Speed Zone Guidelines. The mitigation and monitoring measures outlined in the EIS for traffic and transport do not propose a reduction in the speed limit.

Given that the development proposal is for an expansion of the extraction rate for the quarry with a proposed lifespan of an additional 40 years it would be appropriate for road safety reasons for the consent authority to consider the need for the access to the site from Gerogery Road to a sealed standard and for improvements to the intersection to comply with the geometric and sight distance requirements as per the Austroads Guide to Road Design.

From the current cadastre it appears that the former road reserve of Winchester Lane has been consolidated with adjoining land to Lot 2 DP 1018401. This allotment forms part of the current Development Application. This allotment has a large frontage to the road reserve of Gerogery Road. From initial investigation it appears that the internal access road could be redirected to a new intersection with Gerogery Road at a location that provides for the required sight distance and constructions standards as per the Austroads Guide to Road Design to provide for a safe intersection treatment within the current 100 kmh speed zone.

Roads and Maritime is interested in the characteristics of the traffic generated by the development and in the impact of the development on the safety and efficiency of the classified road network. On the basis of the development proposal as outlined in the submitted application Roads and Maritime Services advises that it would have no objection to the development proposal in relation to the classified road network. The issues outlined above are provided for the consideration of the Council in relation to the local road network.

Please be advised that under the provisions of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act it is the responsibility of the Consent Authority to assess the environmental implications, and notify potentially affected persons, of any development including conditions.

Any enquiries regarding this correspondence may be referred to the Manager, Land Use for Roads and Maritime Services (South West Region), Maurice Morgan, phone (02) 6923 6611.

Please forward a copy of the Notice of Determination for this Development Application to the Roads and Maritime Services at the same time as advising the applicant.

Yours faithfully



Per:
Lindsay Tanner
Director, South West NSW