



## NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



The General Manager  
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Your Ref: DA 2019.101  
Our Ref: DA20191216001505

**ATTENTION: Tamai Davidson**

**3 February 2020**

Dear Ms Davidson

**Agency Comment - Environmental Impact Statement for expansion and continued operation of Dowe's Quarry, Mount Lindesay Road, Tenterfield**

I refer to your correspondence dated 9 December 2019 seeking comment from the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) with respect to bush fire matters included in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the above development proposal.

The subject land is mapped as bush fire prone land by Tenterfield Shire Council. The NSW RFS has reviewed the submitted EIS documents and understands the development will include:

- ongoing extraction within the existing extraction area and a 4.4ha extension of the extraction area, producing up to 230 000tpa.
- crushing and screening on site using mobile processing equipment.
- ongoing transportation of fragmented and crushed rock to the State road network, (i.e. the New England Highway), for delivery to the Sunnyside Plant and other destinations.
- ongoing back loading of clay fines and crusher fines from the Sunnyside Plant to the Quarry.
- progressive emplacement of overburden and fines within and adjacent to the extraction area.
- progressive and final rehabilitation of the Quarry to develop a landform suitable for native vegetation conservation.

The NSW RFS has no objection to the project proceeding and provides the following recommended conditions to be included in any consent granted:

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1. A Fire Management Plan (FMP) shall be prepared in consultation with NSW RFS Northern Tablelands Fire Control Centre. The FMP shall include:
  - 24 hour emergency contact details including alternative telephone contact;
  - site infrastructure plan;
  - fire fighting water supply plan;
  - site access and internal road plan;
  - construction of Asset Protection Zones (APZ) and their continued maintenance;
  - location of hazards (physical, chemical and electrical) that will affect fire fighting operations and procedures to manage identified hazards during fire fighting operations;
  - such additional matters as required by the NSW RFS District Office (FMP review and updates).
2. To allow for emergency service personnel to undertake property protection activities, a 10 metre defendable space (APZ) that permits a minimum 4 metre wide, unobstructed vehicle access is to be provided around the perimeter of any fixed infrastructure.

For any enquiries regarding this correspondence, please contact Paul Creenaune on 6691 0400.

Yours sincerely,



Alan Bawden

**Team leader – Development Assessment and Planning (North)**

*The RFS has made getting information easier. For general information on 'Planning for Bush Fire Protection, 2006', visit the RFS web page at [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au) and search under 'Planning for Bush Fire Protection, 2006'.*