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Dear Mr Mikosic

**Ardmore Park Quarry Modification 3 (PA 07\_0155)  
Request for Response to Submissions**

The exhibition of the Ardmore Park Quarry Modification 3 concluded on Monday 26 February 2018. The Department received 9 submissions from Government agencies, 44 submissions from community members and 2 submissions from special interest groups. The submissions are available on the Department's website [www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au](http://www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au).

The Secretary requests that Multiquip prepare and submit a Response to Submissions (RTS) report which outlines its response to all issues raised in submissions by agencies, special interest groups and members of the community.

Additionally, the Department requests that you give particular consideration to the matters set out in **Attachment A**.

Please note that the Department is expecting additional submissions from the Department of Education and members of the community. These submissions will be forward to you once they are received. It is requested that these submissions also be addressed in your RTS.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Genevieve Seed at the details above.

Yours sincerely,

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## Attachment A

<b>Traffic and Transport</b>	Location in EA: Section 5.3
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The total existing light vehicle counts in Tables 8 and 9 of Appendix 5 do not include the quarry contribution of light vehicles. Please recheck the calculations made in these tables.</li> <li>2. The Department requests that the RTS provide an assessment of the likely intersection performance of all intersections affected by the proposed modification, using current traffic counts and projected over a 10-year horizon. Please identify and discuss any potential changes to the performance of these intersections.</li> <li>3. Road safety is a key concern raised by the community and Council. A road safety audit must be provided in the RTS.</li> <li>4. Section 2.4.2 notes that the vehicle length of performance based scheme (PBS) trucks will be 25.3 m, whereas the schematic provided in Appendix 5 notes a vehicle length of 23.7 m. Please specify the dimensions of the proposed PBS trucks.</li> </ol>	
<b>Noise</b>	Location in EA: Appendix 5
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Table 8 – What is the difference between “Quarry NIA (Approved)” and “Current Quarry Operation (Approved)”? Please specify if there are any operational changes from what was approved following consideration of the original NIA.</li> <li>6. Section 7.1 notes that sand and basalt extraction do not occur at the same time. However, the titles of Tables 9 and 10 describe both sand and basalt extraction, and Figure 5 depicts a dozer in the basalt extraction area during the sand extraction scenario. Please clarify the operating scenarios for the noise assessment.</li> <li>7. Section 3.3.1 discusses the existing Noise Management Plan including Best Achievable Technology, source, path and receiver mitigation. Is this mitigation currently implemented? What mitigation is proposed under this modification?</li> <li>8. Has the assessment of road noise taken into account the worst-case noise emission levels associated with either PBS trucks or the existing truck and dog haulage?</li> </ol>	
<b>Groundwater</b>	Location in EA: Section 5.7 and Appendix 10
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. The Department notes that the quarry’s potential impacts on groundwater was a frequent concern raised in submissions. Please provide a detailed response to the issues raised in DoI Water’s submission.</li> </ol>	
<b>Social Impact</b>	Location in EA: Section 5.13
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10. The EA does not adequately assess social impacts that may occur as a result of this modification. The Department requests that the RTS provide greater consideration of the proposed modification’s social impacts, particularly in relation to local amenity, having regard to the Department’s <i>Social Impact Assessment Guideline For State significant mining, petroleum production and extractive industry development</i> (September 2017).</li> </ol>	
<b>Proposed Voluntary Planning Agreement</b>	Location in EA: Section 1.1, 2.12, 5.3.3.2, 5.13.3
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. In order to assess whether a a Voluntary Planning Agreement could replace the condition for Section 94 contributions, further information must be provided. The terms of the VPA should be negotiated with Council and the RTS must specify what is being offered. The Department would seek Council’s consideration of the proposed VPA prior to modifying the existing condition.</li> </ol>	
<b>Compliance History</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12. Many community submissions raised concern over the company’s history in complying with the project’s current conditions of approval. Some of these concerns relate to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• noise and dust;</li> <li>• truck driver’s code of conduct; and</li> <li>• operating and haulage hours.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	

Additionally, the Department's Compliance team has initiated a range of compliance enforcement actions since establishment of the quarry, including show cause notices, penalty notices and an Order under section 121B of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

Considering that the proposed modification is seeking to increase the scale of the quarry's operating conditions, what measures is Multiquip proposing in order to ensure ongoing compliance with the Project Approval in the future?

**Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and Biodiversity**

Location in EA: Section 5.8, 5.9 and Appendix 11

13. OEH has advised that the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and Biodiversity assessments are inadequate. Please ensure that the RTS addresses OEH's concerns and provides an appropriate assessment of these impacts.