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Ref: 2523 DA1 010

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Via email: [council@coonambleshire.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@coonambleshire.nsw.gov.au)

Dear Noreen

RE: DA027/2020 – Proposed Extractive industry at Lot 82 DP820705, 4948 Tooraweenah Road, Mount Tenandra, NSW 2828, being the Ralston Quarry. Warrumbungle Shire Council Comment.

Groundwork Plus Pty Ltd continue to act on behalf of the applicant for the proposed Ralston Quarry located at the above-mentioned site. We provide further information to Coonamble Shire Council (Council) in relation to the previously submitted Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in response to comments from the Warrumbungle Shire Council.

#### Background

The EIS submitted for the proposal was supported by a Road Transport Assessment (RTA). Our letter of response to matters raised in public submissions (Our ref: 2523 DA1 005) reiterated that the RTA was prepared by a suitably qualified person and addressed the matters required by the Environmental Assessment Requirements for the proposal.

#### Warrumbungle Shire Council Comments

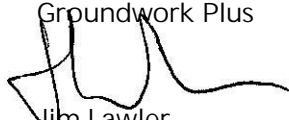
The Council provided comment by letter dated 24 March 2021 well outside of the formal notification period for the development. The Council states that the EIS does not identify roads that will be used as haul roads to deliver rock product to the Inland Rail project. This is incorrect, the EIS and supporting RTA does clearly identify the likely haul routes for the development. The Council states that it does not agree to roads within the Council area being used by the quarry. The list of roads includes some that are more than 60km from the quarry.

#### Response

The applicant is of the opinion that the position adopted by the Council is unreasonable. However, Stage 1 of the development is unlikely to utilise roads within the Warrumbungle Shire Council. No objection is held to a condition prohibiting use of the Warrumbungle Shire Council road network without obtaining written agreement from the Council.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully  
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