

Thursday, 8 March 2012

Additional consultation on proposed sandstone quarry near Lismore

The public is being given further time to comment on the proposed expansion of a sandstone quarry near Lismore, which is being publicly exhibited by the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure.

The proponents, Reavill Farm Pty Ltd and Tucki Hills Pty Ltd, are seeking approval to extract up to 6.25 million tonnes of sandstone over 25 years at Tuckurimba, 15km south of Lismore.

An environmental assessment for the Champions Quarry proposal was first exhibited by the department in 2010.

The proponents subsequently revised their proposal and submitted a response to submissions and preferred project report (PPR) to the department.

The PPR was exhibited from Tuesday 31 January 2012 until Friday 2 March.

However, in response to strong community interest in the proposal, the exhibition period has been extended by two weeks to **Friday, 16 March 2012**.

Interested members of the public are encouraged to lodge a submission providing feedback during this time.

The application proposes to increase the extraction from the currently approved limit of 63,800 tonnes per annum to 250,000 tonnes per annum, with the material to be moved off-site by trucks. It also includes a proposal to increase the size of the extraction pit and construct associated infrastructure.

The PPR makes a number of changes from the earlier proposal including:

- Repositioning a noise barrier;
- The addition of a biodiversity offset strategy;
- Additional studies and details on Aboriginal and cultural heritage, biodiversity, noise, traffic, visual impact, soil and water management;
- Additional detail and changes to quarry management procedures; and
- Increasing maximum laden truck movements to 50 per day.

Submissions received during the exhibition period will be made available on the department's website and will be carefully considered as part of the department's assessment of the project. After the department has completed its assessment report, the proposal will be referred to the independent Planning Assessment Commission to determine.

The preferred project report for the project can be viewed during business hours at:

- **Department of Planning and Infrastructure** – Information Centre, 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney;
- **Lismore Council Chambers** – 43 Oliver Ave, Goonellabah;
- **Lismore Council Library** – 110 Magellan Street, Lismore; and

- **Nature Conservation Council** – Level 2, 5 Wilson Street, Newtown.

All relevant project documents are also publicly available on the department's website, and can be accessed by visiting <http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au> and following the links to the 'On Exhibition' page.

Submissions can be:

- Lodged online at <http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au> (then search for the project);
- Emailed to plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au;
- Faxed to (02) 9228 6466; or
- Posted to Mining and Industry Projects, Department of Planning and Infrastructure, GPO Box 39, SYDNEY NSW 2001.

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NOTE: The Department of Planning and Infrastructure is issuing this media release to encourage the community to take part in the planning process. However, it is the role of the proponent (either through its documents published on our website or otherwise) to provide further specific details about the proposal.