

Mid Central West Region Hard Rock Quarry Audit

Fact Sheet

June 2016

Which facilities were audited as part of the Department's 2015 Campaign?

The sites audited under this campaign were Wallerawang and Austen Quarries (Lithgow LGA), East Guyong Quarry (Cabonne LGA), and Langley Heights Quarry (Oberon LGA) (Figure 1).

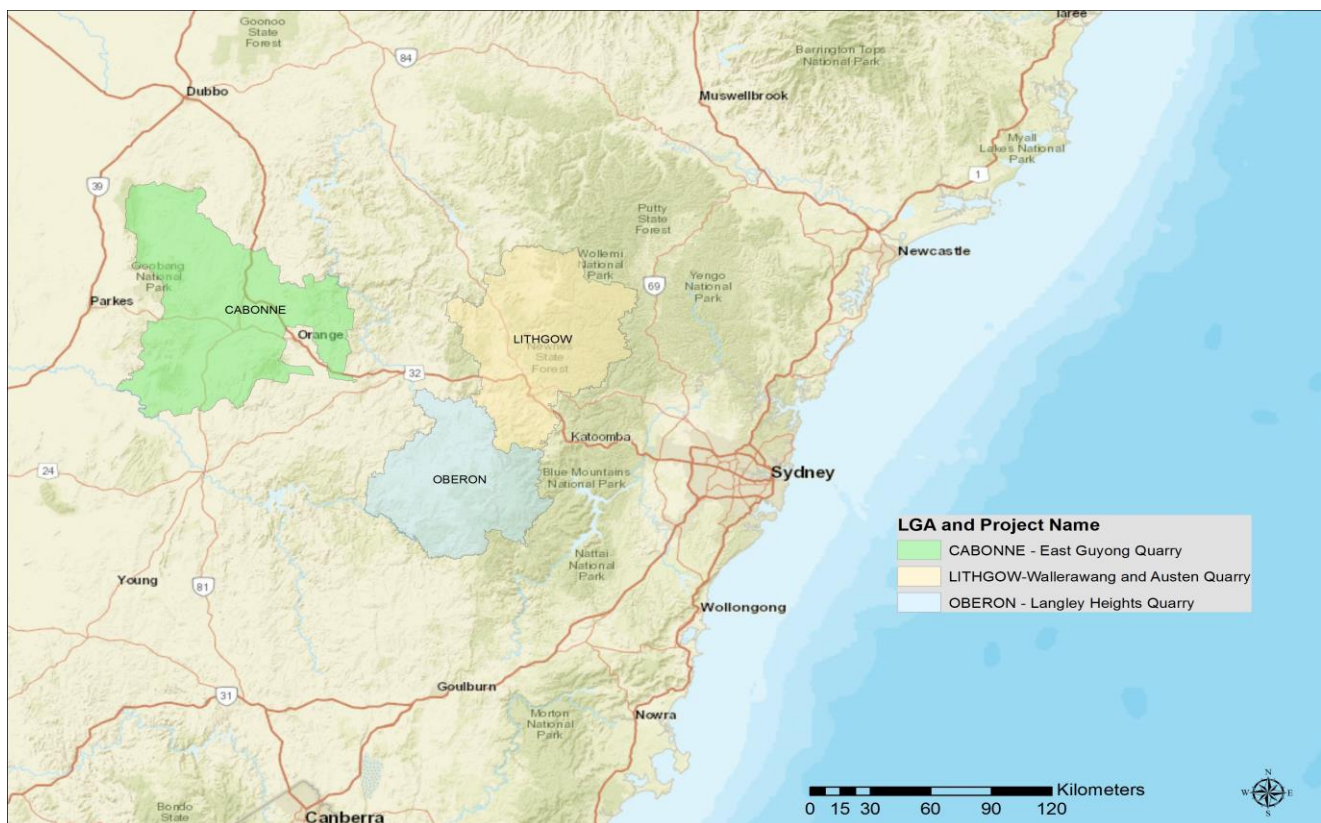


Figure 1: Location of hard rock quarries audited as part of 2015/16 campaign

Why did the Department audit hard rock quarries?

Quarrying is expanding in the southern region of NSW, particularly in areas readily connected by rail and road to greater Sydney as demand for materials increase and existing operations in the Sydney region reach the end of their life. It is important that the community has confidence these quarries are operating in accordance with their project approval/development consent conditions.

The purpose of the audit campaign was to evaluate the level of compliance with the selected conditions of project approvals/development consents.

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Who conducted the audits?

The 2015 Campaign was undertaken by the Department's Compliance Unit, with site inspections completed in December 2015.

What did the 2015 campaign find?

The hard rock quarries audited were found to be generally operating at a high level of compliance with their conditions and/or commitments. The audits of the four hard rock quarries in this campaign identified an 89% compliance with approval conditions. A summary of audit results for the project approval/development consent conditions are provided in Table 1 below. The most common non-compliances identified in the audit were:

- Failure to submit documents required under the project approval within required timeframes; and
- Failure to implement management measures.

Facility	Approval	Significance-Rating				Total number of approval conditions audited
		High	Moderate	Low	Administrative non compliance	
Austen Quarry	SSD 6084	0	0	0	3	23
East Guyong Quarry	MP 06_0193	0	0	0	3	24
Langley Heights Quarry	SSD 6333	0	0	0	1	22
Wallerawang Quarry	DA 334-11-2001	0	0	0	2	14
TOTAL non-compliances		0	0	0	9	83

Table 1: Summary of the 2015 Campaign non-compliances by category and significance-rating

What is the ongoing monitoring and future actions?

Each of the quarry operators will implement an action plan to address the non-compliances and post audit actions identified by the audits. The Department will follow up with each quarry to ensure the agreed action plans are being implemented. Progress on actions will be reported in each quarry's respective annual reviews/annual environmental management reports (AEMRs).