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Dear Ms Meziniec

Subject: Bell Quarry – use of dam in Blue Mountains National Park

Thank you for your email of 24 September 2019 seeking consent from the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) to discharge water into a dam on Blue Mountains National Park.

As stated in our letter dated 5 February 2019, it is not necessary for the NPWS consent to be in place before development consent is approved for the project provided a condition requiring the NPWS consent is included in the development consent.

Please note that we have concerns regarding the quality of water proposed to be released into the dam and overflow into the national park. We are aware that the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) considers that there is an unacceptable risk of water pollution to the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.

NPWS will not provide consent for use of the dam unless the EPA is satisfied that the water quality and risk of water pollution will be acceptable.

If you have any questions about this advice, please contact Liz Mazzer, Conservation Planning Officer, via liz.mazzer@environment.nsw.gov.au or 02 6883 5325.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Ms Meziniec

Bell Quarry – NPWS owners consent for making a development application

Thank you for your email of 4 October 2019 seeking land owners consent from the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) to make a development application that will potentially affect Blue Mountains National Park.

NPWS hereby grants consent to make a development application for the Bell Quarry rehabilitation project (DA294/18) in accordance with clause 49 (b) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act Regulation 2000*. Please note that this consent does not constitute an approval for any works on national parks estate associated with the proposal. Additional approvals will be required for any potential works on national park estate such as fencing of the boundary and use of the dam. We anticipate that Lithgow City Council will include the requirement for additional approvals from NPWS in the consent conditions for the project if it is approved.

We reiterate that NPWS will not provide approval for use of the dam unless the Environment Protection Authority is satisfied that the water quality will be acceptable, and that this consent does not imply support or concurrence with the Development Application.

If you have any questions about this advice, please contact Liz Mazzer, Conservation Planning Officer, liz.mazzer@environment.nsw.gov.au or 02 6883 5325.

Yours sincerely

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