

Media release



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Community feedback invited on Calga Quarry extension

The NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure is seeking further public comment on a proposed extension to the Calga Quarry operation near Gosford.

Rocla Materials Pty Ltd is seeking approval to extend its quarry operations at Calga to extract, process and transport up to 1 million tonnes of sand a year for up to 30 years, and to progressively rehabilitate the site.

The environmental assessment for the proposal was exhibited between 27 November 2009 and 19 February 2010, after which the department asked Rocla to prepare a response to the issues raised in the submissions received.

In preparing its response, Rocla amended its proposed Stage 4 and Stage 5 extraction areas. This amendment has:

- Reduced the area of proposed disturbance from 48 hectares to 41.2 hectares; and
- Reduced the sand resource to be extracted from 16.7 million tonnes to 13.2 million tonnes.

Consequently, the department asked Rocla to submit a preferred project report (PPR) for these proposed changes.

The department has now received Rocla's response to submissions and the PPR. These documents are being publicly exhibited from **Friday 16 November** until **Friday 21 December 2012**.

The submissions received during the exhibition period, along with submissions previously received and the proponent's response, will be carefully considered as part of the department's assessment of the project.

All relevant project documents will be publicly available on the department's website at <http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au> by following the links to the 'On Exhibition' page.

The PPR and response to submissions are available during business hours at:

- **Department of Planning and Infrastructure** - Information Centre, 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney;
- **Gosford City Council Offices**, 49 Mann Street, Gosford; and
- **Nature Conservation Council Offices**, Level 2, 5 Wilson Street, Newtown.

Submissions can be:

- Emailed to plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au;
- Lodged via the entry for the project on the department's website at (<http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au>);

- Posted to Major Projects Assessment, Department of Planning and Infrastructure, GPO Box 39, SYDNEY NSW 2001; or
- Faxed to (02) 9228 6540.

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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.