Oberon Quarry extension approved

The Oberon Quarry at Langley Heights will be expanded and able to continue to operate for another 30 years, after the Department of Planning and Environment gave its approval subject to strict conditions.

The quarry has been operating since 1993 and is an important employer in the Oberon area.

The approval extends the life of the quarry beyond its current consent, which is about to lapse. It allows the quarry to extract and process up to 400,000 tonnes of hard rock a year and extends the existing quarry area by one hectare.

“This approval will help support the continued employment of up to 20 full-time personnel and will provide employment for an additional 15 truck driver contractors,” a spokesperson for the department said.

“A detailed assessment was carried out, with input sought from other government agencies, Oberon Council and the community, which helped guide the conditions of consent.

“Conditions imposed by the Department aim to restrict noise, blasting and dust impacts.

“There are also strict conditions to protect water and limit the impact on local scenery.

“The company is also required to upgrade local access roads,” the spokesperson said.

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