Approval for extension of Old Northern Road Quarry at Maroota

An application to increase sand extraction at the Old Northern Road quarry at Maroota has been approved by the Department of Planning and Environment, subject to conditions.

The sandstone quarry has been operating for 25 years and has approval to produce 495,000 tonnes of sand a year until May 2022.

The operators applied to deepen the quarry areas to access an additional 4.05 million cubic metres of sandstone.

A Departmental spokesperson said that issues raised in submissions had been addressed by the strict conditions imposed by the Department.

“In approving this increase, we’ve applied stringent conditions to strengthen requirements around water management, biodiversity, progressive site rehabilitation and other environmental issues,” the spokesperson said.

“No changes to production methods, volume or haulage are involved.

“This project would generate social and economic benefits for the local and regional economies, including on-going employment.

“It would also continue to provide a reliable supply of affordable material for the building and construction industry in the region and in Sydney.”

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