Bald Hill Quarry  Response given to ABC Riverina, Prime News

Does the department wish to comment on alleged breaches of waste tonnage limits at the Bald Hill Quarry, near Harden?

Department of Planning and Infrastructure response:

Since 2010, the department and the EPA have been in discussions with the proponent about increasing the annual tonnage limit at the Bald Hill Quarry.

During this period, the department became aware the proponent may be exceeding the current limit contained in its approval.

As a result of investigations by the department and a request for information from the proponent, the department issued a draft order to the quarry in March 2012, requiring the quarry to take immediate action to bring the waste disposal rate into compliance with the consent.

Following the draft order, the proponent will be required to comply with the 20,000 tonne annual limit. The proponent is separately seeking approval to increase the annual limit and this is the application currently under assessment.

The department takes any breach of conditions very seriously and has advised the proponent that compliance with the current 20,000 tonne annual limit is required, regardless of the modification application.