Approval for extension of Teven quarry

An application to increase production at Holcim’s quarry at Stokers Lane, Teven, to continue the supply of construction materials and create and preserve jobs has been approved by the Department of Planning and Environment, subject to conditions.

The demand for quarry products in the Northern Rivers region is expected to increase as a result of forecast population growth and major infrastructure projects like the Pacific Highway upgrade between Ballina and Woolgoolga.

Holcim applied to increase production from the current 265,000 tonnes of rock to 500,000 tonnes, as well as process 10,000 tonnes of recycled concrete.

A departmental spokesperson said the approval process had carefully considered noise impacts and had put in place conditions to mitigate them.

“This project will provide benefits to the region through provision of a well-located source of gravel for construction and road building as well as increasing the number of jobs at the quarry.

“Holcim will be required to contribute to the maintenance of local roads through annual contributions to council and will also be required to rehabilitate the quarry site when it is exhausted,” the spokesperson said.

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