

Attachment 5 – External Referral Response Table

The application, and subsequent revisions, was referred to a number of External Agencies for comment. The following table details the Agency and their final comments in relation to the proposed development.

External Agency	Reason for Referral	Response
Rural Fire Service (RFS)	Bushfire Prone Land	RFS raises no objection to the proposed development subject to the incorporation of conditions of consent which have been included in the Recommended Conditions of Consent provided in Attachment 7 .
Environment Protection Authority (EPA)	Scheduled Activity requiring a license	The EPA requested further information in September 2023 regarding the noise and blasting impact assessment and also further detail regarding the air quality modelling. In response, the Applicant prepared a 'Response to EPA – Noise Impact Assessment' document which conducted noise monitoring to determine source noise levels where existing noise levels already exceeded the project amenity noise level by 2 dB at the most-affected receiver (R21). No mitigation measures were recommended for existing operations given the quarry has been operational for 10 years with no noise complaints. Measures are proposed to reduce noise levels and for all receivers excluding R21, future noise levels are predicted to comply with the project noise trigger level of 48 dBA. With regard to air quality, the proposed operations are predicted to have negligible increases in cumulative concentrations at all receptors and all air quality mitigation and management measures listed in the EIS would be implemented during operations. On 17 January 2024, the EPA deemed the additional information to be satisfactory and issued their General Terms of Approval for the proposed development which are included as Attachment 8.
DPI – Agriculture	SEARs requirement	DPI – agriculture raised no objection to the proposed development.

DPI – Fisheries	The proposal requires a permit under the Fisheries Management Act 1994	DPI – fisheries raised no objection to the proposed development and issued their General Terms of Approval for the proposed development which are included as Attachment 10 .
DPE – Biodiversity and Conservation Division	SEARs requirement	The Biodiversity and Conservation Division of the Department of Planning and Environment requested further information in April 2023 relating to the Biodiversity Assessment and Environmental Impact Statement specifically relating to the flooding and the retention of native vegetation. The Applicant provided additional information to address the concerns of the Biodiversity and Conservation Division of the Department of Planning and Environment in June 2023 where the Applicant updated Section 3.2.1 and Section 3.4 of the Biodiversity Assessment after a more thorough biodiversity survey of the site was conducted. Section 4.2.2 of the Biodiversity Assessment was also updated to provide a more up-to-date biodiversity values map. Measures were also set out around how biodiversity values will be maintained or improved in the medium to long-term including an updated rehabilitation map. Specific areas of the quarry targeted for rehabilitation were set out and the EIS recommended a detailed quarry closure and rehabilitation plan be prepared three years prior to the cessation of quarrying activities. With regard to flooding, the Applicant committed to measures to mitigate material movement during potential flood, including the following: • Increase the bund or barrier on the side of the TSR to diffuse water flow energy. • Locate stockpiles adjacent to the roadway. • Provide a flood emergency response plan which can consider successful existing and other practical measures to manage the stockpiles on the TSR The Biodiversity and Conservation Division of the Department of Planning and

		Environment responded to this information in October 2023 and deemed this information to be sufficient and stated that recommendations from Section 6 of the Biodiversity Assessment (NGH, Version 2.0 08/05/2023) be applied as environmental protection and management conditions which are provided in Attachment 7 .
DPE – Water	The proposal requires a controlled activity approval under the Water management Act 2000	DPE – Water raises no objection to the proposed development subject to the incorporation of the General Terms of Approval (GTA) for part of the proposed development requiring a Controlled Activity approval under the Water Management Act 2000 provided in Attachment 9 .
Transport for NSW (TfNSW)	SEARs requirement	TfNSW raises no objection to the proposed development subject to the incorporation of conditions of consent which have been included in the Recommended Conditions of Consent provided in Attachment 7 .