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Green light for quarry expansion

An application to increase production at Albion Park Quarry to take advantage of growing demand has been approved by the Department of Planning and Environment.

The quarry is now approved to produce 900,000 tonnes of hard rock every year, a fifty per cent increase on the previous 600,000 tonnes.

“There’s a lot of construction happening in the Illawarra which is great for the local economy and local jobs,” the spokesperson said.

“With this construction boom set to continue, demand for the high quality hard rock produced at the Albion Park Quarry is on the rise.

“The approved production increase means the region’s construction industry will be able to source more raw materials locally.”

The application was publicly exhibited and received seven submissions.

The spokesperson said that issues raised in the submissions had been addressed by the strict conditions the Department put on the project.

“We’re requiring the quarry to produce a transport management plan and driver’s code of conduct to minimise impacts to the local road network,” the spokesperson said.

“In approving the increase, we’ve applied strict conditions to strengthen requirements around traffic, air quality, noise and blasting management.”

“These conditions will be monitored and enforced by the Department’s compliance team, which has recently doubled its numbers and established a new office in Wollongong.”

To view the Department’s assessment of the proposal visit
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