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Compliance officers issue warning to Boral Concrete

The Department of Planning and Environment Compliance Officers have issued a Letter of Warning to Boral Concrete Tweed Batching Plant for exceeding production limits in 2011/12 and failing to submit required reports.

The company has subsequently provided a consolidated report to address those that were not submitted and has put in place an automated database to ensure that production limits are not exceeded. The Department determined that a Warning Letter was an appropriate enforcement response.

In addition, the Department Compliance Officers inspected two quarries and 18 projects (including infrastructure) in Northern NSW in November 2015 to ensure that they were meeting the conditions of their approval.

Infrastructure and other projects inspected by the Compliance Officers within the Tweed Shire region were:
- 30-34 Marine Parade, Kingscliff
- Altitude Aspire Residential Subdivision
- Black Rocks Estate
- Casuarina Town Centre
- Cobaki Residential Development (two inspections)
- Cotton Beach Mixed Use Development
- Fraser Drive Residential Development (two inspections)
- Kings Forest Residential Development
- Peppers Tourist Resort
- Santai Resort, Casuarina Beach (two inspections)
- Sassafras Estate
- Tweed Coast and Hastings Road Commercial Building
- Tweed Ultima - Mixed Use Development (two inspections)

Infrastructure and other projects inspected by the Compliance Officers within the Ballina Shire region were:
- Pacific Highway Upgrade - Ballina Bypass
- Pacific Pines Estate (two inspections)
- Coastal Grove Residential Development

Infrastructure and other projects inspected by the Compliance Officers within the Byron Shire region were:
- Brunswick Residential Development, Bayside Road (Byron Shire Council)
- Mullumbimby Supermarket (Byron Shire Council)

Compliance Officers inspected the Pacific Highway Upgrade between Tintenbar to Ewingsdale within the Ballina Shire and Byron Shire areas.
The Blakebrook and Champions Quarries in Lismore were also inspected.

“Our Compliance Officers work closely with the community, local councils and other state and federal government agencies to educate proponents, investigate potential breaches and carry out enforcement where necessary,” a spokesperson for the Department of Planning and Environment said.

The Department can issue the highest on-the-spot fines in the country for breaches of conditions.

Companies can also be prosecuted in court for breaching conditions, with the most severe breaches attracting fines of up to $5 million.

The Department gave a presentation to the NSW Roads and Maritime Services at their annual environment forum on 30 November 2015.

“RMS is the applicant for various major infrastructure projects across the state, the spokesperson said.

“The forum provided an opportunity for the Department to promote its strengthened compliance, monitoring and complaints management processes.”

For more information and to view the November Compliance Report, visit http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Compliance

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