

# Gunlake Quarry Project



**Annual Review**  
**1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020**



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## ANNUAL REVIEW INFORMATION

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Name of Operation	Gunlake Quarry
Name of Operator	Gunlake Quarries Pty Ltd
Development Consent No.	2017/108663
Name of holder of Development Consents	Gunlake Quarries Pty Ltd
Annual Review start date	01 Jul 2019
Annual Review end date	30 Jun 2020

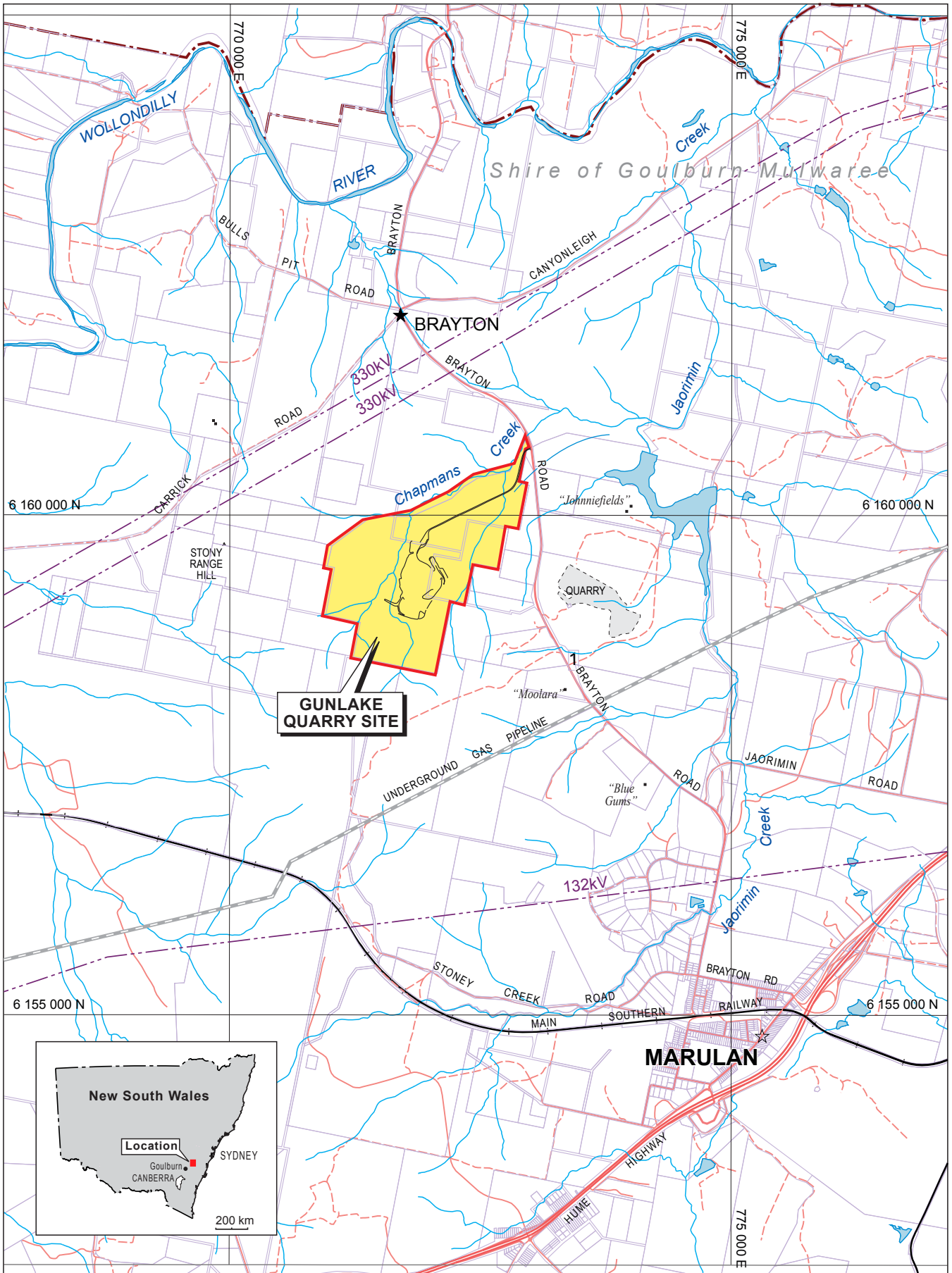
# 1. Introduction

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Gunlake Quarry (the Quarry) is a hard rock quarry operated by Gunlake Quarries Pty Ltd (Gunlake) and is located approximately 7 km northwest of Marulan, off the Brayton Road as shown on Figure 1. Gunlake is an independent quarry producer and provides aggregates and manufactured sand for its own operations in Sydney as well as other markets. The defined hard rock resource contains material suitable for use in a full range of quarry products including concrete and sealing aggregates, rail ballast, manufactured sand and road base. The quarry has an expected life of over 100 years and approval under the development consent has been obtained for a 25 year period.

This Annual Review has been prepared in accordance with Schedule 5 Condition 10 of Development Consent 2017/108663 for Gunlake Quarry and covers the operations and environmental monitoring undertaken at Gunlake Quarry for the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020. This Annual Review also outlines the proposed operations for the next reporting period including additional measures that will be implemented to improve the environmental performance of the project. Monitoring locations are shown in Figure 2.

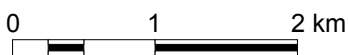




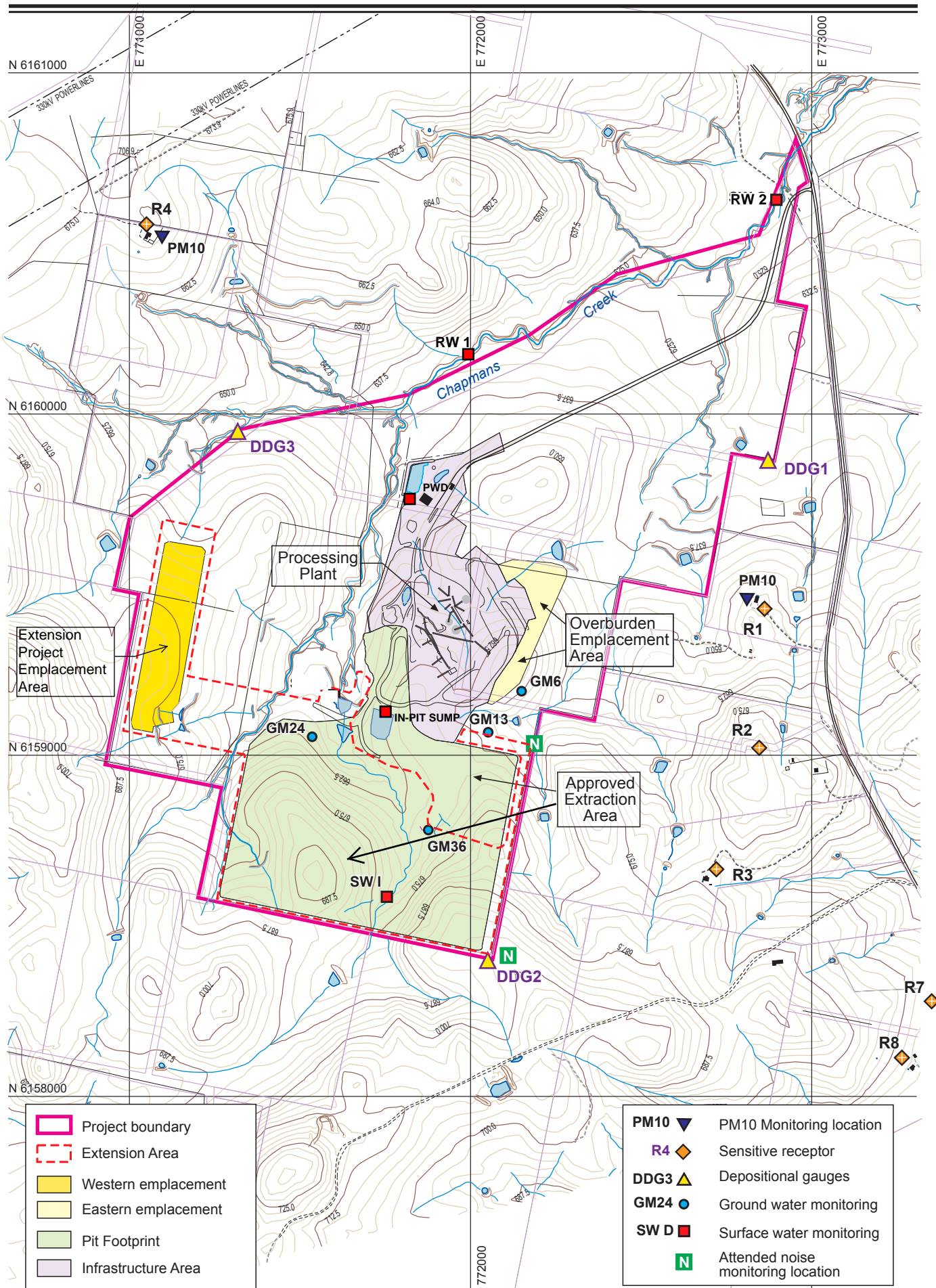
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|--|----------------|--|--------------------------|--|-----------|
|  | Dam            |  | Gas pipeline             |  | Main road |
|  | River or creek |  | Electricity transmission |  | Railway   |



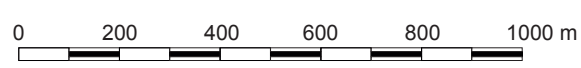
**FIGURE 1**  
**Gunlake Quarry**  
**Regional Location**



	Project boundary
	Extension Area
	Western emplacement
	Eastern emplacement
	Pit Footprint
	Infrastructure Area

	PM10	PM10 Monitoring location
	R4	Sensitive receptor
	DDG3	Depositional gauges
	GM24	Ground water monitoring
	SW D	Surface water monitoring
	N	Attended noise monitoring location

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**FIGURE 2**  
**Gunlake Quarry**  
**Environmental Monitoring Sites**

## 2. ANNUAL REVIEW REQUIREMENTS

By the end of September each year, or other timing as may be agreed by the Secretary, Gunlake must submit a report to the Department reviewing the environmental performance of the development to the satisfaction of the secretary. This review must:

- a) describe the development (including any rehabilitation) that was carried out in the previous financial year, and the development that is proposed to be carried out over the current financial year;
- b) include a comprehensive review of the monitoring results and complaints records of the development over the previous financial year, which includes a comparison of these results against the:
  - relevant statutory requirements, limits or performances measures/criteria; • requirements of any plan program required under this consent;
  - monitoring results of previous years; and
  - relevant predictions in the documents listed in condition 2(a) of Schedule 2;
- c) identify any non-compliance over the past financial year, and describe what actions were (or are being) taken to ensure compliance;
- d) identify any trends in the monitoring data over the life of the development
- e) identify any discrepancies between the predicted and actual impacts of the development, and analyse the potential cause of any significant discrepancies; and
- f) describe what measures will be implemented over the current financial year to improve the environmental performance of the development.

The Applicant must ensure that copies of the Annual Review are submitted to Council and the EPA and are available to the Community Consultative Committee and any interested person upon request in accordance with condition 7, Schedule 5 of the development consent.

### 2.1 Key Personnel

Details of the management personnel at Gunlake Quarry are provided in Table 2.1 below. Additional specialist advice is provided as required by a range of environmental consultants.

**Table 2.1 –Quarry Contacts**

Role	Name	Contact
Quarry Manager	Vince Matthews	02 4841 1344
Project Manager	David Kelly	02 4841 1344
Director	Ed O'Neil	02 4841 1344

## 3. APPROVALS

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### 3.1 Project Approval

Gunlake Quarry held Project Approval 07\_0074 which was surrendered on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

### 3.2 Gunlake Extension Project SSD Development Consent 2017/108663

In June 2015 Gunlake submitted the Preliminary Environmental Assessment and request for the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements for the proposed Gunlake Quarry Extension Project. The Secretary's requirements were issued on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2015. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared to support the Development Application and in April 2016 Gunlake submitted the EIS for the Gunlake Quarry Extension Project to the DP&E. This project was subject to assessment under Division 4.1 of Part 4 of the EP & A Act and represents a State Significant development.

The EIS was on exhibition from 4<sup>th</sup> April to 20<sup>th</sup> May 2016. A Response to Submission Report was prepared and submitted in September 2016 which responded to submissions received in relation to the EIS and matters raised during ongoing consultation with government agencies and the community, including issues raised at the public meeting convened by DPE on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

Development Consent for the Gunlake Extension Project was refused by the NSW Planning Assessment Commission in April 2017, with the determination based primarily on community impacts associated with product transportation. This determination was referred to the Land and Environment Court, and approval of the Gunlake Extension Project was granted on 30<sup>th</sup> as an outcome of the S34 agreement filed on June 2017 (Appendix A).

#### 3.2.1 Development Consent Modification

A modification to Development Consent 2017/108663 was lodged with the NSW Land and Environment Court in March 2019. This modification seeks to amend Schedule 3 Condition 32 of the consent that relates to historical biodiversity areas to reduce the required area from 78.82ha to 39.6ha. It does not change the quarry layout or activities. A Statement of Environmental Effects for the proposed modification was prepared for the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) and placed on public exhibition from 25 April 2019 to 9 May 2019. On 14 May 2019, the DPE requested the preparation of a report detailing responses to the issues raised in the submissions. A response to submissions (RTS) report was prepared in June 2019. It is anticipated that a determination will be handed down in the coming reporting period. There were no further modifications during the reporting period.

### 3.3 EPA Environment Protection Licence

The quarry holds Environment Protection Licence 13012 administered by the Environment Protection Authority covering all scheduled activities undertaken at the Quarry (Appendix B). The licence anniversary date for EPL 13012 is 13<sup>th</sup> July each year. The licence was varied on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018 to reflect the requirements of the development consent 2017/108663. The variations covered noise assessment locations and limits, hours of operation, and the requirement for an additional PM<sub>10</sub> monitor. There were no changes to the EPL during the reporting period.

### **3.4 Federal Approval EPBC**

Prior to its approval, the Gunlake Extension Project was referred to the Federal Department of the Environment and Energy and it was determined that the project comprised a controlled action with impact to threatened species and communities listed under the *Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). The controlled action was subsequently approved under the EPBC Act on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017 (EPBC 2015/7557).

### **3.5 Water Access Licence**

Water access licence WAL42340 was issued to Gunlake on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019 which allows for 37ML annual extraction from the Goulburn Fractured Rock Groundwater Source in the Greater Metropolitan Region Groundwater Source Water Sharing Plan.

## 4. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

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The following sections provide a summary of the works undertaken at Gunlake Quarry during the period 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

### 4.1 Quarry Operations

#### 4.1.1 Land Preparation

Within the reporting period, land preparation in the approved Gunlake Extension Project pit and overburden areas continued. The majority of the vegetation cleared for this purpose during the reporting period was pasture, which was stripped and retained in the topsoil and stockpiled adjacent to the western overburden emplacement area for future use. Following soil stripping activities, overburden was removed progressively from the quarry pit area prior to blasting and subsequent resource extraction. Overburden emplacement continued in the western emplacement area.

#### 4.1.2 Drilling and Blasting

Drilling and blasting is undertaken by specialist contractor. A total of 31 blasts occurred during the reporting period. All blasts were fully monitored, and neighbours notified of the blasts as outlined in the Noise and Blast Monitoring Program. Results of the blast monitoring are provided in Section 6.7.

Regular drilling and blasting will continue during the next 12 months as required to prepare quarry rock for removal to the crushing and processing plant. The information collected during blasting already undertaken will continue to be used to assist with the design of the regular blasting activities. The frequency of blasting may increase during the coming reporting period as the Extension Project Development Consent allows for blasting twice per week.

#### 4.1.3 Crushing and Processing

Crushing and processing continued during the reporting period within the processing areas to the north of the quarry pit. A heavy vehicle haul road connects the quarry pit and the processing area, allowing quarried rock to be transported by dump trucks from the extraction area to the primary and secondary crushers and screens. Product is conveyed to the tertiary and quaternary crushers and screens for further crushing, screening and shaping. The processing plant features atomised water dust suppression systems at all of the discharge points, as well as the tipping point into the apron feeder and at the primary crusher input.

A front end loader is used to load various products into road registered trucks for transport to various market destinations. The processing equipment and saleable products stockpiles area acoustically and visually screened by the overburden emplacement bund wall and also by the nature of the existing topography.

Quarrying and processing activities will continue during the coming reporting period. Quarry production in the next reporting period is anticipated to increase from the previous reporting period.

#### 4.1.4 Maintenance and Rehabilitation

Maintenance on plant and equipment is scheduled and carried out on a regular basis. Rehabilitation is undertaken on a progressive basis. During the reporting period the first two benches were completed at the northern end of the western overburden emplacement and rehabilitation commenced with the planting of tubestock. Other rehabilitation activities were associated with infill planting and maintenance to drainage structures on the northern side of the noise bund emplacement area. Weed spraying of tussock and blackberry was undertaken in the biodiversity offset areas.

#### 4.1.5 Hours of Operation

**Table 4.1 Hours of Operation**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Permissible Hours</b>
Construction	7am to 6pm Monday to Friday  8am to 1pm Saturday  At no time on Sunday or Public Holidays
Blasting	9am to 5pm Monday to Friday  At no time on Saturday, Sunday or Public Holidays
Quarrying Operations (excluding overburden removal/ emplacement and drilling)	24 hours a day but not between 6pm Saturday and 2am Monday  At no time on Sunday or Public Holidays
Overburden removal/ emplacement and drilling	7am to 6pm Monday to Saturday  At no time on Sunday or Public Holidays
Loading and Dispatching	24 hours a day but not between 6pm Saturday and 2am Monday  At no time on Sunday or Public Holidays
Transportation on the primary transport route	24 hours a day but not between 6pm Saturday and 2am Monday  At no time on Sunday or Public Holidays
Transportation on the secondary transport route	6am to 7pm Monday to Saturday  At no time on Sunday or Public Holidays
Maintenance	At any time provided that the activity is not audible at any privately-owned residence

## 4.2 Traffic and Transportation

Gunlake Quarry operates under a Traffic Management Plan (TMP) which was updated and approved by the Department of Planning and Environment following approval of the Gunlake Extension Project. The TMP was reviewed and updated during the reporting period as

required following the first Independent Environmental Audit under development consent 2017/108663.

In accordance with the TMP, all drivers (both quarry staff and contractors) are made aware of and trained in the requirements of the TMP and the Driver Code of Conduct. This is done as part of the online induction required to be undertaken prior to entry to the site.

Saleable products are transported by truck from the quarry direct to the Sydney market and to other markets north and south of Marulan. South bound trucks use the Brayton Road to access the purpose built and grade separate Hume Highway interchange at Marulan, and trucks returning from the south continue north along the highway past the Marulan interchange and turn left onto Red Hills Road intersection to use Ambrose Road to Brayton Road. Trucks heading north use Ambrose road exiting onto the Hume Highway at the Red Hills Road intersection. Trucks returning from the north cannot make a right hand turn from the Highway at Red Hills Road. They travel further south to the South Marulan Interchange on the Highway and use the grade-separated roundabout intersection to U turn and access the northbound lane in the Hume Highway and return to make a left hand turn into Red Hills Road, and then use Red Hills Road, the Bypass Road and Brayton Road back to the Quarry. Trucks returning from the southern customers travel north along the Hume Highway and utilise Red Hills Road, the Bypass Road and Brayton Road.

#### **4.2.1 Product Transport**

The majority of the product from the quarry is transported north towards Sydney. Daily truck movements are limited to an average of 370, including an average of 25 movements on the secondary transport route and a daily maximum of 440 including a maximum of 38 outbound laden truck movements on the secondary transport route. Truck movements for the reporting period are published on the Gunlake website.

Gunlake has upgraded the Primary Transport Route in accordance with the Austroads design standards, including the addition of the quarry acceleration lane, constructing a new acceleration lane at the junction of Red Hills Road and the Hume Highway to NSW RMS standards, and the incorporation of a wide centre line as shown on Plate 1. This work was completed in the 2018/2019 reporting period.





**Plate 1 a) Intersection of Red Hills Road and Hume Highway b) Wide centre line on Brayton Road**

#### **4.2.2 Council Contributions**

Gunlake paid Goulburn Mulwaree Council a S94 contribution of \$219,904.33 during the reporting period. This S94 contribution is for maintenance of the Council roads on the Primary and Secondary transport routes.

### **4.3 Employment**

The workforce at Gunlake Quarries has continued to grow through the reporting period in accordance with the requirements of quarry development.

### **4.4 Next Reporting Period**

During the coming reporting period quarrying will continue in the current approved extraction area with further bench development in the south-east and pit expansion and bench development in the southwest of the approved extraction area. General quarrying operations will continue with:

- pre-stripping of topsoil;
- overburden removal and emplacement;
- drill and blast activities;
- resource extraction and hauling;
- crushing, screening and stockpiling operations; and
- maintenance and rehabilitation activities.

## **5. ACTIONS REQUIRED FROM PREVIOUS ANNUAL REVIEW**

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This Annual Review represents the second Annual Review as required under development consent 2017/108663 and was provided to DPIE, Goulburn Mulwarree Council and EPA on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019. The DPIE responded to the Annual Review in their letter dated 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019. The matters raised were administrative in nature and were addressed by Gunlake. No further actions were required.

## 6. ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

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### 6.1 Environmental Management

Gunlake operates under a series of environmental management plans and monitoring programs to minimise and manage the identified potential environmental impacts associated with the project. These plans include:

- Noise and Blast Management Plan;
- Air Quality Management Plan;
- Soil and Water Management Plan;
- Rehabilitation and Biodiversity Offset Management Plan;
- Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan; and
- Traffic Management Plan.

This section addresses the EIS predictions, performance criteria, operational measures, commitments and management activities that have been defined as relevant for the Gunlake Quarry Extension Project.

The above-mentioned management plans were updated in accordance with the Gunlake Extension Project SSD Development Consent and reviewed during the reporting period following the first Independent Environmental Audit under development consent 2017/108663.

For the NBMP and AQMP, the changes primarily related to inclusion of updated monitoring results following operations under the development consent. The SWMP included amendments to the site water balance following prolonged dry periods and water use and storage requirements. Changes to the AHMP related to the completion of salvage works undertaken in 2018 and changes to the TMP reflected the completion of the upgrades required on Brayton Road and the Red Hills Road/Hume Highway intersection. The RBOMP was not updated as this is awaiting determination of Mod1 of the Development Consent.

### 6.2 Environmental Constraints

Large parts of NSW have experienced extreme drought conditions which began in early 2017 and persisted until mid 2020. The reporting period saw the peak of the drought from October 2019 to early February 2020. This timeframe was characterised by regionally hot dusty and windy conditions and a catastrophic bushfire season due to areas of extremely dry vegetation. The poor air quality and dusty conditions were exacerbated by land degradation, soil erosion and the driest 36 month period on record in Australia. Rain in February restored process water storage for the site.

These extreme conditions resulted in regional and site elevated dust levels as detailed in Section 6.4 and limited rehabilitation success and opportunities as described in Section 6.5.3

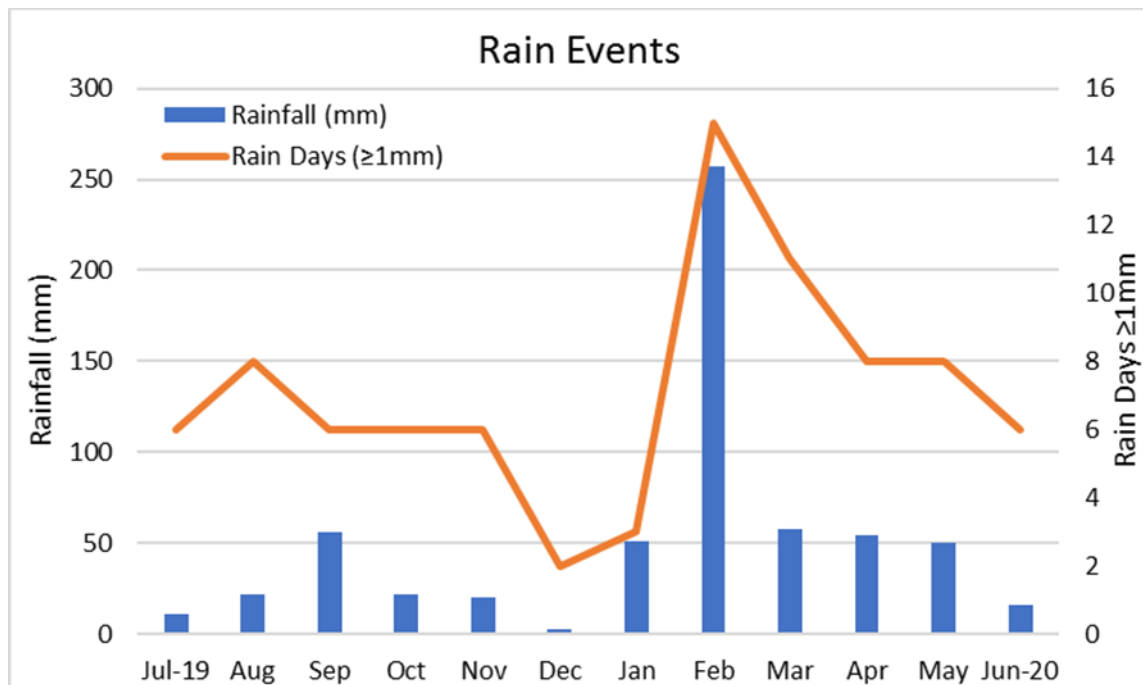
## 6.3 Meteorological Monitoring

Gunlake Quarry operates a weather station at site in accordance with condition 18 of Schedule 3 of the Development Consent. The station provides data for day to day operations and environmental management.

### 6.3.1 Rainfall

**Table 6.1– Total Monthly Rainfall (mm) (2019/20)**

Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Tot
10.8	22.4	56.2	22.2	20.0	2.6	50.8	257.2	58.2	54.6	50.4	16.4	621.8
Number of Rain Days (≥1mm)												
6	8	6	6	6	2	3	15	11	8	8	6	85



**Graph 6.1 – Monthly Rainfall and Number of Rain Days**

The drought conditions eased slightly during the latter half of the reporting period, following heavy rain in February with a total of 257.2mm and 15 days of rain above 1mm/day for the month (Graph 6.1). The average monthly rainfall was 51.8mm which was reflective of the months September 2019 and January, March, April and May 2020. Meanwhile, December 2019 had the lowest rainfall, with only 2.6mm over the duration of the month.

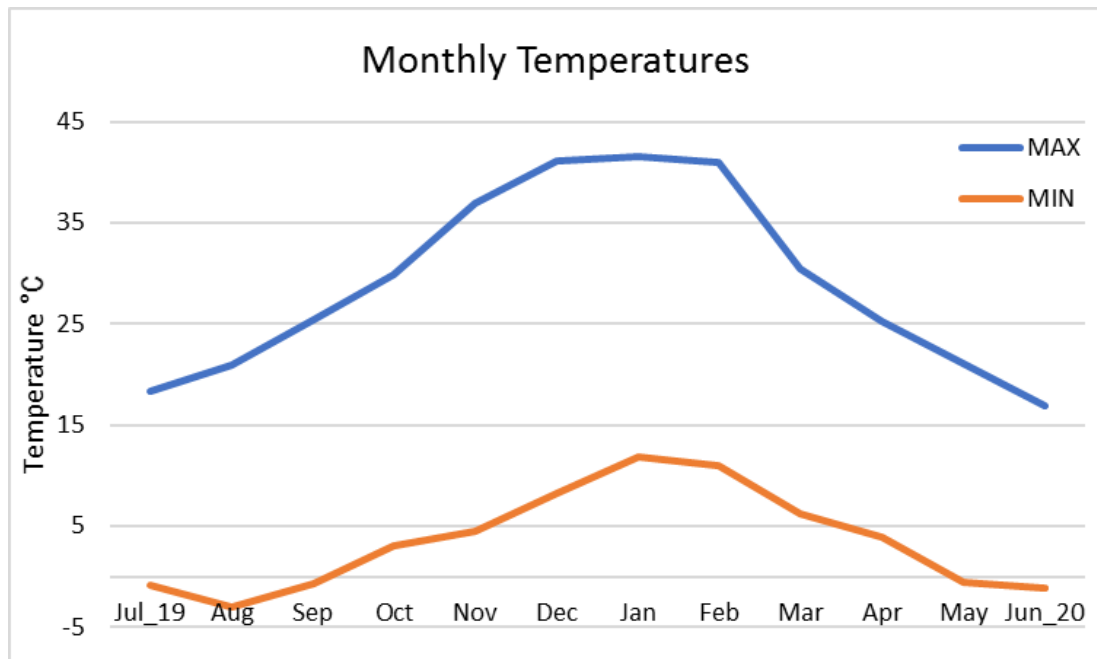
### 6.3.2 Temperature

The area is characterised by mild to hot summers and cool to cold winters. Generally, December, January and February are the warmest months with mean daily maximum temperatures approximately 41°C (Graph 6.2). August was the coldest month with minimum daily temperatures reaching -3.0°C. Table 6.2 shows temperature for the past reporting

period. On average, the 2018/2019 year had lower minimum mean monthly temperatures and higher maximum monthly temperatures than the current reporting period by approximately 2°C.

**Table 6.2 - Minimum and Maximum Monthly Temperatures (°C) (2019/20)**

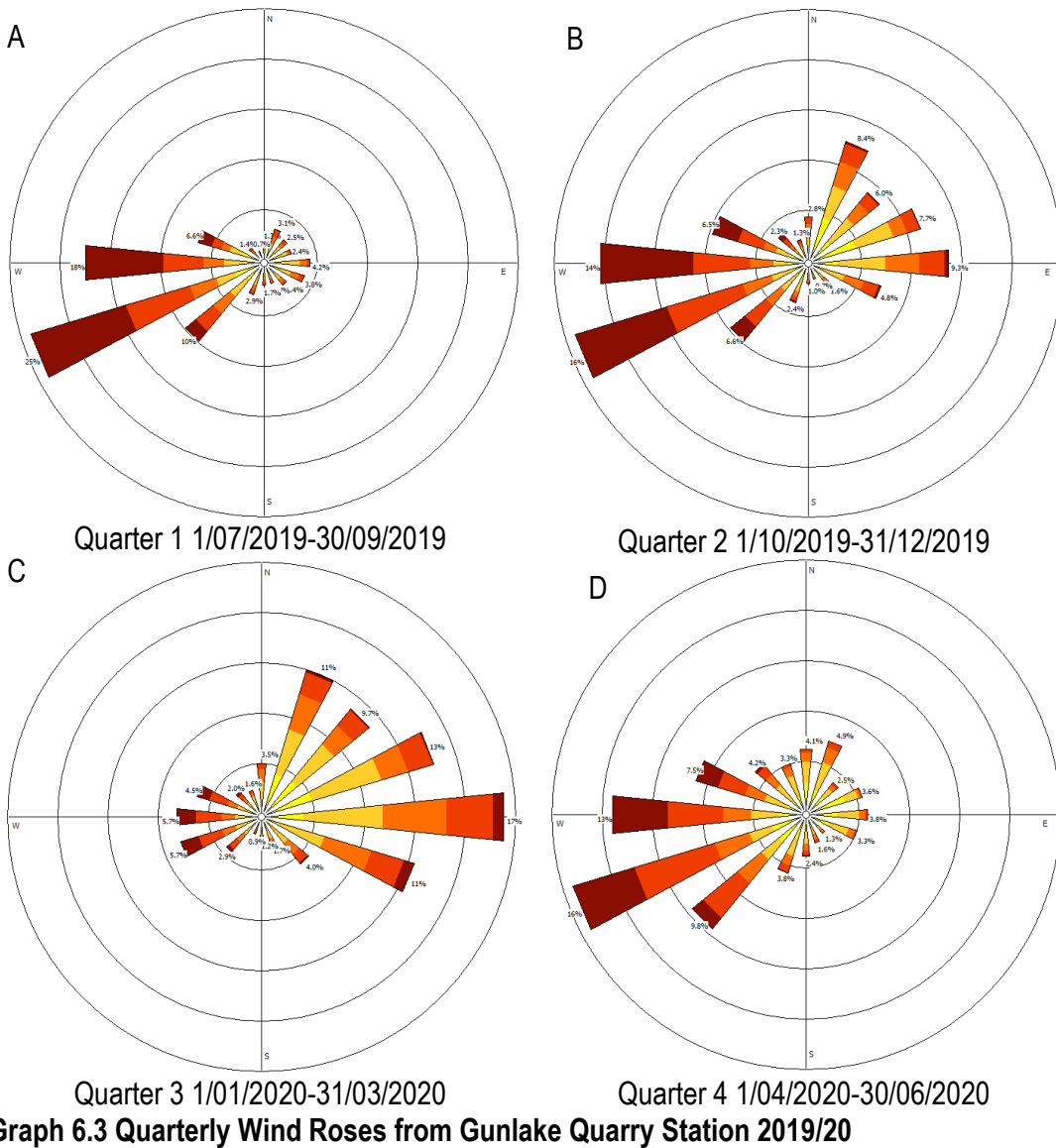
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Min	-0.8	-3	-0.7	3	4.5	8.3	11.9	11	6.2	3.9	-0.6	-1.1
Max	18.4	20.9	25.4	29.9	36.9	41.1	41.5	41	30.4	25.3	21.1	16.9



**Graph 6.2 – Monthly Minimum and Maximum Temperatures**

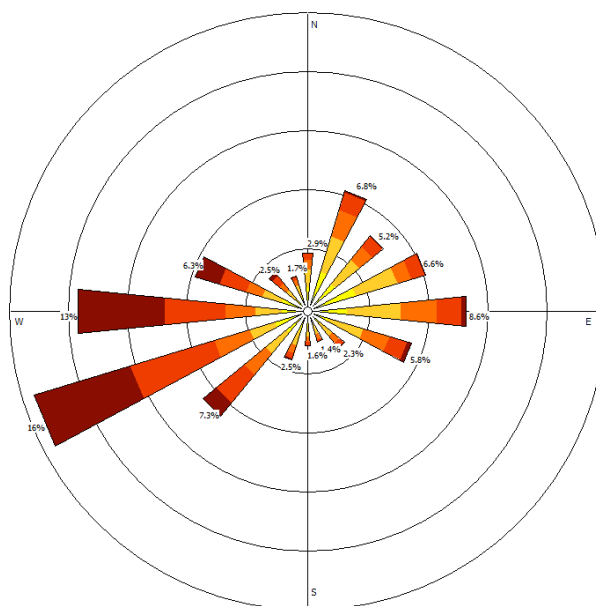
### 6.3.3 Wind

Quarterly wind roses and an annual average wind rose showing wind speed and direction data recorded by the Gunlake weather station are shown in Graph 6.3 (A-D) and Graph 6.4 respectively. The annual recorded wind pattern consists of strong, high speed west-southwest to westerly winds throughout the entire reporting period, however lower speed air flow is predominant from the east-northeast during spring and summer months (Graph 6.3 B, C). The long term average recorded wind speed is 3.5 m/s, and calm conditions remain similar to the previous year with a frequency of (wind speeds less than 0.5 m/s) 10% of the time (Graph 6.4).



**Graph 6.3 Quarterly Wind Roses from Gunlake Quarry Station 2019/20**

WS Km/h: 10.0%



%	
14.3	> 25 km/h
18.9	15 < 25 km/h
16.4	10 < 15 km/h
22.5	5 < 10 km/h
13.5	2 < 5 km/h
4.3	0.5 < 2 km/h
10.0	< 0.5 km/h

Time Period  
12:00:00 AM 01/07/19 - 12:00:00 AM 01/07/20

**Graph 6.4 Annual Average Wind Rose Gunlake Quarry Station 2019/20**

## 6.4 Air Quality

Gunlake Quarry operates under an approved Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP), which documents the control measures and management initiatives to control dust generation from the site.

The main objectives of the AQMP are to provide a program detailing the assessment criteria, monitoring locations and procedures, reporting protocol and compliance checking procedures for air quality management at the Quarry.

There are three broad dust sources which may be measured as part of the monitoring program, which are:

- Background sources such as from traffic on unsealed local roads and agricultural activities,
- Dust generated from land disturbance such as topsoil stripping and overburden emplacement; and
- Dust generated from material processing and handling, such as crushing, screening and conveying product.

### 6.4.1 Dust Control Measures

A summary of the dust mitigation strategy is provided in Table 6.3. In addition to the below controls, during adverse meteorological conditions when wind speed exceeds 8m/s the Quarry Manager may limit or stop specific activities being undertaken in the Quarry in order to reduce dust emissions. During the reporting period the haul roads were upgraded with further compaction and an additional water cart was based at the quarry providing additional dust control and bushfire fighting capacity.

**Table 6.3 - Air Quality and Dust Management Measures**

Activity	Control
Stripping, transport, and emplacement/stockpiling of topsoil	Minimise clearing ahead of extraction activities Avoid stripping in high wind conditions Revegetation of completed surfaces
Removal, transport and placement of overburden	Water cart used on haul roads
Drilling activities	Dust apron on drill rig
Blasting activities	Blast design to minimise fine particles
Face loading	Water cart used on hardstand areas and extraction benches
Hauling raw product on internal haul roads	Water truck Speed limit
Conveyors and transfer points	Water sprays
Crushing, screening	Water sprays
Product stockpiles	Located in nominated areas with topographic shielding
Product loading and dispatch	Use of minimal heights when loading Water cart used on hardstand areas Road registered trucks equipped with automatic tarps Use of bypass road avoids residential areas of Marulan

Activity	Control
Internal haul roads	Water truck
General on-site activities	Water truck Alarm on weather station when wind speeds exceed 8 m/s

#### 6.4.2 Air Quality Monitoring Program

The Gunlake AQMP contains assessment criteria, reporting protocol and compliance checking procedures and monitoring program to enhance the management of any potential air quality impacts associated with the Project. In addition to the assessment criteria, Gunlake have made specific commitments and the Development Consent contains a number of conditions aimed at minimising air quality impacts

The air quality monitoring program comprises the following:

- Three dust deposition gauges located to the northeast, south and northwest of the quarry operations as shown on Figure 2;
- Two high volume air samplers located at R1 to the east of the quarry and R4 located to the northwest of the quarry; and
- Automatic weather station located adjacent to the site offices.

The air quality monitoring activities are summarised in Table 6.4 below.

**Table 6.4 –Air Quality Monitoring Program**

Monitoring Site	Parameter	Timing
DDG1	Deposited Dust	Monthly (30 days +/- 2 days)
DDG2	Deposited Dust	Monthly (30 days +/- 2 days)
DDG3	Deposited Dust	Monthly (30 days +/- 2 days)
R1 (HVAS)	Particulate Matter (PM <sub>10</sub> )	One day in six cycle
R4 (HVAS)	Particulate Matter (PM <sub>10</sub> )	One day in six cycle
Weather Station	Meteorological Parameters	Continuous

#### 6.4.3 Background Dust Concentrations

As part of the Environmental Assessment process for Modification 2, the available monitoring data was used to determine background air quality concentrations at the nearest residential receptors. These are shown in Table 6.5 below and are considered low in comparison to typical agricultural environments.

**Table 6.5 – Background Air Quality Concentrations**

Parameter	Concentration
24-hour average PM <sub>10</sub>	Varies daily
Annual Average PM <sub>2.5</sub>	7 ug/m <sup>3</sup>
Annual average PM <sub>10</sub>	13 ug/m <sup>3</sup>
Annual average TSP	33 ug/m <sup>3</sup>
Combined Annual Average Dust Deposition	1.8 g/m <sup>2</sup> /month



#### 6.4.4 Air Quality Assessment Criteria and Predictions

Table 6.6 defines the short term and long term impact assessment criteria for particulate matter and Table 6.7 defines the long term impact assessment criteria for deposited dust.

**Table 6.6 Short Term and Long Term Particulate Matter Impact Assessment Criteria**

Pollutant	Averaging Period	<sup>d</sup> Criterion
Total Suspended Particulate matter (TSP)	Annual	<sup>a</sup> 90 ug/m <sup>3</sup>
Particulate Matter < 10um (PM <sub>10</sub> )	Annual	<sup>a</sup> 30 ug/m <sup>3</sup>
	24 Hour	<sup>a</sup> 50 ug/m <sup>3</sup>

**Table 6.7 Long term Assessment Criteria for Deposited Dust**

Pollutant	Averaging Period	Maximum Increase in Deposited Dust Level	Maximum Total Deposited Dust Level
<sup>c</sup> Deposited dust	Annual	<sup>b</sup> 2g/m <sup>2</sup> /month	<sup>a</sup> 4g/m <sup>2</sup> /month

Notes to Tables 6.6 and 6.7:

- Total impact (i.e. incremental increase in concentrations due to the project plus background concentrations due to all other sources);
- Incremental impact (i.e. incremental increase in concentrations due to the project on its own);
- Deposited dust is to be assessed as insoluble solids as defined by Standards Australia, AS/NZS 3580.10.1:2003:Methods for Sampling and Analysis of Ambient Air - Determination of Particulate Matter - Deposited Matter - Gravimetric Method; and
- Excludes extraordinary events such as bushfires, prescribed burning, dust storms, sea fog, fire incidents, illegal activities or any other activity agreed by the Secretary in consultation with EPA.

The data presented in Table 6.8 below shows the predicted Gunlake Quarry- only incremental concentrations and deposition rates at each of the receptor locations. The following EIS predictions are under an existing operations scenario. All concentrations and deposition rates are well below the relevant impact assessment criteria, as presented in Tables 6.6 and 6.7 above.

**Table 6.8 Predicted Quarry-only Incremental Concentrations and Deposition Rates for Existing Operations**

Receptor ID	Annual TSP (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Max 24h PM <sub>10</sub> (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Annual PM <sub>10</sub> (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Max 24h PM <sub>2.5</sub> (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Annual PM <sub>2.5</sub> (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Annual RCS	Annual Dust Deposition (g/m <sup>2</sup> /month)
Criteria	90	50	30	25	8	3	2
1*	2.4	9.7	0.9	1.5	0.2	0.013	0.4
2	1.0	6.7	0.4	1.1	0.1	0.005	0.2
3*	0.5	3.3	0.2	0.7	<0.1	0.003	0.1
4*	0.2	1.4	0.1	0.3	<0.1	0.001	<0.1
5	0.9	4.9	0.3	0.8	0.1	0.004	0.1
6	0.5	1.4	0.1	0.2	<0.1	0.002	0.1
7	0.3	1.2	0.1	0.2	<0.1	0.001	<0.1
8	0.7	1.3	0.1	0.2	<0.1	0.002	0.1
9	0.3	0.7	0.1	0.1	<0.1	0.001	<0.1
10	0.2	0.6	0.1	0.1	<0.1	0.001	<0.1
11	0.1	0.5	<0.1	0.1	<0.1	0.001	<0.1
12	0.1	0.5	<0.1	0.1	<0.1	0.001	<0.1

\*Gunlake Quarries owned residence

#### 6.4.5 Dust Deposition Monitoring Results

Table 6.9 includes the dust fallout data for the reporting period which is shown graphically in Graph 6.5 with the annual rolling average shown in Graph 6.6. Dust deposition levels are monitored by Gunlake at three locations in the vicinity of the quarry. Dust Deposition Gauge 1 (DDG1) is located to the northeast of the quarry, DDG2 to the south and DDG3 to the northeast. Monitoring has been undertaken on a monthly basis continually since 2007 and the locations of the monitoring sites are shown on Figure 2.

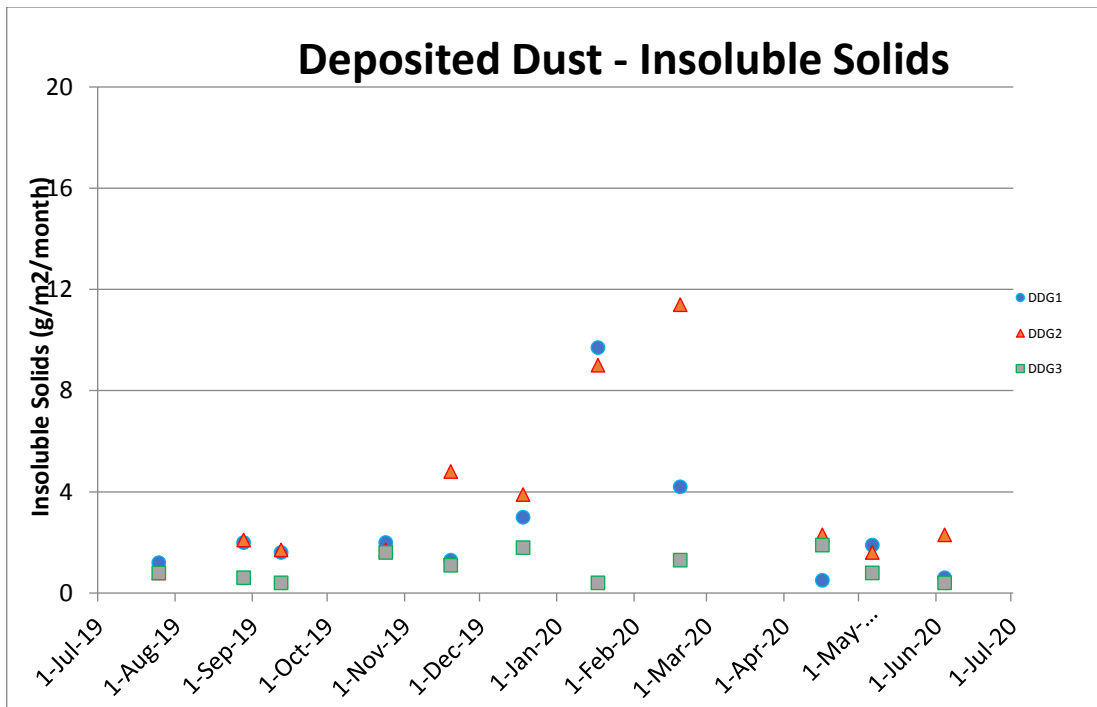
The Gunlake property is predominantly grassland with patches of well vegetated areas with tall trees. Sources of particulate matter in the area would include quarrying activities, traffic on unsealed roads, local building and construction activities, and agricultural activities.

**Table 6.9 Dust Monitoring Results – Insoluble Solids (g/m<sup>2</sup>/month)**

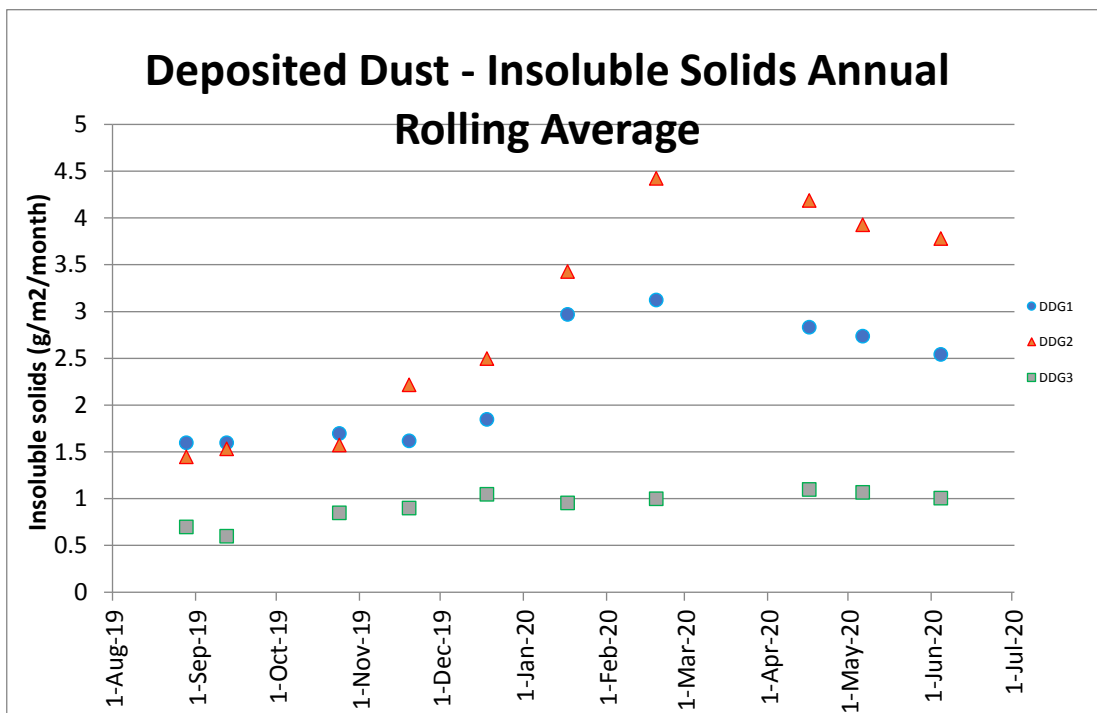
Date Sampled	DDG1	DDG2	DDG3
25-Jul-19	1.2	0.8	0.8
28-Aug-19	2.0	2.1	0.6
12-Sep-19	1.6	1.7	0.4
24-Oct-19	2	1.7	1.6
19-Nov-19	1.3	4.8	1.1
18-Dec-19	3	3.9	1.8
17-Jan-20	9.7	9	0.4
19-Feb-20	4.2	11.4	1.3
16-Apr-20	0.5	2.3	1.9
6-May-20	1.9	1.6	0.8
4-Jun-20	0.6	2.3	0.4

**Table 6.10 Insoluble Solids (g/m<sup>2</sup>/month) Summary**

	Dust Gauge No 1	Dust Gauge No 2	Dust Gauge No 3
Individual Gauge Background Average	1.8	0.9	2.4
Overall Background Average	1.8		
Individual Gauge Average July 18 – June 19	1.6	3.3	2.1
Overall Average for Period July 18 – June 19	2.3		
Individual Gauge Average July 19 – June 20	2.4	3.5	1.2
Overall Average for Period July 19 – June 20	2.3		



Graph 6.5 - Dust Deposition



Graph 6.6 - Dust Deposition – Annual Rolling Average

The annual average dust deposition at DDG1 for the reporting period was 2.4 g/m<sup>2</sup>/month, which is higher than the background levels and slightly higher than the previous reporting period. It is still, however, below the assessment criteria detailed in the AQMP and Table 6.7.

The annual average of DDG2 (3.5 g/m<sup>2</sup>/month) was higher than the background levels for that site and higher than the previous reporting period. It is still, however also below the assessment criteria detailed in the AQMP. DDG2 is located in proximity to the Gunlake Extension Project extraction area and the increased dust deposition is likely due to localised dust generated from topsoil stripping, blasting and overburden removal activities during the reporting period.

The annual average of DDG3 for the reporting period was lower than the background average (1.2 g/m<sup>2</sup>/month) and was also lower than the previous reporting period as can be seen in Table 6.10. DDG3 had the lowest annual average dust deposition for the reporting period.

Table 6.11 below shows annual summaries of the dust deposition monitoring program covering background conditions, construction, first production and normal operations.

**Table 6.11 Gunlake Quarry Dust Deposition Summary Calendar Year**

Year	DDG1	DDG2	DDG3	Average	Comment
2007	0.7	1.3	2.4	1.5	No quarry activities
2008	1.4	2.7	2.4	2.1	No quarry activities
2009	0.9	1.4	2.5	1.6	Construction and initial extraction
2010	1.0	0.9	1.2	1.0	First production
2011	1.5	1.3	3.2	2.0	Normal operations
2012	1.7	1.4	2.3	1.8	Normal operations
2013	2.0	1.1	2.8	2.1	Normal operations
2014	2.1	0.9	2.4	1.8	Normal operations
2015	2.9	1.6	2.5	2.3	Normal operations
2016	1.2	1.2	1.5	1.3	Normal operations
2017	1.3	1.9	4.0	2.4	Normal operations
2018	1.5	3.3	3.2	2.4	Normal operations
2019	1.6	3.3	2.1	2.9	Normal operations
Average	1.5	1.7	2.5	1.9	Normal operations

Based on the above results, there are no statistically significant changes in dust deposition rates in the direction of the nearest residential receptors since the quarry commenced operations. DDG3 located to the west of the quarry, has had fluctuating dust deposition levels and is influenced by normal agricultural activities. DDG1, located to the northeast of the quarry operations, in opposing the direction of the prevailing winds, captures dust emanating from the quarry. This gauge show constant readings from before the quarry started and throughout the operations to date and therefore verify that the dust mitigation strategy has been effective in meeting the assessment goals contained in AQMP, that is the quarry has not increased ambient dust levels by more than 2 g/m<sup>2</sup>/month at nearby residential receptors.

#### 6.4.6 High Volume Air Sampling PM10 Monitoring

Gunlake Quarry is required to monitor the very small fraction of total suspended particulate matter, namely the 10-micron fraction (PM<sub>10</sub>). This test measures the levels of the very fine dust suspended in the air which is a measure of potential health effects (irritation of the respiratory tract) as the small particles can penetrate the airways and the lungs.

PM<sub>10</sub> monitoring commenced in December 2014 at site R1-HVAS which is located to the northeast of the quarry. PM<sub>10</sub> monitoring was expanded with the addition of a second PM<sub>10</sub> monitor at R4 in mid July 2018, with monitoring at both stations undertaken on a one-in-six-day cycle in line with the Gunlake Extension Project Development Consent and the EPL. Results for the 2019/2020 reporting period are contained in Table 6.12 and shown graphically in Graph 6.7 and 6.8 for R1 and R4 respectively.

**Table 6.12 PM<sub>10</sub> Monitoring Results**

Sampling Date	R1 PM <sub>10</sub> (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	R4 PM <sub>10</sub> (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )
2/07/2019	50.1	5.2
8/07/2019	20.2	2.7
14/07/2019	4.7	2.2
20/07/2019	1.9	1.9
26/07/2019	18.3	6.0
1/08/2019	N/A*	5.6
7/08/2019	45.5	10.6
13/08/2019	31.5	4.6
19/08/2019	22.0	22.0
25/08/2019	17.2	26.4
31/08/2019	4.3	4.4
6/09/2019	24.8	17.8
12/09/2019	58.2	16.1
18/09/2019	7.1	8.4
24/09/2019	14.2	5.0
30/09/2019	10.8	11.3
6/10/2019	22.4	26.4
12/10/2019	3.0	3.8
18/10/2019	N/A*	N/A*
24/10/2019	38	21.6
30/10/2019	40.7	33.8
5/11/2019	7.2	6.8
11/11/2019	11.0	6.0
17/11/2019	14.6	14.6
23/11/2019	29.6	51.3 <sup>#1</sup>
29/11/2019	42.2	35.9
05/12/2019	52.2 <sup>#2</sup>	37.6
11/12/2019	27.4	N/A <sup>#</sup>
17/12/2019	33.5	39.1
23/12/2019	N/A <sup>#3</sup>	N/A <sup>#3</sup>
29/12/2019	N/A <sup>#3</sup>	N/A <sup>#3</sup>

Sampling Date	R1 PM <sub>10</sub> (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	R4 PM <sub>10</sub> (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )
04/01/2020	N/A#3	N/A#3
10/01/2020	N/A#3	N/A#3
16/01/2020	38.8	36.6
22/01/2020	20.4	19.8
28/01/2020	44.4	23.4
3/02/2020	61	40.8
9/02/2020	7.4	6.2
15/02/2020	11.4	13.8
21/02/2020	13.6	12.0
27/02/2020	19.3	18.5
4/03/2020	2.2	2.5
10/03/2020	2.6	6.6
16/03/2020	<1.0	7.1
22/03/2020	10.8	11.9
28/03/2020	7.4	6.7
3/04/2020	3.4	2.8
9/04/2020	3.9	3
15/04/2020	27.4	8.2
21/04/2020	14.3	13.5
27/04/2020	5.9	8.1
3/05/2020	1.7	<0.1
9/05/2020	8.7	9.5
15/05/2020	10.5	7.4
21/05/2020	3.8	3.1
27/05/2020	4.7	2.7
2/06/2020	18.8	0.1
8/06/2020	3.1	3.2
14/06/2020	6.3	2.5
20/06/2020	4.4	5.8
26/06/2020	14.8	1.1

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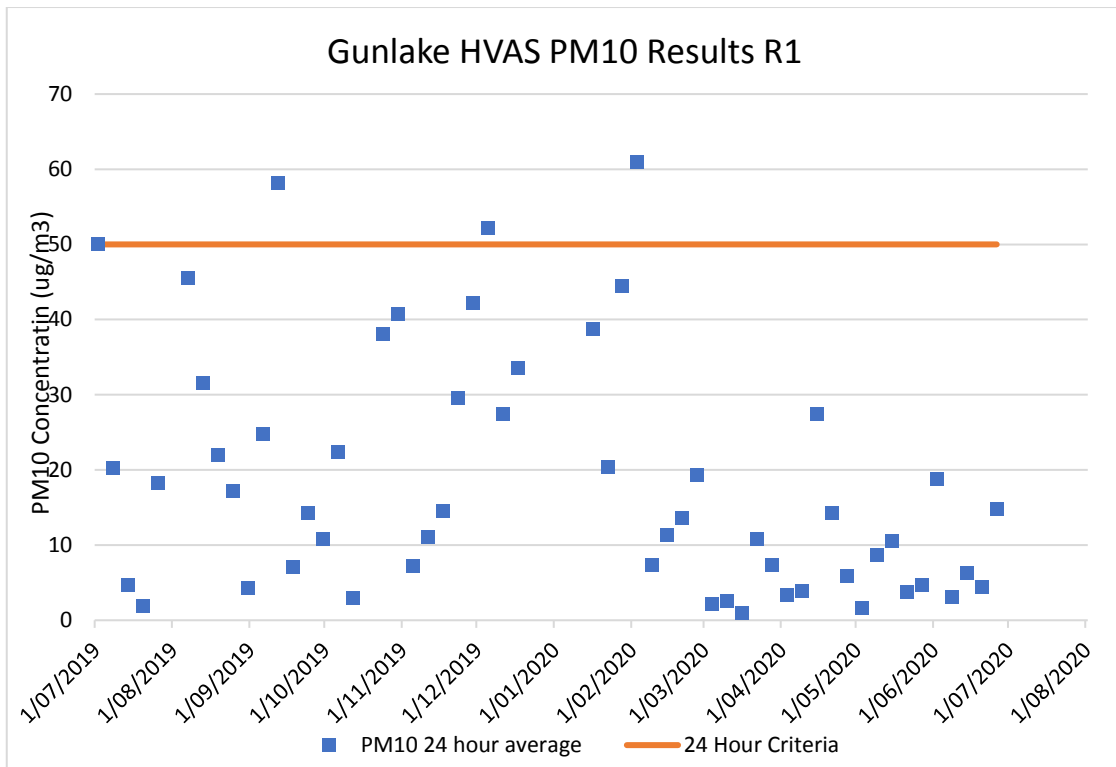
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#1 High reading at background monitoring site R4 not attributable to quarry – prevailing westerly winds on day of sampling and quarry located to the SE of R4. Corresponding levels at R1 on day of sampling 29.6 µg/m<sup>3</sup>.

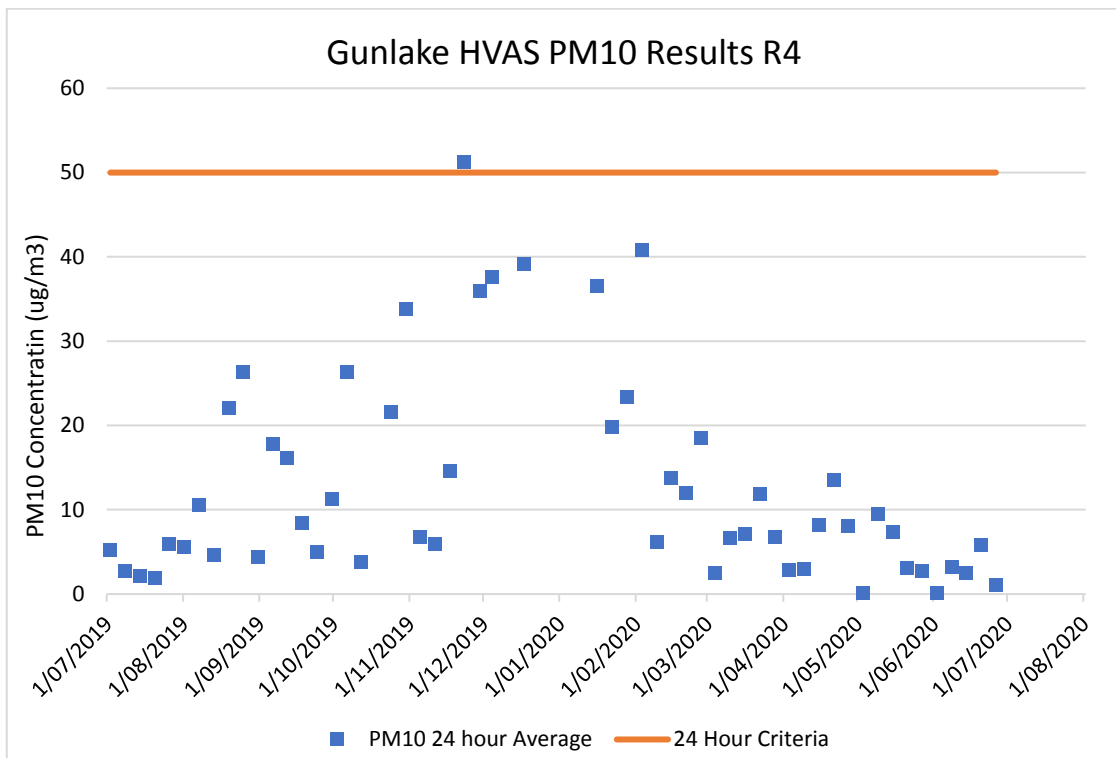
#2 High wind on day of sampling dust generation due to exposed agricultural land resulting from drought conditions

#3 Extraordinary event – regional bushfires with heavy smoke on day of sampling

Graphs 6.7 and 6.8 show the PM<sub>10</sub> data for both HVAAS sites recorded for the 2018/2019 reporting period. The extraordinary events such as widespread dust storms and bushfires as listed above have been excluded from these graphs and Table 6.13 below.



**Graph 6.7 – R1 HVAS PM<sub>10</sub> Results**



**Graph 6.8 – R4 HVAS PM<sub>10</sub> Results**

The monitoring results at R1, show an annual average PM<sub>10</sub> concentration of 18.63 ug/m<sup>3</sup>, with a maximum 24 hour average of 61 ug/m<sup>3</sup> and a minimum 24 hour average of 1 ug/m<sup>3</sup>. At R4, the annual average PM<sub>10</sub> concentration was 12.80 ug/m<sup>3</sup>, with a maximum 24 hour average of 51.3 ug/m<sup>3</sup> and a minimum 24 hour average of <0.1 ug/m<sup>3</sup>.

**Table 6.13 PM<sub>10</sub> Monitoring Summary**

	Maximum 24 hour average ug/m <sup>3</sup>	Annual average ug/m <sup>3</sup>
Background	Varies Daily	13
2014/2015	24.9	13.19
2015/2016	40.4	15.33
2016/2017	44.7	18.8
2017/2018	48.0	18.6
2018/2019 R1	47.4	17.62
2018/2019 R4	49.5	13.61
2019/2020 R1	61.0	18.63
2019/2020 R4	51.3	12.80
Assessment Criteria	50	30

It can be seen in Table 6.13 that the 24 hour average PM<sub>10</sub> concentration at R1 was higher than the previous reporting period and exceeded the 24 hour criteria detailed in Table 6.6. the annual average PM<sub>10</sub> concentration was however below the annual average criteria. Similarly, R4 had a higher maximum 24 hour PM<sub>10</sub> concentration that exceeded the 24 hour criteria whilst the annual average was lower than the previous reporting period and below the criteria. The exceedances of the 24 hour criteria were investigated and reported to the DPIE and EPA and were determined to be caused by dust generation from drought affected bare agricultural land and high winds and regionally elevated dust levels rather than from the quarry operations.

These PM<sub>10</sub> -HVAS are located on Gunlake-owned properties and the results are used to indicate compliance at the nearest non-company owned residences. Dust assessment contained in the EA predicted that the closest non-company owned residences will not experience dust levels attributed to the project greater than the project emissions criteria as outlined in the AQMP.

### 6.4.7 TSP Monitoring

Condition 14 of Schedule 3 of the Development Consent requires evaluation of a Total Suspended Particulate (TSP) annual criterion (90 µg/m<sup>3</sup>, annual average). The typical percentage of PM<sub>10</sub> in a semi-rural environment (i.e. one where the airshed is not dominated by particulate from motor vehicles) lies in the range of 40-50%. Given this, compliance with the annual PM<sub>10</sub> criterion (30 µg/m<sup>3</sup>) should therefore be seen to satisfying the annual TSP criterion. Monitoring of PM<sub>10</sub> therefore is used as a surrogate for evaluating compliance with the TSP criterion (i.e. if the annual PM<sub>10</sub> criterion is satisfied, it is assumed that the TSP criterion will also be achieved). In addition, the annual average TSP has been estimated from the monitoring results to be approximately 33 µg/m<sup>3</sup> which is well below the annual average criteria of 90 µg/m<sup>3</sup> for TSP. These results are in line with the predictions in the EA.

## 6.5 Biodiversity

### 6.5.1 Flora and Fauna

The property in which the Gunlake quarry is located was previously extensively cleared and used for sheep and cattle grazing. The property consists of highly disturbed native vegetation,



of which most is predominantly native grassland in cleared areas and the remainder consisting of clusters of remnant native trees and shrubs and some isolated native trees.

One threatened ecological community has been identified in the vicinity of the quarry that is listed both under the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act (as EEC *White Box Yellow Box Blakely's Red Gum Woodland*) and the Commonwealth EPBC Act (as CEEC *White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived Native Grassland*).

During surveys undertaken as part of the original EIS for the Gunlake Extension Project, six threatened fauna species listed under the Biodiversity Conservation Act were recorded within the extension area being the Speckled Warbler, Diamond Firetail (*Stagonopleura guttata*), Square-tailed Kite (*Lophoictinia isura*), Eastern Bentwing Bat, Eastern False Pipistrelle (*Falsistrellus tasmaniensis*) and Little Bentwing Bat (*Miniopterus australis*). Fauna and flora are managed as per Gunlake's Rehabilitation and Biodiversity Offset Management Plan.

### 6.5.2 Fauna Management

Effective management of vegetation communities at Gunlake enhances the habitat for native fauna species including known rare endangered species such as the Speckled Warbler. Specific management initiatives include:

- Minimising clearing at any one time as the quarry progresses;
- Undertaking pre-clearing surveys which include marking of hollow bearing trees which will not be felled if there is a risk to fauna or active nests;
- A total of two nest boxes per hollow tree removed will be established;
- Should any threatened fauna be discovered or injured a suitably qualified carer such as WIRES will be contacted and works in that area will cease until the ecologist has given the all clear to proceed;

The above measures are designed to minimise the impact on existing fauna on site as well as enhancing the habitat value of the property both during and after quarry extraction.

### 6.5.3 Biodiversity and Rehabilitation

The aims of the Management Strategy for biodiversity, rehabilitation and agriculture, currently comprise:

- protection, maintenance and enhancement of 32.66 ha of "Box Gum Woodland" in Biodiversity Areas 1 and 2 through assisted regeneration;
- regeneration and/or replanting of 46.16 ha of cleared land in Biodiversity Areas 1 and 2 with native vegetation representative of Box Gum Woodland;
- retiring 571 ecosystem credits for PCT 1330 in the Gunlake Quarry Extension Project offset areas;
- retiring 845 ecosystem credits for PCT 734 in the Gunlake Quarry Extension Project offsets;
- protection of the biodiversity offsets into perpetuity; and
- no net loss of stream length and aquatic habitat in the offset areas.

The Biodiversity Areas are currently subject to a modification as detailed in Section 3.2.1. These areas will remain protected under a conservation agreement and managed in accordance with the Biodiversity, Rehabilitation and Offset Management Plan. The Gunlake Extension Project Offset Areas that house the credits will be protected by the BioBanking Agreement. The management initiatives of these areas will be implemented as per the updated Rehabilitation and Biodiversity Offset Management Plan and will be updated with the resolution of the modification.



**Plate 3 Biodiversity Conservation Area Rehabilitation Monitoring Site**



**Plate 4 Biodiversity Conservation Area Existing Vegetation**



**Plate 5 Gunlake Extension Project Offset Area**

#### **6.5.4 Weeds and feral Animals**

Two noxious weeds listed under the Goulburn-Mulwaree LGA occur on the Gunlake property:

- Serrated Tussock – *Nasella trichomotoma*
- Blackberry – *Rubus fruticosus*

Gunlake implements a weed control strategy for the site. During the reporting period spraying of blackberry and serrated tussock continued in the biodiversity offset areas and riparian zones. The weed control program at Gunlake will continue during the coming reporting period.

### **6.6 Operational Noise**

The Noise Monitoring Program (NMP) and Blast Monitoring Program (BMP) are contained in the Noise and Blast Management Plan (NBMP) for Gunlake Quarry, and detail the monitoring locations, methods of monitoring noise and vibration and the correct compliance checking procedures for the subsequent reporting in accordance with the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) and the EPA requirements.

Table 6.14 lists the Gunlake Quarry Project operational noise assessment criteria as prescribed in Condition 6, Schedule 3 of the Development Consent. These criteria have to be met at any residence or on more than 25% of any privately owned land.

**Table 6.14 Operational Noise Assessment Criteria**

Noise Assessment Location	Day	Evening	Night	
	L <sub>Aeq</sub> (15 minute)	L <sub>Aeq</sub> (15 minute)	L <sub>Aeq</sub> (15 minute)	L <sub>A1</sub> (1 minute)
R7	38	38	38	45
R8	37	37	37	45
All other privately-owned residences	35	35	35	45

Noise modelling for the EIS identified receiver locations R7 and R8 as being relevant for the project. The predicted noise emission levels from Gunlake Quarry at R7 and R8 are provided in Table 6.15. Noise emission levels are predicted to be within the Development Consent limits and project specific noise limits (PSNLs) at both receiver locations from year 1 to year 30. Noise levels at R2 are predicted to be up to 10dB above the PSNLs which is considered to be a significant impact and entitles this location to voluntary acquisition upon request and therefore is not subject to the assessment criteria. Gunlake has purchased receivers R1, R3 and R4.

**Table 6.15 Predicted Noise Levels LAeq (15 min) dB**

Assessment Location	Day	Evening/Night	Night	Night
	Calm	Calm	Prevailing Winds*	Inversion#
Existing Quarry Operations (Pre – Extension Project)				
R7	33	31	34	34
R8	32	30	33	33
Quarry Operations (Gunlake Extension Project Years 1-30)				
R7	34	35	37	38
R8	33	34	37	37

\* Max level based on wind speeds of 23m/s and wind directions from 360° to 112.5° from north based on data from the Gunlake weather station

# F class temperature inversion

To verify compliance with operational noise assessment criteria, noise measurements have been carried out at all source points and at the property boundary in the direction of the noise receptors. Attended noise monitoring is undertaken at N1 and N2 at the property boundary between the quarry and R7/R8.

Noise monitoring of the plant and equipment was undertaken as part of the environmental assessment for the Gunlake Extension Project to verify the sound power level of various plant and equipment. The results are provided in Table 6.16.

**Table 6.16 Noise Monitoring Plant and Equipment**

Plant and Equipment	Sound Power Level (L <sub>w</sub> ) (dB)
Primary Crusher	112
Secondary Crusher	115
Primary Screens	112
Tertiary Crusher and Impact Crusher	115
Secondary Screens	109
Front End Loader	112
Excavator	104
Dozer	112
Water Cart	102

Attended noise measurements were undertaken quarterly during the reporting period at N1 to the east of the quarry processing area. This location measures noise generated from the quarry travelling in the direction of sensitive receivers R7 and R8. Attended noise monitoring was also undertaken at N2 located at the south-east boundary corner from April 2020. The results are summarised in Table 6.17 and show compliance with the assessment criteria (Table 6.14) and are in line with the EIS predictions.

**Table 6.17 - Gunlake Quarry Noise Monitoring Results 2019/20**

Location	Date	Start Time	Total Noise dB(A) $L_{eq}$	Criterion dB(A) $L_{eq}$	Estimated Noise Contribution at Receiver	Identified Noise Sources ( $L_{eq}$ (15 min))
N1	25/9/2019	1010	41.91	R7 38 R8 37	<30 dB(A) <30 dB(A)	Reverse beep (44); Dump truck driving (45); Hammer (48); Birds (41); Truck (42); Crusher alarm (49); Plane (54)
N1	10/12/2019	0830	61.97	R7 38 R8 37	<30 dB(A) <30 dB(A)	Rock fall into hopper (65); Dump truck on haul road (69); Wind (66); Water cart in operation(63); Crusher (63); Excavator (65); Reverse beep (64)
N1	15/4/2020	0920	65.82	R7 38 R8 37	<30 dB(A) <30 dB(A)	Dump truck on haul road (72); Dumping rocks (71); Crusher (65); Rock hammer (71); Reverse beep (70); Rock fall into hopper (73); Conveyor belt and rocks dropping onto stockpiles (background continuous)
N2	15/4/2020	1005	49.90	R7 38 R8 37	<30 dB(A) <30 dB(A)	Rock hammer (58); Dump truck on haul road (54); Drill entering rock (58); Reverse beep (50); Sound meter disturbance (57); Birds (48); 2x Drills (background continuous- 45)
N1	09/6/2020	0917	59.93	R7 38 R8 37	<30 dB(A) <30 dB(A)	Dump truck on haul road (68) Drill (58) Reverse Beep (66) Crusher (60) Birds (58) Loading truck at face (58) Rock fall into hopper (67)

Location	Date	Start Time	Total Noise dB(A) $L_{eq}$	Criterion dB(A) $L_{eq}$	Estimated Noise Contribution at Receiver	Identified Noise Sources ( $L_{eq}$ (15 min))
N2	09/06/2020	1000	46.08	R7 38 R8 37	<30 dB(A) <30 dB(A)	Crow (58) Dump truck on haul road (52) Loader reversing quack (47) Dump truck reversing (47) Loading rocks into truck (62) Loader horn beep (47) Drill (44)

## 6.7 Vibration and Air blasting

Table 6.18 shows the airblast overpressure criteria and ground vibration impact assessment criteria for residences on privately owned land in relation to the Gunlake Quarry Project as prescribed by Condition 10, Schedule 3 of the Development Consent.

**Table 6.18 Airblast Overpressure and Ground Vibration Impact Assessment Criteria**

Airblast Overpressure Level (dB (Lin Peak))	Allowable Exceedances
115	5% total number of blasts over 12 month period.
120	0%
Ground Vibration Level (mm/s)	Allowable Exceedances
5	5% total number of blasts over 12 month period.
10	0%

A blast overpressure and ground vibration assessment was undertaken at various distances from the blast locations at the Quarry. The results shown in Table 6.19 convey that a large range of MICs can be adopted, based on the distance from the blast. Blasting may occur at 700m from the nearest assessment location, and the ANZECC limits will be satisfied with a respective MIC of 290kg.

**Table 6.19 Blast Overpressure and Ground Vibration EIS Assessment Results for Hard Rock Extraction**

Distance from Blast (m)	Highest Allowable MIC (kg)	Overpressure Criteria (dB (Lin Peak))	Ground Vibration Criteria PPV (mm/s)	Highest Allowable MIC (kg) to satisfy criteria
700	290	$\leq 115$	$\leq 5$	290
900	600	$\leq 115$	$\leq 5$	600
1,100	1,150	$\leq 115$	$\leq 5$	1,150
1,300	1,900	$\leq 115$	$\leq 5$	1,900

A portable blast emissions monitor that measures airblast overpressure and vibration is positioned at R2 on Brayton Road during each blast event. Monitoring will continue at this location in the coming reporting period.

Table 6.20 details the Airblast Overpressure and the Ground Vibration level monitoring results for all the blasts undertaken at Gunlake during the reporting period. All blasting was undertaken within the approved time between 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday.

**Table 6.20 Blast Monitoring Summary for the Reporting Period**

Date	Time	Location	Airblast Overpressure (dB (Lin Peak))	Ground Vibration Level (mm/s)
18/07/2019	14.02	Lot 529 Brayton Rd	Nil Trigger	Nil Trigger
26/07/2019	11.07	Lot 529 Brayton Rd	Nil Trigger	Nil Trigger
2/08/2019	11.09	Lot 529 Brayton Rd	Nil Trigger	Nil Trigger
13/08/2019	12.05	Lot 529 Brayton Rd	Nil Trigger	Nil Trigger
19/08/2019	14.08	Lot 529 Brayton Rd	Nil Trigger	Nil Trigger
20/08/2019	2.08	Lot 529 Brayton Rd	Nil Trigger	Nil Trigger
30/08/2019	3.08	Lot 529 Brayton Rd	112.6	1.264
6/09/2019	11.06	Lot 529 Brayton Rd	Nil Trigger	Nil Trigger
13/09/2019	11.59	Lot 529 Brayton Rd	Nil Trigger	Nil Trigger
20/09/2019	13.04	Lot 529 Brayton Rd	Nil Trigger	Nil Trigger
4/10/2019	13.26	Lot 529 Brayton Rd	Nil Trigger	Nil Trigger
18/10/2019	11:58	Lot 529 Brayton Rd	Nil Trigger	Nil Trigger
25/10/2019	11:58	Lot 529 Brayton Rd	Nil Trigger	Nil Trigger
1/11/2019	10:32	Lot 529 Brayton Rd	Nil Trigger	Nil Trigger
11/11/2019	12:03	Lot 529 Brayton Rd	Nil Trigger	Nil Trigger
18/11/2019	10:32	Lot 529 Brayton Rd	Nil Trigger	Nil Trigger
22/11/2019	12:39	Lot 529 Brayton Rd	Nil Trigger	Nil Trigger
6/12/2019	12:41	Lot 529 Brayton Rd	Nil Trigger	Nil Trigger
17/1/2020	11:25	Lot 529 Brayton Rd	109.9	0.933
31/1/2020	10:41	Lot 529 Brayton Rd	Nil Trigger	Nil Trigger
25/2/2020	12:56	Lot 529 Brayton Rd	Nil Trigger	Nil Trigger
6/3/2020	13:47	Lot 529 Brayton Rd	Nil Trigger	Nil Trigger
13/3/2020	13:41	Lot 529 Brayton Rd	107.5	0.568
20/4/2020	12:07	Lot 529 Brayton Rd	114.8	1.442
8/5/2020	13:18	Lot 529 Brayton Rd	114.8	0.950
22/5/2020	11:03	Lot 529 Brayton Rd	Nil Trigger	Nil Trigger
29/5/2020	14:01	Lot 529 Brayton Rd	114.4	1.164
9/6/2020	14:07	Lot 529 Brayton Rd	Nil Trigger	Nil Trigger
12/6/2020	13:30	Lot 529 Brayton Rd	Nil Trigger	Nil Trigger
26/6/2020	10:57	Lot 529 Brayton Rd	Nil Trigger	Nil Trigger
3/7/2020	10:57	Lot 529 Brayton Rd	113.3.	0.852

During the reporting period a total of 31 blasts were conducted. The maximum air blast overpressure results for the reporting period were 114.8 dB (Lin Peak) recorded at Lot 529 Brayton Road on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020 and 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020. These results were lower higher than the maximum for the previous reporting period being 116.3 dB (Lin Peak). Results for all 31 blasts were below the criteria of 115 dB (Lin Peak) outlined in Table 6.18.

The ground vibration results show compliance with impact assessment criteria with the maximum recorded on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020 being 1.44 mm/s. This was lower than the previous reporting period's maximum of 1.80 mm/s however both maximums are well below the impact assessment criteria of 5mm/s as detailed in Table 6.18 and the Noise and Blast Management Plan which was reviewed during the reporting period.

The results confirm the EIS predictions that the project will comply with relevant vibration and air blast criteria at all sensitive receivers through ongoing management of blast design.

## 6.8 Aboriginal Heritage

Gunlake's Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan was updated in April 2018 as required by the Development Consent and reviewed in March 2020 following the Independent Environmental Audit. The Plan outlines a six step mitigation process for the accidental discovery of cultural heritage items, and a five step mitigation process for the accidental discovery of skeletal material. No skeletal material were discovered during the reporting period, nor the previous reporting period.

Extensive surveys of the areas subject of the Gunlake Extension Project were undertaken as part of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) for the EIS. An Aboriginal site collection report was conducted by EMM Consulting Pty Limited and assisted by representatives from Registered Aboriginal Parties on 25/07/2018. The site survey involved the collection of Aboriginal stone artefact sites which would otherwise be impacted during quarrying operations for the extension project. A total of 867 artefacts were salvaged during the survey.

## 6.9 Bushfire

Under the *Rural Fires Act 1997*, there are a number of obligations that must be met by Gunlake with respect to managing their land. In summary, these include:

- Occupiers of land are to extinguish fires or notify firefighting authorities immediately; and
- It is the duty of the owner or occupier of land to take practicable steps to prevent the occurrence of bush fires on, and to minimise the danger of the spread of bush fires on or from that land.

These issues are relevant, given the location of the quarry having native forested areas to the south and will include additional reforested areas on site. The following measures are employed at the site to ensure that these obligations under the Rural Fires Act are met:

- The main water storages on site are available for fighting purposes if required. This includes the main farm dam and PWD adjacent to the workshop.
- Maintaining the agricultural component of the property to avoid significant quantities of long dry grass. Management activities include active grazing or slashing as required.
- Firebreaks are maintained around key infrastructure areas including the office and main access road to the site.

Fire fighting equipment is available on site at the office, workshop, and mobile equipment.

During catastrophic bushfire events in the Marulan area in December 2019 and January 2020, water from site was made available to the RFS from the onsite dams and via a dedicated water cart. Quarry staff were briefed daily on the weather and fire conditions and emergency evacuation procedures discussed during these high fire danger events. A number of Gunlake staff are members of the local RFS.



## 6.10 Hydrocarbon Contamination

Plant and equipment are serviced regularly to maintain good working order and lubricants and oils for servicing of plant are stored in the workshop and banded. Spill kits are kept on site. The site fuel tank is self banded.

## 6.11 Waste Management

Gunlake operates a comprehensive management system for the appropriate handling and disposal of waste materials. The principle wastes generated by the site are categorised as non-production and production wastes.

### 6.11.1 Non-Production Wastes

#### 6.11.1.1 *General Domestic-Type Wastes and Routine Maintenance Consumables*

All general wastes originating from the office and workshop area, together with routine maintenance wastes from the servicing of equipment are disposed of in 205L drums and 240L mobile garbage bins located adjacent to the various buildings on site. These bins are collected weekly or as required into skips adjacent to the workshop, which is then collected by a licensed waste contractor.

Recyclables such as paper, cardboard, drink containers, ferrous and non-ferrous metals, are contained separately and collected by a licensed waste contractor for recycling.

#### 6.11.1.2 *Oils and Greases*

Routine maintenance of quarrying and earthmoving equipment is undertaken in the maintenance workshop. Waste oils are collected and pumped to bulk storage tanks by oil excavation pumps. Waste oils and grease are stored in a banded area at the maintenance workshop and collected by an EPA licensed waste oil recycling contractor for recycling.

#### 6.11.1.3 *Sewerage*

All domestic waste water is collected and treated in a purpose-built approved wastewater management system. This system is serviced annually by an external contractor.

### 6.11.2 Production Wastes

#### 6.11.2.1 *Overburden*

When quarrying first commenced, overburden was used to progressively construct the noise bund wall to the north of the processing area. Overburden from the current extraction area is being placed on the new extension project western emplacement area.

## 7. WATER MANAGEMENT

The attributes of the Quarry form the basis of ongoing management principles governing the need to protect water systems, both surface and groundwater, during quarrying activities as well as managing the remaining land for agricultural and biodiversity uses.

The operation lies within the Chapman's Creek Catchment. Chapman's Creek is an ephemeral creek which flows through the property roughly from south to north. The water management system has been designed to protect Chapman's Creek.

### 7.1 Erosion and Sediment Management

Gunlake Quarry operates in accordance with the Gunlake Water Management Plan which contains an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan. Specifically, the Plan includes:

- Implementation of the requirements set out in the publication "Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction Volume 1, 4th Edition, 2004 (Landcom, 2004)", referred to as the '*Blue Book*' and Volume 2E Mines and Quarries (DECC, 2008);
- Detailing practices that have potential to cause erosion and generate sediment and what control measures will be adopted to minimise the impact of these practices; and
- Detailing the location function and capacity of erosion and sediment control structures and how they will be maintained.

The design of the quarry has included the construction of rock-lined drains and check dams, sediment traps and water quality control ponds to contain dirty water. These structures were constructed as part of the initial quarry development and are maintained as necessary in order ensure adequate storage to capture runoff from storm events, to maintain a nil discharge site, and to minimise erosion and sedimentation. The Independent Environmental Audit identified areas of erosion within the stormwater control system below the noise bund emplacement area that required maintenance. This was carried out in March 2020.



**Plate 6 Maintenance of Bund Wall / Overburden Emplacement Area Drainage System**

The audit also identified the need to desilt the water quality control ponds, particularly the Process Water Dam (PWD). Access to the dam to extract the silt is limited and options to do so are being investigated and implemented. In the interim to prevent further siltation of the PWD, maintenance work was undertaken on the drainage adjacent to the workshop and weigh bridge, and a silt pond installed at the end of the drain directing dirty water into the PWD. This pond is easily accessible and will be cleaned out on a regular basis.

## 7.2 Surface Water Management

### 7.2.1 Pollution Control Strategies

Gunlake Quarry operates under an approved Soil and Water Management Plan. This Plan was updated following the approval of the Gunlake Extension Project and reviewed in March 2020 to incorporate very low rainfall scenarios in the site water balance given the prolonged drought conditions.

Stormwater is collected in a series of pollution control structures which is then recycled within the process water circuit. Collected water is utilised for the:

- Crushing plant;
- Dust suppression on roads and hardstand areas;
- Pasture irrigation (when required to dispose of excess site water);
- Truck washing; and
- Non-potable domestic water.

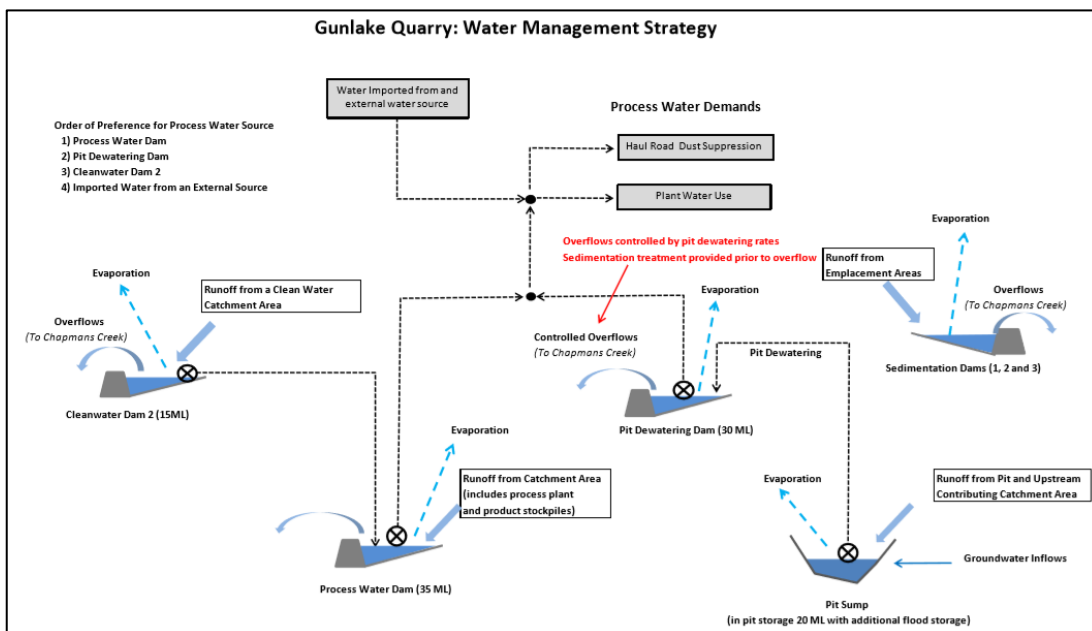


Plate 7 – Surface Water Management Plan



**Plate 8 Process Water Dam**

### **7.2.2 EIS Assessment and Predictions**

No specific assessment criteria were provided in the EIS in relation to surface water. The EIS however, made the following Surface water management objectives;

- Separation of clean and quarry water circuits using clean water diversion drains up gradient from disturbance areas. This will minimise water treatment required on site.
- Providing sedimentation basins of an appropriate size for all catchment areas based on '*Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction, Volume 2E– Mines and Quarries*' (DECC, 2008).
- Suitable management of excess water in the pit by pumping to a pit dewatering dam that will hold water for process water usage.
- The volume and frequency of site discharge will be minimised by capturing water from disturbed areas in water management dams to be used as process water.
- Site discharge locations have been established and characterised for each stage of the quarry plan.
- Model the quarry's operational water demands to estimate process water needs and supply reliability, including dam storage volumes.
- Use of an ongoing monitoring and review program to enable improvement of the Surface Water Management Plan as the operation expands.

### **7.2.3 Monitoring and Reporting**

Gunlake Quarry undertakes quarterly monitoring of surface water quality within Chapman's Creek at two sites within the project boundary to determine a basis for potential impact assessment as the quarry progresses. The data shows that the upper reaches of Chapmans

Creek are predominantly dry and only flow following heavy rain events, while the lower section towards Brayton Road at the Gunlake property boundary consists largely of unconnected stagnant pools which respond more quickly to rainfall events and tend to dry rapidly in periods of dry weather.

The sites include two sampling locations on Chapmans Creek downstream of the operation known as RW1 and RW2. RW1 is located at the Quarry entrance adjacent to Brayton Road, whilst RW2, which is often dry, is sampled approximately 1km upstream of RW1 within the property. The upstream site previously recorded as Site I is no longer monitored as sufficient background data on Chapmans Creek exists for the purposes of impact assessment.

The water quality has been monitored and significant parameters outlined in the TARPs including pH, EC and TDS have been compared to historical background levels taken at Site I in order to identify any harmful changes to the creeks' water quality. Chapman's Creek flows into Joaramin Creek approximately 1.4 km downstream from the Gunlake project boundary, and Joaramin Creek eventually flows into the Wollondilly River.

Tables 7.1 to 7.4 provide summaries of the surface water monitoring for the 2019/2020 reporting period. Monitoring is undertaken on a quarterly basis and sample results from the Process Water Dam (PWD) and the Drop Cut are also included.

**Table 7.1 Monitoring Results for RW1**

Analyte	Units	Sample Date			
		26/09/2019	10/12/2020	10/03/2020	9/06/2020
pH	pH units	7.31	7.94	8.03	8.03
Electrical Conductivity	uS/cm	1170	2160	1520	2990
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	mg/L	<5	18	6	<5
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)	mg/L	760	1400	988	1940
Total Phosphorus as P (TP)	mg/L	0.01	0.01	0.01	<0.01
Total Nitrogen as N (TN)	mg/L	7	1	4.2	0.6
Dissolved Oxygen (DO)	mg/L	9.6	8.7	8.6	11.5
Turbidity	NTU	1.1	14.1	4.3	1.3
Chloride	mg/L	304	638	405	801
Calcium	mg/L	39	56	40	80
Magnesium	mg/L	41	88	59	128
Sodium	mg/L	101	226	192	300
Potassium	mg/L	5	9	5	5
Total Arsenic	mg/L	<0.001	0.002	<0.001	<0.001
Total Cobalt	mg/L	<0.001	<0.001	0.001	<0.001
Total Copper	mg/L	<0.001	0.002	<0.001	<0.001
Total Manganese	mg/L	0.004	0.13	0.029	0.026
Total Nickel	mg/L	<0.001	0.001	0.001	<0.001
Total Zinc	mg/L	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
Total Iron	mg/L	<0.05	0.07	0.17	<0.05
Oil and Grease	Visual	None visible	None visible	None visible	None visible

**Table 7.2 Monitoring Results for RW2**

Analyte	Units	Sample Date			
		26/09/2019	10/12/2020	10/03/2020	9/06/2020
pH	pH units	7.91	DRY	7.76	7.88
Electrical Conductivity	uS/cm	1010		1200	2620
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	mg/L	20		7	6
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)	mg/L	656		780	1700
Total Phosphorus as P (TP)	mg/L	0.03		0.04	<0.01
Total Nitrogen as N (TN)	mg/L	15		2.2	0.3
Dissolved Oxygen (DO)	mg/L	9.9		8.5	11.1
Turbidity	NTU	9		11.3	0.9
Chloride	mg/L	208		289	698
Calcium	mg/L	27		28	67
Magnesium	mg/L	37		42	113

Analyte	Units	Sample Date			
		26/09/2019	10/12/2020	10/03/2020	9/06/2020
Sodium	mg/L	133		148	266
Potassium	mg/L	6		4	5
Total Arsenic	mg/L	<0.001		<0.001	<0.001
Total Cobalt	mg/L	0.002		0.002	<0.001
Total Copper	mg/L	0.001		<0.001	<0.001
Total Manganese	mg/L	0.024		0.075	0.032
Total Nickel	mg/L	<0.001		0.001	<0.001
Total Zinc	mg/L	<0.005		0.006	<0.005
Total Iron	mg/L	0.24		0.34	0.06
Oil and Grease	Visual	None visible		None visible	None visible

Due to dry weather conditions at the time of sampling and the nature of the location of Site RW2 being further upstream in Chapmans Creek, no samples were obtained for this site during December 2019.

**Table 7.3 Monitoring Results for PWD**

Analyte	Units	Sample Date			
		26/09/2019	10/12/2020	10/03/2020	9/06/2020
pH	pH units	7.83	8.18	7.67	8.09
Electrical Conductivity	uS/cm	2220	1360	659	752
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	mg/L	11	10	46	19
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)	mg/L	1440	884	428	489
Total Phosphorus as P (TP)	mg/L	0.04	<0.01	0.02	0.01
Total Nitrogen as N (TN)	mg/L	0.7	2.1	13	11.4
Dissolved Oxygen (DO)	mg/L	8.7	9.5	8	11.4
Turbidity	NTU	3.1	6	78.6	26.2
Chloride	mg/L	683	368	61	74
Calcium	mg/L	49	39	11	17
Magnesium	mg/L	85	55	14	19
Sodium	mg/L	215	144	97	107
Potassium	mg/L	5	7	5	6
Total Arsenic	mg/L	<0.001	0.001	0.002	<0.001
Total Cobalt	mg/L	<0.001	<0.001	0.002	0.002
Total Copper	mg/L	0.002	0.002	0.005	<0.001
Total Manganese	mg/L	0.051	0.025	0.07	0.022
Total Nickel	mg/L	0.002	<0.001	0.002	<0.001
Total Zinc	mg/L	<0.005	0.013	0.012	<0.005
Total Iron	mg/L	0.08	<0.05	2.44	0.76
Oil and Grease	Visual	None visible	None visible	None visible	None visible

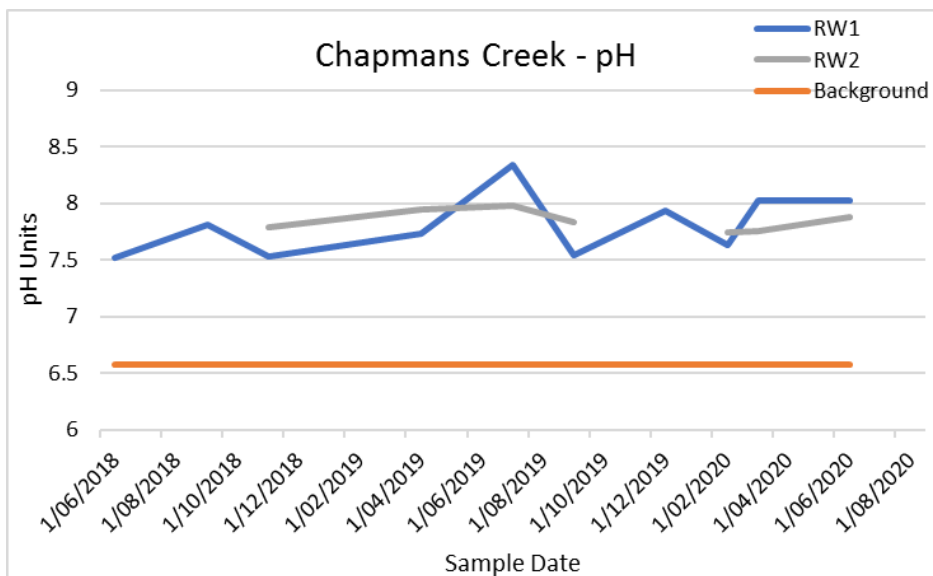
**Table 7.4 Monitoring Results for Drop Cut**

Analyte	Units	Sample Date			
		27/09/2018	29/11/2018	02/4/2019	02/7/2019
pH	pH units	No Sample	8.09	7.94	8.56
Electrical Conductivity	uS/cm		1260	882	933
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	mg/L		14	16	5
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)	mg/L		819	573	606
Total Phosphorus as P (TP)	mg/L		0.01	0.04	<0.01
Total Nitrogen as N (TN)	mg/L		11.1	5.4	5.8
Dissolved Oxygen (DO)	mg/L		9.4	8.8	11.6
Turbidity	NTU		24.3	7.3	0.9
Chloride	mg/L		349	162	216
Calcium	mg/L		42	29	34
Magnesium	mg/L		47	27	34
Sodium	mg/L		128	75	90
Potassium	mg/L		6	5	5
Total Aluminium	mg/L		1.12	----	----
Total Arsenic	mg/L		<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Total Cobalt	mg/L		<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Total Copper	mg/L		0.003	<0.001	<0.001
Total Manganese	mg/L		0.032	0.01	0.006
Total Nickel	mg/L		0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Total Zinc	mg/L		<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
Total Iron	mg/L		0.88	0.18	0.12
Oil and Grease	Visual		None visible	None visible	None visible

Graphs 7.1 - 7.5 present the water quality parameters in Chapmans Creek over the last two reporting periods. There are no site specific trigger values for the surface water monitoring sites, however the following water quality parameters and values are used as the basis for impact assessment as detailed in the SWMP:

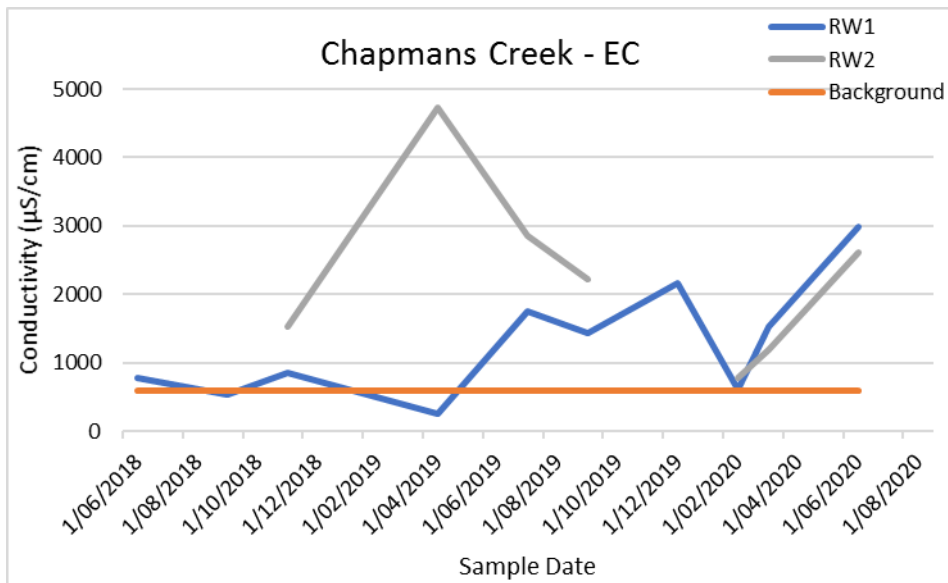
- ☐ pH 6.5 – 8.5
- ☐ Electrical conductivity <2,000  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$
- ☐ Total suspended solids <50mg/L

The monitoring results for the past two periods however show results below the assessment criteria for pH and suspended solids with fluctuating conductivity on a number of occasions exceeding the criteria for both sites in Chapmans Creek. Given the ephemeral nature of the creek it is difficult to determine trends in the water quality and therefore the cause of changes in water quality. The fluctuation in conductivity is likely due to the variation from stagnant water through to high flow events and movement of salts through the system.



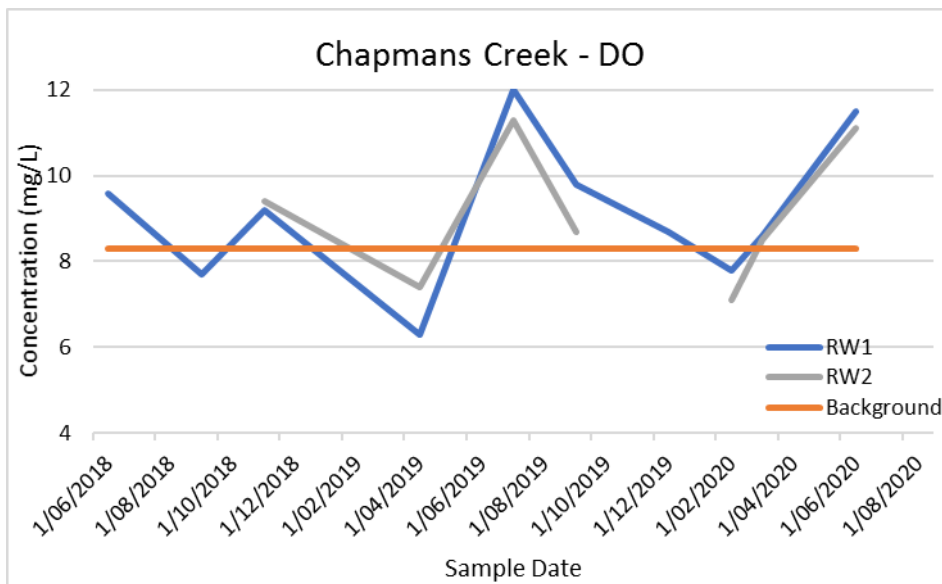
**Graph 7.1 – Chapmans Creek pH**

The data shows that water quality in Chapmans Creek is largely influenced by groundwater baseflow. Salt levels at RW1 and RW2 respectively average at 1290  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  and 2278  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  (Graph 7.2) with a pH slightly above neutral (Graph 7.1). During high flow, the salt content would likely decrease.



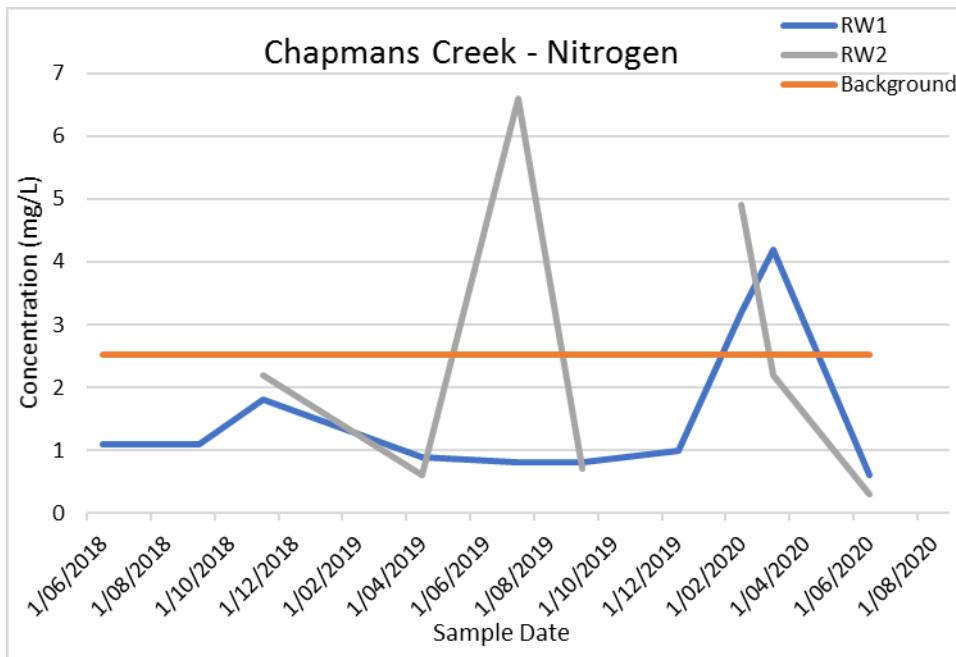
**Graph 7.2 - Chapmans Creek Electrical Conductivity**

Dissolved oxygen levels presented in Graph 7.3 remain in a range for healthy aquatic biodiversity in line with background levels from the upstream Site I.



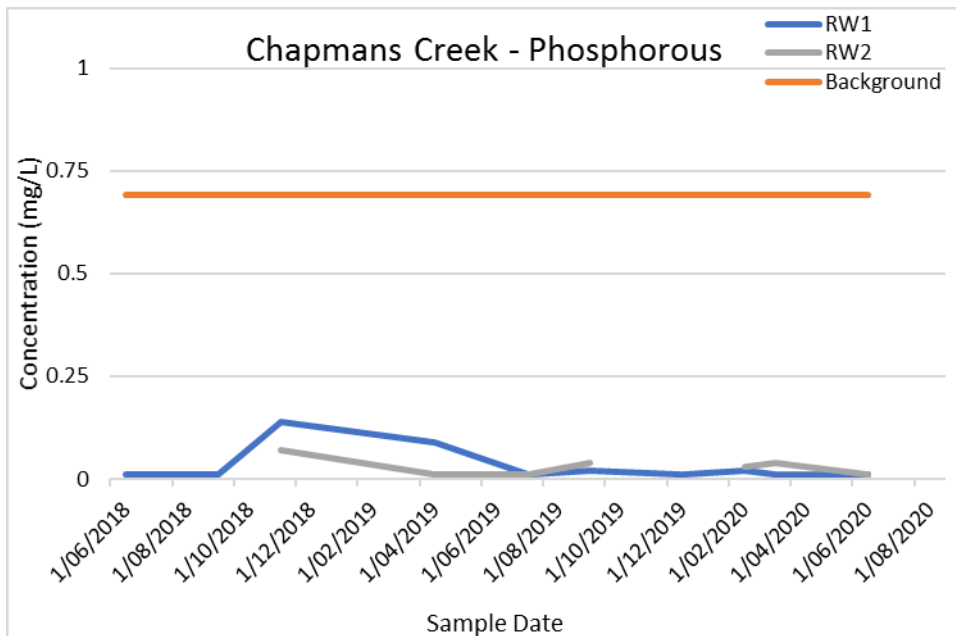
**Graph 7.3 - Chapmans Creek Dissolved Oxygen**





**Graph 7.4 – Chapmans Creek Total Nitrogen**

Levels of total Nitrogen show fluctuation which is likely due to fertilisation of the agricultural properties upstream and downstream of the quarry (Graph 7.4). Total Phosphorous levels shown in Graph 7.5 are consistently below 0.2mg/L and are well below the background average of 0.7mg/L at Site I.



**Graph 7.5 – Chapmans Creek Total Phosphorous**

### 7.2.4 Stream Health Monitoring

As with most ephemeral streams, the intermittent flow events in Chapmans Creek give rise to infrequent but often high sediment movement. Ephemeral streams tend to remain apparently stable for long periods until major storm events when high flows cause channel scour and

mass movement of sediment downstream. Although these are natural events, the loss of riparian vegetation through past agricultural activities can result in higher than normal instability of channels and banks. Four monitoring points have been identified along the creek and are monitored quarterly to observe changes over time. The results of this monitoring are included in Appendix C.

During the reporting period, no evidence of any further erosion was recorded at the four monitoring points. Erosion is minimal at point 1, as banks are shallow and are well vegetated. Even with the heavier rainfall in February 2020, no changes to erosion were visible at the second monitoring point. Highly disturbed riparian vegetation is visible at site 3. The roots of large trees growing on the embankment are exposed due to erosion, although no changes were observed in 2019/2020. The gully erosion at monitoring site 4 has not extended during this period, however continued monitoring is required following heavy rainfall.

There has been no change to the four monitoring points over the reporting period, and the creek is deemed to currently be in a stable state. Quarterly monitoring will continue over the coming reporting period with additional monitoring following heavy rainfall.

### **7.2.5 Future Improvements**

Surface water quality remains within a healthy range and will continue to be monitored on a quarterly basis in the 2020/2021 reporting period.

## **7.3 Groundwater Management**

### **7.3.1 Groundwater Monitoring**

Baseline data on static water level, water quality and rock permeability was obtained from a broad network of monitoring bores distributed around the current and future quarry area. Ongoing monitoring will continue with two groundwater monitoring bores GM6 and GM13 located in proximity to the pit. The direction of the groundwater flow is generally to the northwest following the surface topography. Bores GM24 and GM36 were last sampled in September 2018 prior to being removed as the pit area was expanded.

The Groundwater Monitoring component of the Gunlake Groundwater Management Plan provides a set of trigger levels for investigating any potential adverse groundwater impacts. The initial triggers relate to physical and chemical descriptors of water quality which may be influenced by quarrying activities. These triggers will be updated as the range of natural background variability is refined through ongoing monitoring. The current triggers relating to groundwater quality are:

- A 'significant' decrease in pH (pH less than 6); and
- A gradually increasing trend in EC and TDS values in GM6 and GM13.

Table 7.5 presents average analytical results for the background groundwater as sampled from a series of 9 groundwater monitoring bores determined from samples collected in June 2007 prior to the commencement of quarrying activities.

**Table 7.5 Summary of Background Bore Water Quality**

Analyte	Range	Average
pH (pH units)	6.8-7.3	6.9
EC (uS/cm)	720-7210	3232
Sodium (mg/L)	110-575	293
Calcium (mg/L)	17-530	224
Potassium (mg/L)	2.5-18	9.7
Magnesium (mg/L)	17-435	177
Ammonia (mg/L)	<0.1-1.4	0.7
Chloride (mg/L)	110-2620	1093
Sulphate (mg/L)	3-44	17
Bicarbonate (mg/L)	210-760	490
Carbonate (mg/L)	<1	<1
Nitrate (mg/L)	<0.1-7.1	2.02
Nitrite (mg/L)	<0.1-0.33	0.14
Phosphate (mg/L)	<0.01-0.04	0.02
Total Phosphorous (mg/L)	0.33-4.0	1.16
Copper (mg/L)	0.001-0.003	0.002
Lead (mg/L)	<0.001	<0.001
Zinc (mg/L)	0.002-0.010	0.005
Cadmium (mg/L)	<0.0002	<0.0002
Chromium (mg/L)	<0.01	<0.01
Nickel (mg/L)	<0.01	<0.01
Total Iron (mg/L)	14-82	42
Dissolved Iron (mg/L)	<0.01-0.69	0.09
Arsenic (mg/L)	<0.01	<0.01
Mercury (mg/L)	<0.0001	<0.0001

Tables 7.6 to 7.7 show the monitoring data during the reporting period for bores GM6 and GM13.

**Table 7.6 Groundwater Quality Monitoring Results and Summary GM 6**

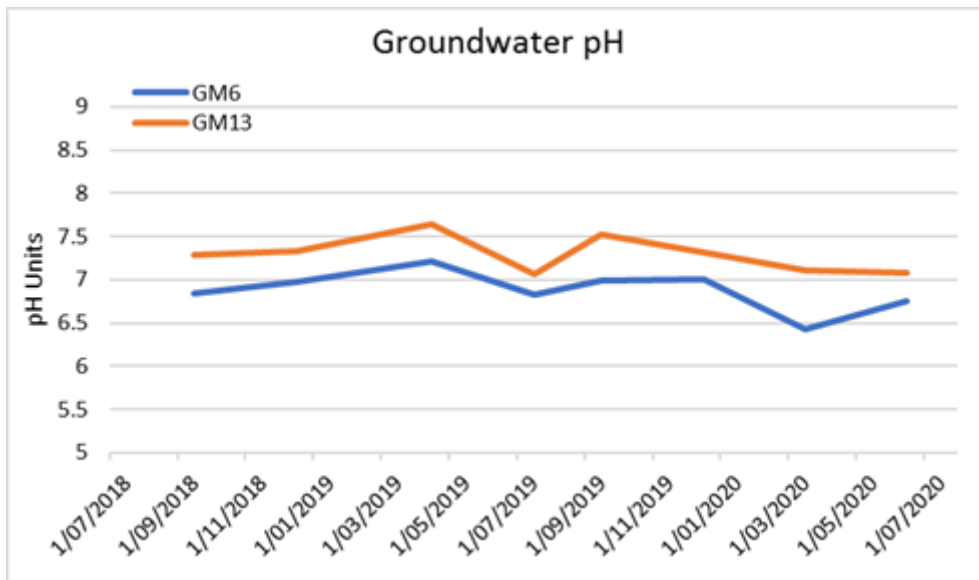
Parameter	Unit of Measure	Sample Date: 26/9/19	Sample Date: 10/12/19	Sample Date: 10/3/20	Sample Date: 9/6/20	Reporting Period Average
pH	pH units	6.99	7.01	6.43	6.75	6.795
Electrical Conductivity	uS/cm	281	294	289	280	286
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	183		188	182	184.3
Hardness	mg/L	71	80	55	62	67
Chloride	mg/L	30	35	32	34	32.75
Sulfate	mg/L	<1	<1	6	6	6
Bicarbonate alkalinity	mg/L	88	93	42	67	72.5
Carbonate alkalinity	mg/L	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Hydroxide alkalinity	mg/L	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Total alkalinity	mg/L	88	93	42	67	72.5
Calcium	mg/L	12	14	9	10	11.25
Iron (dissolved)	mg/L	0.58	2.0	0.1	0.07	0.7
Magnesium	mg/L	10	11	8	9	9.5
Potassium	mg/L	4	4	5	29	10.5
Sodium	mg/L	25	28	28	5	21.5
Iron (total)	mg/L	2.65	5.28	3.72	1.64	3.3
Arsenic	mg/L	0.001	0.002	0.001	<0.001	0.001
Cadmium	mg/L	<0.0001	<0.0001	0.0003	0.0001	0.0002
Chromium	mg/L	0.003	0.003	0.007	0.003	0.004
Copper	mg/L	0.005	0.004	0.023	0.006	0.01
Lead	mg/L	0.004	0.005	0.023	0.011	0.01

Parameter	Unit of Measure	Sample Date: 26/9/19	Sample Date: 10/12/19	Sample Date: 10/3/20	Sample Date: 9/6/20	Reporting Period Average
Mercury	mg/L	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001
Nickel	mg/L	0.014	0.014	0.011	0.012	0.01
Zinc	mg/L	0.012	0.012	0.047	0.017	0.02
Ammonia as N	mg/L	0.45	0.38	0.11	<0.01	0.3
Nitrite as N	mg/L	<0.01	0.15	<0.01	0.03	0.06
Nitrate as N	mg/L	0.11	0.15	7.27	2.07	2.4
Total Phosphorus as P	mg/L	0.04	0.04	0.09	0.1	0.07
Reactive Phosphorus	mg/L	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01

**Table 7.7 Groundwater Quality Monitoring Results and Summary GM 13**

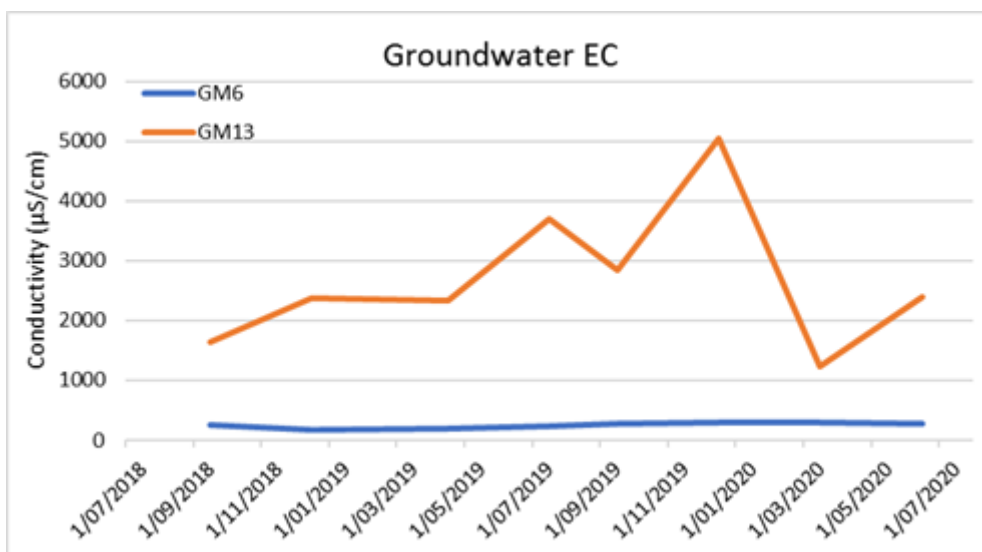
Parameter	Unit of Measure	Sample Date: 26/9/19	Sample Date: 10/12/19	Sample Date: 10/3/20	Sample Date: 9/6/20	Reporting Period Average
pH	pH units	7.52	7.32	7.11	7.08	7.23
Electrical Conductivity	µS/cm	2840	5040	1230	2400	2877.5
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	1850	3280	800	1560	1872.5
Hardness	mg/L	994	1770	371	763	974.5
Chloride	mg/L	844	1440	280	636	800
Sulfate	mg/L	10	15	7	8	10
Bicarbonate alkalinity	mg/L	283	409	174	194	265
Carbonate alkalinity	mg/L	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Hydroxide alkalinity	mg/L	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Total alkalinity	mg/L	283	409	174	194	265
Calcium	mg/L	177	308	63	134	170.5
Iron (dissolved)	mg/L	0.33	0.32	<0.05	<0.05	0.2
Magnesium	mg/L	134	244	52	104	133.5
Potassium	mg/L	12	17	7	152	47
Sodium	mg/L	208	338	102	9	164.25
Iron (total)	mg/L	0.47	0.71	0.64	0.23	0.5
Arsenic	mg/L	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Cadmium	mg/L	<0.0001	<0.0001	0.0002	0.0003	0.0002
Chromium	mg/L	0.003	0.003	0.002	0.001	0.002
Copper	mg/L	0.013	0.015	0.009	0.006	0.01
Lead	mg/L	<0.001	<0.001	0.001	<0.001	0.001
Mercury	mg/L	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.001	<0.0001
Nickel	mg/L	0.018	0.013	0.004	0.005	0.01
Zinc	mg/L	0.033	0.052	0.014	0.015	0.03
Ammonia as N	mg/L	0.17	0.22	0.1	0.98	0.4
Nitrite as N	mg/L	<0.01	<0.01	0.5	0.03	0.1
Nitrate as N	mg/L	0.14	0.15	14.2	15.2	7.4
Total Phosphorus as P	mg/L	0.01	0.01	0.01	<0.01	0.01
Reactive Phosphorus	mg/L	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01

The monitoring to date shows that the groundwater varies from slightly basic to slightly acidic, having a narrow range of 1pH unit from 6.43 to 7.52 across the sites for the reporting period (Graph 7.6). The lowest pH recorded during the reporting period was 6.43 for GM6 which is slightly lower than the trigger level of 6.5. Subsequent monitoring showed a normal pH range and no further investigation under the trigger action response plan was required. It should be noted that the quarry does not undertake any processes, store or use any materials that would cause a low pH to occur in the groundwater.



**Graph 7.6 – Monitoring Bore Ground Water - pH**

The bores show typical groundwater characteristics with conductivity ranging from 280 uS/cm to 294 uS/cm in bore GM6 and 1,230 uS/cm to 5,040 uS/cm for GM13 (Graph 7.7). The concentration of GM6 has remained relatively consistent, although GM13 shows a gradual increase during the prolonged drought conditions, followed by a decline following high levels of rainfall. The concentration in December 2019 exceeds the ANZECC Livestock Drinking Water Guideline which has been adopted as the assessment criteria for groundwater quality. This result however, is not a concern as the levels decline substantially in subsequent monitoring in 2020 following the relief from the drought. The Trigger Action Response Plan as detailed in the Soil and Water Management Plan requires ongoing monitoring if an exceedance of the criteria occurs to establish any trends or correlations to quarrying activities to determine if the quarry is causing the increase in EC.



**Graph 7.7 – Monitoring Bore Ground Water - Electrical Conductivity**

The salt content consists largely of chloride, magnesium and sodium ions. The background levels shown in Table 7.5 show conductivity levels in excess of 7,000 uS/cm but having the same characteristics being dominated by chloride, sodium, magnesium and low levels of sulphates and metals with the exception of iron. Variability in concentration of parameters

between sites indicate local changes in geology, particularly for conductivity and iron. There has been no significant change in metal concentrations in either bore during the reporting period and remain low.

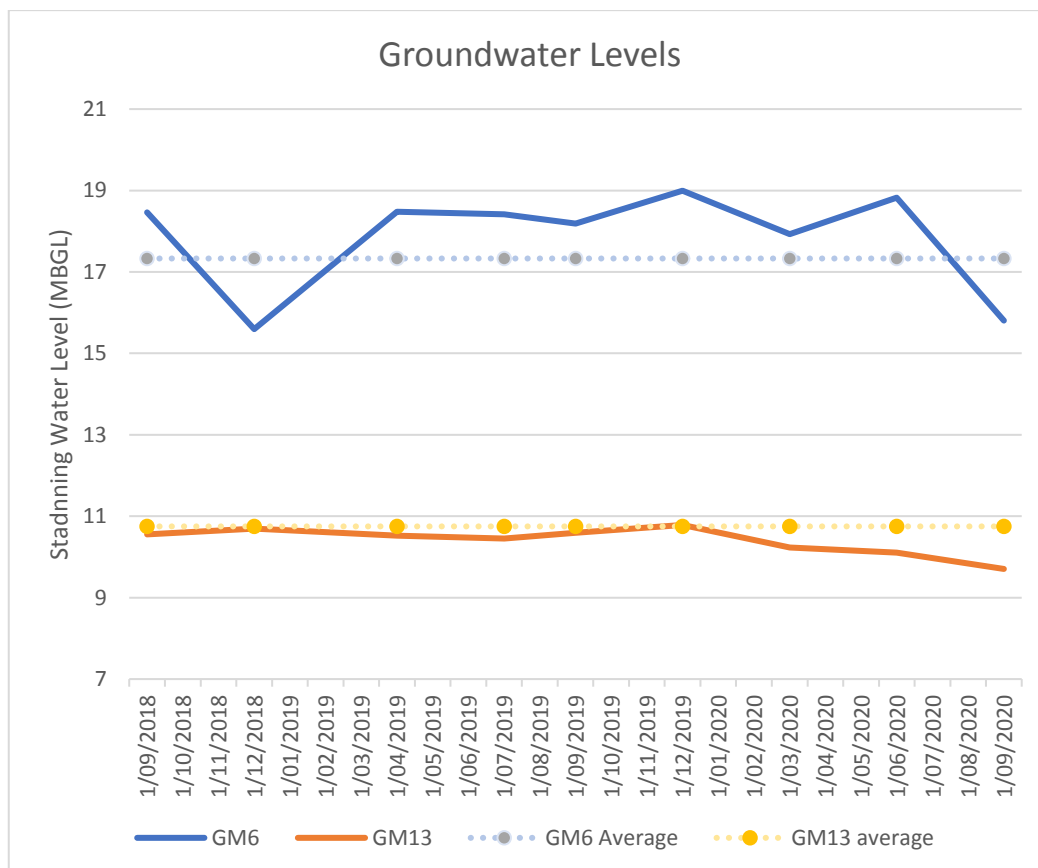
There are indications of some low levels of nutrients such as nitrate and phosphorus which could have come from agricultural practices in the area.

### 7.3.2 Groundwater Levels

The EIS has made assumptions of predicted groundwater levels using a series of transient models used to simulate the staged expansion of the extension project. The incorporation of the expanded pit shows levels of stress on the groundwater system. At the end of each development stage, the EIS has predicted the following impacts to the groundwater table:

- Stage 1: During the first five years excavation will only occur above the groundwater table, and no impacts on groundwater are predicted.
- Stage 2: Years 5 – 10 will see an interception of the groundwater table, resulting in a predicted 2m drawdown contour extending 300m from the edge of the pit.
- Stage 3: From year 10 – 20, the 2m drawdown contour will extend up to 1km from the pit footprint edge.
- Stage 4: During years 20 – 30, it is predicted that the drawdown will extend up to 1.5km.

The groundwater levels recorded during the reporting period are presented in Graph 7.8 below.



Graph 7.8 - GW6 and GW13 Depth

Bore GW06 remained very stable during the reporting period, with a range from 15.53m to 19.0m below ground level, while GM13 followed a similar but less pronounced trend for the reporting period with an average standing water level of 10.75m and a range of 0.68m (Graph 7.8).

The depth range of these bores can be attributed to recharge of local aquifers following rainfall as can be seen in the slight reduction of depth in February and August 2020. The results indicate that the quarry development is not impacting the standing water level in the bores. The decrease in water level was attributable to the drought conditions but did not fall by more than 20% in either bore and therefore did not trigger further investigations as would have been required by the Trigger Action Response plan. These results are also in line with the EIS predictions. Bore monitoring will continue in the coming reporting period and expansion of the monitoring network with additional bore/s on the western side of the quarry will be examined.

### **7.3.3 Water Take**

Gunlake quarry holds water access licence WAL42340 which allows for 37ML groundwater take per annum. No groundwater was extracted or used during the reporting period. The EIS predicts that groundwater will not be intercepted in the pit until year 5 of quarry operations.

### **7.3.4 Future Improvements**

There are no apparent significant variations or developing trends in groundwater quality as a result of the quarrying activity undertaken to date. The monitoring program will continue on a quarterly basis in the 2020/2021 period.

## 8. REHABILITATION

### 8.1 Rehabilitation Performance and Objectives

The Applicant must rehabilitate the site to the satisfaction of the Secretary. This rehabilitation must be generally consistent with the rehabilitation strategy in the EIS and must comply with the objectives in Table 8.1.

**Table 8.1 Rehabilitation Objectives**

Feature	Objective
Site (as a whole)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe, stable and non-polluting</li> <li>• Final landform integrated with surrounding natural landforms as far as is reasonable and feasible</li> <li>• Final landform has minimal visual impact when viewed from surrounding land</li> </ul>
Surface Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decommissioned and removed, unless otherwise agreed by the Secretary</li> </ul>
Land identified as the Biodiversity Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conserved and enhanced with native, endemic vegetation consistent with the objectives</li> </ul>
Riparian Corridors along Chapman Creek and its tributaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stabilised and vegetated</li> </ul>
Quarry benches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Landscaped and vegetated using native tree and understorey species</li> </ul>
Final Void	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimise the size, depth and slope of the batters of the final void</li> <li>• Minimise the drainage catchment of the final void</li> </ul>

**Table 8.2 Rehabilitation Performance**

Area of Rehabilitation	Site Comment
Extent of the operations and rehabilitation at completion of the reporting period	During the reporting period the quarry was expanded further to the south and west as approved in the Gunlake Extension Project. Existing rehabilitation on the bund wall was maintained. Approximately 600 trees were planted on overburden benches, along with seeding and stormwater erosion works.
Agreed post- rehabilitation land use	The final land use will comprise the final void, rehabilitated emplacement area, conservations areas and agricultural areas within the Gunlake property.
Key rehabilitation performance indicators	<p>The following performance criteria apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key indicator species present in equivalent density to target vegetation community.</li> <li>• Indicator species successfully seed in two consecutive years.</li> </ul>



Area of Rehabilitation	Site Comment
Any other Rehabilitation Taken including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exploration activities;</li> <li>• Infrastructure;</li> <li>• Dams; and</li> <li>• The installation or maintenance of fences, bunds and any other works</li> </ul>	There was no other rehabilitation undertaken during the reporting period. Fencing of the Biodiversity area was completed.  Ongoing repair of erosion controls within stormwater management system.
Any rehabilitation areas which have received formal sign off from DRG	N/A
Variations to activities undertaken to those proposed (including why there were variations and whether DRG was notified)	No
Outcomes of trials, research projects and other initiatives	No trials were undertaken during the reporting period
Key issues that may affect successful rehabilitation	There are a number of issues that affect rehabilitation success and these include low volume of topsoil, extreme drought condition, feral animals, and seedling quality.

## 8.2 Progressive Rehabilitation Strategy

Gunlake has adopted a progressive approach to the rehabilitation of disturbed areas to ensure that where practicable areas where quarrying or overburden placement is completed are progressively shaped and vegetated to provide a stable landform. The rehabilitation of the site has been designed to integrate the re-establishment of agricultural land with the conservation of native vegetation and the creation of a riparian habitat corridor.

The outer extent of the overburden emplacement bund to the north east of the processing area has been shaped and revegetation work undertaken on the completed batters progressively (Plate 9). Maintenance of the rehabilitated area was undertaken during the reporting period, with infill planting of tubestock, weed control and maintenance of water control structures.

As previously discussed, the drought significantly restricted the rehabilitation activities at the site during the past two reporting periods. Water levels in the drop cut and process water dam were at historic low levels and water was required to be maintained for dust suppression, processing and firefighting, therefore leaving no water for irrigation. Following some rain in February 2020, the first three completed batters at the northern end of the western overburden emplacement area were planted with 600 tubestock to commence rehabilitation of this area (Plate 10).



**Plate 9 Rehabilitation of Bund Wall / Overburden Emplacement Area**



**Plate 10 Rehabilitation of Western Overburden Emplacement Area**

### **8.3 Key Environmental Issues and Management Measures**

Due to active quarry development and emplacement of overburden rehabilitation areas are essentially limited to the noise bund wall and first three batters of the northern end of the western emplacement area. Replacement of unsuccessful tubestock, weed and erosion control comprise the main management measures for the rehabilitation area at present.

## 8.4 Actions for the Next Reporting Period

**Table 8.3 Actions for the Next Reporting Period**

Action	Site Comment
Describe the steps to be undertaken to progress agreement during next reporting period, where final rehabilitation outcomes have not yet been agreed between stakeholders	There will be further rehabilitation of the bund wall and western overburden emplacement following final shaping in the next Annual Review period.
Outline proposed rehabilitation trials, research projects and other initiatives to be undertaken during next reporting period.	Monitoring of the conservation and offset areas will be undertaken during the next Annual Review period.
Summary of rehabilitation activities proposed for next report period.	There will be further rehabilitation of the bund wall and western overburden emplacement following final shaping as well as further maintenance and weed spraying in the next Annual Review period.

## 9. COMMUNITY RELATIONS

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### 9.1 Community Consultation

Gunlake management is required keep the local community and relevant agencies informed about the construction, operation and environmental performance of the project. A Community Consultative Committee (CCC) has been formed. Information is provided CCC along with other members of the community on request. The CCC is independently chaired and currently meets approximately three to four times per year. Minutes are available on the website.

Three CCC meetings were held during the reporting period, on the 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019, 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020. These meetings discussed the Primary Transport Route Update, current employment, road use, provided a community update, and discussed the Biodiversity Modification DA.

Gunlake is committed to supporting the local community and welcome input from the Committee on other local Community events or projects that may benefit from Gunlake's support. Community events that Gunlake were involved in during 2019/2020 are listed below:

- Financially supporting the installation of new playground equipment at Marulan Public School in August 2020;
- Gunlake has previously been the major sponsor of the Marulan Australia Day celebrations which were cancelled in 2020 due to Covid-19. Alternatively, the sponsorship funds were donated to the Marulan Rural Fire Brigade;
- Continued involvement in the Goulburn District Education Foundation's (GDEF) scholarship program, in which 30 grants were awarded during the reporting period;
- Following the Morton bushfire, Gunlake loaned a ute to Bundanoon Wombat Care for providing food and water to wildlife and maintaining feed stations in response to the bushfire crisis;
- Gunlake was a co-sponsor of the Clockmakers weekend and time piece display in Marulan in October 2019;
- Major sponsor of the 2019 Marulan Kite Festival's Art and Photographic Exhibition
- Continued membership of Goulburn Mulwaree Council's Marulan Village Plan Working Party;
- Jointly funded the new BBQ cover in Tony Onions Park;
- Unfortunately, the annual Tallong Apple day in which Gunlake has been an ongoing sponsor was cancelled in May 2020 due to Covid-19.

Community liaison and support will continue in the coming reporting period.

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## 9.2 Blast Liaison

In accordance with Schedule 3, Condition 13 of the Development Consent, Gunlake undertakes a notification process as detailed in the Noise and Blast Management Plan:

## 9.3 Community Complaints

A complaints register is provided on Gunlake's website. One complaint was received during the reporting period on the 30/08/2019. The complainant reported that his house shook from blast vibration and that the blast was not monitored. The blast contractor was contacted by the quarry manager and it was confirmed that the blast was monitored as required and that the blast criteria were not exceeded. The complainant was then contacted and advised of the findings. The complaint was closed on the 5/09/2019.

## 10. INDEPENDENT AUDIT

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Condition 11 of Schedule 5 of the Development Consent for the project requires an independent environmental audit to be undertaken within a year of commencing development under the consent and every three years thereafter. The first independent environmental audit covered the date of commencement of SSD 2017/108663, that is, 7th August 2018 to 30th September 2019. The audit report is available on the Gunlake Quarries website.

### 10.1 Audit Methodology

The independent audit included detailed inspections of the quarry operation, review of existing management plans and interviews with key management personnel. As part of the audit, advice from the following agencies and organisations was obtained:

- Chair and other members of the Community Consultative Committee
- Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Environment.
- Roads and Maritime Services.
- WaterNSW.
- Goulburn Mulwaree Shire Council.
- Environment Protection Authority.
- Office of Environment and Heritage.

All environmental reports and monitoring data were reviewed and the effectiveness of the environmental management procedures operating at the quarry was assessed. The audit also determined that status of implementation of environmental controls and commitments made in the EIS and SSD approval process.

### 10.2 Areas of improvement

The audit found that overall, the site is well managed. Areas of concern often relate to external factors outside of the control of Gunlake. Areas of improvement have been outlined below:

- Rehabilitation work undertaken over recent years is surviving, although showing signs of stress. Ground cover is sparse which can create dust and potential for erosion, however revegetating these areas was not possible during the time leading up to the audit due to prolonged drought conditions and minimal soil moisture.
- The weed growth on site was noted by the audit and has been addressed. This appears to be caused by the spread of weeds from neighbouring agricultural land.
- Fuel and oil storage and handling systems can be improved by additional bunding and control of delivery drip points. The current systems are not a non-compliance issue and are currently adequately managed there is a risk of future contamination if not upgraded.

## 10.3 Audit Recommendations and Actions

The following table details the status of implementation of recommendations from the independent audit.

**Table 10.1- Summary of Recommendations**

Recommendations from Audit	Actions
Update the Rehabilitation and Biodiversity Offset Management Plan following determination of the SSD MOD1 application and approval from OEH of the BioBanking Agreement.	Plan will be updated within three months of determination of SSD MOD 1 which is scheduled for hearing at the NSW L&E Court in February 2021.
Repair areas of erosion within the stormwater control system below the original emplacement area.	Works complete.
Spray areas of tussock and blackberry	Action works commenced with on-site weed spray vehicle and trained staff
Investigate the performance of the sewage treatment system and investigate causes of elevated nitrogen downstream of the site.	Sewerage treatment system serviced in December 2019, nitrogen levels in creek have improved during storm events.
Review and update the Water Management Plan with respect to very low rainfall scenarios and determine if there are opportunities to store and conserve additional water on site.	Completed March 2020
Review the existing groundwater monitoring program with a view to increasing the number of monitoring bores, particularly on the western side of the quarry footprint in order to more accurately determine draw down as the quarry develops.	Completed March 2020
When rainfall improves determining the presence of seeps and springs on nearby privately-owned land in accordance with Condition 22 iv) point 6.	All accessible seeps have been investigated, access to adjacent properties will now be required.
When soil moisture improves, revegetated bare and eroded sections within the rehabilitation areas.	Monitoring rainfall and regrowth which is extensive at present. Reseeding of certain areas ongoing.
Ensure all stormwater ponds are desilted following storm events to maintain capacity.	Ongoing.
Determine any additional external sources of dust which affect the readings of DDG3.	Completed, nothing other than drought and surrounding agricultural practices found.

Recommendations from Audit	Actions
Undertake water quality monitoring when water flowing in both of the surface water monitoring sites.	Completed and ongoing following recent rain.
Determine species diversity in the Biodiversity Offset Area to enable comparison with undisturbed vegetation communities. Plan for the potential for additional sowing or planting of tube stock to supplement ground cover and shrubs which are currently missing.	All work will be performed in accordance with the Biobank and Conservation Agreements, in accordance with the Rehabilitation and Biodiversity Offset Management Plan.
Ensure regular driver training is conducted in accordance with the Driver Code of Conduct and Transport Management Plan.	All drivers have now completed a Driver reinduction to site (February 2020), which includes the Driver Code of Conduct.
Update Environmental Management Strategy.	Completed March 2020.





## 11. INCIDENTS AND NON-COMPLIANCES

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No incidents occurred at Gunlake Quarry during the reporting period, and as such the Pollution Incident Response Management Plan was not activated. Non-compliances relating to dust monitoring are described in Section 6.3.6.

Non-compliances identified in the Independent Environmental Audit were of an administrative nature and did not pose a risk to the environment, increase environmental impacts or otherwise detract from the intent of the conditions and were addressed in Gunlake's response to DPIE.

## 12. ACTIVITIES PROPOSED FOR NEXT AEMR PERIOD

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The following activities are planned to be undertaken in the coming reporting period:

- Further development of quarry benches in the Gunlake Extension Project Area;
- Rehabilitation of completed benches on western emplacement area and noise bund wall;
- Ongoing program for desilting of sediment ponds and stormwater erosion control system;
- Continue environmental monitoring in accordance with management plans, EPL and consent requirements;
- Continue to update the website with monitoring data;
- Management of conservation areas as per conservation agreement;
- Spraying of tussock and blackberry;
- Determination of development consent modification reduction in biodiversity areas; and
- Ongoing driver training in accordance with the Driver Code of Conduct and Transport Management Plan.



## APPENDIX A – Development Consent

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**ANNEXURE 'A'**  
**OF S34 AGREEMENT FILED 30 JUNE 2017**  
**IN PROCEEDINGS NO: 108663 OF 2017**

**CONDITIONS OF CONSENT**

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## DEFINITIONS

Aboriginal item or object	Any item or object that provides evidence of the use of an area by Aboriginal people, as defined under the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974</i>
AHD	Australian Height Datum
Annual Review	The review required by condition 10 of Schedule 5
Applicant	Gunlake Quarries Pty Ltd, or any other person/s who rely on this consent to carry out the development that is subject to this consent
BCA	Building Code of Australia
Biodiversity offset strategy	The conservation and enhancement strategy described in the EIS
Calendar Month	The first day of the month until the last day of the month
CCC	Community Consultative Committee
Conditions of consent	Conditions contained in Schedules 2 to 5 inclusive
Construction	The demolition of buildings or works, carrying out of works and erection of buildings covered by this consent
Council	Goulburn Mulwaree Council
Cured concrete waste	Cured concrete waste from a batch plant as defined in clause 49, Definitions of waste classifications, in Schedule 1 of the <i>POEO Act</i> , as in force from time to time
Day	The period from 7am to 6pm on Monday to Saturday, and 8am to 6pm on Sundays and Public Holidays
Department	Department of Planning and Environment
Development	The development as described in the documents listed in condition 2(a) of Schedule 2
DPI Water	Department of Primary Industries – Water
DPI Fisheries	Department of Primary Industries – Fisheries
DRG	Division of Resources and Geosciences within the Department
EEC	Endangered Ecological Community
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement titled <i>Gunlake Quarry Extension Project</i> , dated April 2016 and prepared by EMM, and the Response to Submissions report titled <i>Gunlake Quarry Extension Project Response to Submissions</i> , dated September 2016 and prepared by EMM
EPA	NSW Environment Protection Authority
EP&A Act	<i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i>
EP&A Regulation	<i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000</i>
EPL	Environment Protection Licence under the <i>POEO Act</i>
Evening	The period from 6pm to 10pm
Feasible	Feasible relates to engineering considerations and what is practical to build
GPS	Global Positioning System
Incident	A set of circumstances that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• causes or threatens to cause material harm to the environment; and/or</li> <li>• breaches or exceeds the limits or performance measures/criteria in this consent</li> </ul>
INP	<i>NSW Industrial Noise Policy</i> (NSW EPA, 2000)
Laden trucks	Trucks transporting quarry products from the site and/or trucks transporting cured concrete waste to the site
Land	As defined in the EP&A Act, except where the term is used in the noise and air quality conditions in Schedules 3 and 4 of this consent, where it is defined as the whole of a lot, or contiguous lots owned by the same landowner, in a current plan registered at the Land Titles Office at the date of this consent
Material harm to the environment	Actual or potential harm to the health or safety of human beings or to ecosystems that is not trivial
Minister	Minister for Planning, or delegate
Mitigation	Activities associated with reducing the impacts of the development
Negligible	Small and unimportant, such as to be not worth considering
Night	The period from 10pm to 7am on Monday to Saturday, and 10pm to 8am on Sundays and Public Holidays
OEH	Office of Environment and Heritage
POEO Act	<i>Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997</i>
Primary transport route	Route from the site along Brayton Road, Ambrose Road and Red Hills Road
Privately-owned land	Land that is not owned by a public agency, the Applicant (or its subsidiary) or another quarry-owning company
Public infrastructure	Linear and other infrastructure that provides services to the general public, such as roads, railways, water supply, drainage, sewerage, gas supply, electricity, telephone, telecommunications, etc.
Quarrying operations	The extraction, processing, stockpiling and transportation of extractive materials carried out on the site, the associated removal of vegetation, topsoil and overburden, and the associated emplacement of overburden
Quarry products	Includes all saleable quarry products, but excludes tailings and other wastes
Reasonable	Reasonable relates to the application of judgement in arriving at a decision, taking into account: mitigation benefits, cost of mitigation versus benefits provided, community views and the nature and extent of potential improvements
Rehabilitation	The restoration of land disturbed by the development to a good condition and for the purpose of establishing a safe, stable and non-polluting environment

RMS	Roads and Maritime Services
Secondary transport route	Route from the site to the Marulan interchange on the Hume Highway, along Brayton Road, across George Street, and under the Hume Highway
Secretary	Secretary of the Department, or nominee
Site	The land identified in Schedule 1
Truck movements	Truck movements mean heavy vehicle one-way trips, either entering or leaving the site

## SCHEDULE 2 ADMINISTRATIVE CONDITIONS

### OBLIGATION TO MINIMISE HARM TO THE ENVIRONMENT

1. In addition to meeting the specific performance measures and criteria established under this consent, the Applicant must implement all reasonable and feasible measures to prevent and/or minimise any material harm to the environment that may result from the construction, operation, or rehabilitation of the development.

### TERMS OF CONSENT

2. The Applicant must carry out the development:
  - (a) generally in accordance with the EIS; and
  - (b) in accordance with the conditions of this consent, the Development Layout Plan and the Statement of Commitments.

*Notes: The Development Layout Plan is included in Appendix 1  
The Statement of Commitments is included in Appendix 2*

3. If there is any inconsistency between the documents in condition 2(a), the most recent document shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency. However, the conditions of this consent shall prevail over all documents in condition 2(a) to the extent of any inconsistency.
4. The Applicant must comply with any requirement/s of the Secretary arising from the Department's assessment of:
  - (a) any strategies, plans, programs, reviews, audits, reports or correspondence that are submitted in accordance with this consent (including any stages of these documents);
  - (b) any reviews, reports or audits undertaken or commissioned by the Department regarding compliance with this consent; and
  - (c) the implementation of any actions or measures contained in these documents.

### LIMITS ON CONSENT

#### Quarrying Operations

5. The Applicant may carry out quarrying operations on the site for 25 years from the date of notification, as stipulated under Condition 10(a), Schedule 2.

*Note: Under this consent, the Applicant is required to rehabilitate the site and carry out additional undertakings to the satisfaction of the Secretary. Consequently, this consent will continue to apply in all other respects other than the right to conduct quarrying operations until the rehabilitation of the site and those undertakings have been carried out to a satisfactory standard.*

6. The Applicant must not undertake quarrying operations below a level of 572 m AHD.
7. The Applicant must not transport more than 2 million tonnes of quarry products from the site in any calendar year.
8. The Applicant must not receive more than 30,000 tonnes of cured concrete waste on the site in any calendar year. The volume of cured concrete waste held on site at any one time must not exceed 2,500 tonnes. No other material classified as waste under the *EPA Waste Classification Guidelines 2014* (or its latest version) may be received on site.

#### Quarry Product Transport

9. The Applicant must limit laden and unladen truck movements, taken together, as follows:
  - (a) where road works required by condition 26 of Schedule 3 of this consent have not been completed to the satisfaction of the relevant roads authorities:
    - i. no more than 164, including no more than 25 outbound laden movements on the secondary transport route, per working day (averaged over the working days in each calendar month); and
    - ii. a maximum of 320, including a maximum of 38 outbound laden truck movements on the secondary transport route, on any working day;
  - (b) until annual quarry production exceeds 1 million tonnes:
    - i. no more than 196, including no more than 25 outbound laden movements on the secondary transport route, per working day (averaged over the working days in each calendar month); and
    - ii. a maximum of 440, including a maximum of 38 outbound laden truck movements on the secondary transport route, on any working day;



- (c) after annual quarry production exceeds 1 million tonnes and until annual quarry production exceeds 1.5 million tonnes:
- i. no more than 292, including no more than 25 outbound laden movements on the secondary transport route, per working day (averaged over the working days in each calendar month); and
  - ii. a maximum of 470, including a maximum of 38 outbound laden truck movements on the secondary transport route, on any working day; and
- (d) after annual quarry production exceeds 1.5 million tonnes and until and whilever annual quarry production is 2 million tonnes:
- i. no more than 370, including no more than 25 outbound laden movements on the secondary transport route, per working day (averaged over the working days in each calendar month, except for the 2-monthly periods of November/December and January/February, during which it may be averaged over the working days in the relevant 2-monthly period); and
  - ii. a maximum of 490, including a maximum of 38 outbound laden truck movements on the secondary transport route, on any working day.

The Applicant must advise the Secretary in writing of the satisfaction of the relevant roads authorities under paragraph (a) above and its intention to undertake truck movements in accordance with the production limits specified in paragraphs (b), (c) or (d) above.

Note: In this condition:

'working day' means any day on which the Applicant may load and despatch trucks (see condition 4 of Schedule 3);

'annual quarry production' means annual quarry production as shown in the production data report to be provided to DRG and the Secretary in condition 17 of schedule 2.

#### **NOTIFICATION OF COMMENCEMENT**

10. The Applicant must notify the Department in writing of the date on which it will commence:
- (a) development permitted under this consent, at least 14 days prior to commencing that development; and
  - (b) quarrying operations under this consent, at least 14 days prior to commencing those operations.

#### **SURRENDER OF EXISTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS**

11. Within six months of commencing development under this consent, or as otherwise agreed by the Secretary, the Applicant must surrender the project approval MP 07\_0074 for the Gunlake Quarry granted on 24 September 2008, in accordance with the EP&A Regulation.

*Note: This requirement does not extend to the surrender of construction and occupation certificates for existing and proposed building works under Part 4A of the EP&A Act. The surrender of the project approval should not be understood as implying that works legally constructed can no longer be legally maintained or used.*

12. Following the commencement of development under this consent, the conditions of this consent shall prevail to the extent of any inconsistency with the conditions of project approval MP 07\_0074.

#### **STRUCTURAL ADEQUACY**

13. The Applicant must ensure that all new buildings and structures, and any alterations or additions to existing buildings and structures, are constructed in accordance with the relevant requirements of the BCA.

*Notes:*

- Under Part 4A of the EP&A Act, the Applicant is required to obtain construction and occupation certificates for the proposed building works; and
- Part 8 of the EP&A Regulation sets out the requirements for the certification of the development or project.

#### **DEMOLITION**

14. The Applicant must ensure that all demolition work is carried out in accordance with *Australian Standard AS 2601-2001: The Demolition of Structures*, or its latest version.

#### **PROTECTION OF PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE**

15. Unless the Applicant and the applicable authority agree otherwise, the Applicant must:
- (a) repair, or pay the full costs associated with repairing, any public infrastructure that is damaged by the development; and

- (b) relocate, or pay the full costs associated with relocating, any public infrastructure that needs to be relocated as a result of the development.

*Note: This condition does not apply to damage to roads caused as a result of general road usage or otherwise addressed by contributions required by condition 21 of Schedule 2.*

#### **OPERATION OF PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

- 16. The Applicant must ensure that all the plant and equipment used at the site is:
  - (a) maintained in a proper and efficient condition; and
  - (b) operated in a proper and efficient manner.

#### **PRODUCTION DATA**

- 17. The Applicant must:
  - (a) provide annual quarry production data to DRG and the Secretary using the standard form for that purpose; and
  - (b) include a copy of this data in the Annual Review.

#### **IDENTIFICATION OF APPROVED EXTRACTION LIMITS**

- 18. Prior to commencing quarrying operations under this consent, the Applicant must:
  - (a) engage a registered surveyor to mark out the boundaries of the approved disturbance area; and
  - (b) submit a survey plan of these boundaries with applicable GPS coordinates to the Secretary.
- 19. While quarrying operations are being carried out, the Applicant must ensure that the boundaries of the approved disturbance areas are clearly marked at all times in a manner that allows operating staff to clearly identify these approved limits.
- 20. The Applicant must ensure that:
  - (a) no quarrying operations take place outside the approved disturbance area; and
  - (b) the haul road between the extraction area and western overburden emplacement area is clearly marked at all times, has the minimum width required for safe hauling operations, and includes erosion and sedimentation measures to minimise impacts from the use of the road on Chapmans Creek.

*Note: The approved disturbance area includes the extraction area, the overburden emplacement areas, the infrastructure area, haul roads and ancillary areas required to carry out the development.*

#### **CONTRIBUTIONS TO COUNCIL**

- 21. The Applicant must pay to Council an annual financial contribution toward the maintenance of Council-owned roads along its primary and secondary transport routes. The contribution must be determined in accordance with the *Goulburn Mulwaree s94 Development Contributions Plan 2009*, or any subsequent relevant contributions plan adopted by Council.
- 22. Following commencement of development under this consent, the contribution must be paid to Council within one month of the anniversary of the date of this consent each year and reported in the Annual Review.

**SCHEDULE 3  
ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE CONDITIONS**

**NOISE****Acquisition upon Request**

1. Upon receiving a written request from the owner of the land listed in Table 1, the Applicant must acquire the land in accordance with condition 5 of Schedule 4.

*Table 1: Land subject to acquisition upon request*

<b>Acquisition Basis</b>	<b>Land</b>
Noise	R2

*Note: The location of the residence referred to in Table 1 is shown on the figure in Appendix 3.*

**Additional Mitigation upon Request**

2. Upon receiving a written request from the owner of any residence listed in Table 2, the Applicant must implement additional mitigation measures at the residence, in consultation with the landowner.

*Table 2: Land subject to additional mitigation upon request*

<b>Mitigation Basis</b>	<b>Residence</b>
Noise	R2, R7

*Note: The location of the residences referred to in Table 2 is shown on the figure in Appendix 3.*

These measures must be reasonable and feasible, and directed towards reducing the noise impacts of the development on the residence. Mitigation may include measures such as double-glazing, insulation and/or air conditioning.

If within 3 months of receiving this request from the owner, the Applicant and the owner cannot agree on the measures to be implemented, or there is a dispute about the implementation of these measures, then either party may refer the matter to the Secretary for resolution.

**Enclosure of Primary Crusher**

3. The Applicant must achieve at least a 5 dB(A) reduction in the measured sound power level of the primary crusher by enclosing the primary crusher within two months of commencing development under this consent and prior to operating the primary crusher outside the hours of 7 am to 6 pm Monday to Saturday.

The Applicant must engage a suitably qualified and experienced acoustical practitioner to measure the sound power level of the primary crusher before and after constructing the enclosure to demonstrate that the enclosure has resulted in a 5 dB(A) sound power level reduction. A report from the acoustical practitioner must be provided to the Secretary within 30 days of constructing the enclosure.

**Hours of Operation**

4. The Applicant must comply with the operating hours set out in Table 3.

*Table 3: Operating Hours*

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Permissible Hours</b>
Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 am to 6 pm Monday to Friday</li> <li>• 8 am to 1 pm Saturday</li> <li>• At no time on Sunday or public holidays</li> </ul>
Blasting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 am to 5 pm Monday to Friday</li> <li>• At no time on Saturday, Sunday or public holidays</li> </ul>
Quarrying operations (excluding overburden removal/emplacement and drilling)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24 hours a day but not between 6 pm Saturday and 2 am Monday</li> <li>• At no time on Sunday or public holidays</li> </ul>
Overburden removal/emplacement and drilling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 am to 6 pm Monday to Saturday</li> <li>• At no time on Sunday or public holidays</li> </ul>
Loading and dispatching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24 hours a day but not between 6 pm Saturday and 2</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>am Monday</li> <li>At no time on Sunday or public holidays</li> </ul>
Transportation on the primary transport route	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>24 hours a day but not between 6 pm Saturday and 2 am Monday</li> <li>At no time on Sunday or public holidays</li> </ul>
Transportation on the secondary transport route	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6 am to 7 pm Monday to Saturday</li> <li>At no time on Sunday or public holidays</li> </ul>
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At any time provided that the activity is not audible at any privately-owned residence</li> </ul>

5. The following activities may be carried out on the site outside the hours specified in condition 4:
- delivery or dispatch of materials as requested by Police or other authorities; and
  - emergency work to avoid the loss of lives, property and/or to prevent environmental harm.

In such circumstances, the Applicant must notify the Secretary and affected residents prior to undertaking the activities, or as soon as is practical thereafter.

### Noise Impact Assessment Criteria

6. The Applicant must ensure that operational noise generated by the development does not exceed the criteria in Table 4 at any residence on privately-owned land.

Table 4: Noise criteria dB(A)

Receiver	Day <i>L<sub>Aeq</sub> (15 minute)</i>	Evening <i>L<sub>Aeq</sub> (15 minute)</i>	Night	
			<i>L<sub>Aeq</sub> (15 minute)</i>	<i>L<sub>A1</sub> (1 minute)</i>
R7	38	38	38	45
R8	37	37	37	45
All other privately-owned residences	35	35	35	45

Note: Receiver locations referred to in Table 4 are shown on the figure in Appendix 3

Noise generated by the development is to be measured in accordance with the relevant requirements and exemptions (including certain meteorological conditions) of the *NSW Industrial Noise Policy*. Appendix 4 sets out the meteorological conditions under which these criteria apply and the requirements for evaluating compliance with these criteria.

However, the noise criteria in Table 4 do not apply if the Applicant has an agreement with the relevant landowner to exceed the noise criteria, and the Applicant has advised the Department in writing of the terms of this agreement.

### Operating Conditions

7. The Applicant must:
- implement best practice management to minimise the construction, operational and road transportation noise of the development, particularly during the evening and night periods;
  - minimise the noise impacts of the development during meteorological conditions when the noise criteria in this consent do not apply (see Appendix 4);
  - carry out quarterly attended noise monitoring, unless otherwise agreed by the Secretary, to determine whether the development is complying with the relevant conditions of this consent; and
  - regularly assess noise monitoring data and modify and/or stop operations on site to ensure compliance with the relevant conditions of this consent, to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

Note: Required frequency of noise monitoring may be reduced if approved by the Secretary.

### Noise Management Plan

8. The Applicant must prepare a Noise Management Plan for the development to the satisfaction of the Secretary. This plan must:
- be prepared in consultation with the EPA;
  - be submitted to the Secretary within six months of commencing development under this consent and prior to commencing quarrying operations under this consent;
  - describe the measures that would be implemented to ensure:
    - compliance with the noise criteria in this consent;
    - best practice noise management is being employed;

- noise impacts of the development are minimised during meteorological conditions under which the noise criteria in this consent do not apply (see Appendix 4); and
  - best practice management is being employed to minimise the noise impacts on the primary transport route and the secondary transport route;
- (d) describe the proposed noise management system; and
- (e) include a monitoring program to be implemented to measure noise from the development against the noise criteria in Table 4, and which evaluates and reports on the effectiveness of the noise management system on site.

The Applicant must implement the Noise Management Plan as approved by the Secretary.

### Traffic Noise Compliance Assessment

9. A noise compliance assessment of the traffic noise impacts of the project must be undertaken within two months of annual dispatches of quarry products exceeding 1 million, 1.5 million and 1.9 million tonnes. The assessment must be conducted by a suitably qualified and experienced acoustical practitioner and must assess compliance of the traffic noise impacts against the predictions in the EIS and relevant road noise criteria. The traffic noise compliance assessment reports must be provided to the Department within 1 month of each assessment.

## BLASTING

### Blasting Impact Assessment Criteria

10. The Applicant must ensure that blasting on site does not cause any exceedance of the criteria in Table 5.

Table 5: Blasting Criteria

Receiver	Airblast overpressure (dB(Lin Peak))	Ground vibration (mm/s)	Allowable exceedance
Any residence on privately-owned land	120	10	0%
	115	5	5% of the total number of blasts over a period of 12 months

However, these criteria do not apply if the Applicant has a written agreement with the relevant owner to exceed the limits in Table 3, and the Applicant has advised the Department in writing of the terms of this agreement.

### Blasting Frequency

11. The Applicant may carry out a maximum of 2 blasts per week, unless an additional blast is required following a blast misfire. This condition does not apply to blasts required to ensure the safety of the quarry or workers on site.

*Note: For the purposes of this condition, a blast refers to a single blast event, which may involve a number of individual blasts fired in quick succession in a discrete area of the quarry.*

### Operating Conditions

12. During blasting operations, the Applicant must:
- (a) implement best practice management to:
    - protect the safety of people and livestock in the areas surrounding blasting operations;
    - protect public or private infrastructure/property in the surrounding area from damage from blasting operations and
    - minimise the dust and fume emissions of blasting;
  - (b) operate a suitable system to enable the local community to get up-to-date information on the proposed blasting schedule on site;
  - (c) co-ordinate the timing of blasting on site with the timing of blasting at Johnniefields quarry and Lynwood quarry to minimise potential cumulative blasting impacts of the three quarries; and
  - (d) carry out regular monitoring to determine whether the development is complying with the relevant conditions of this consent, to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

### Blast Management Plan

13. The Applicant must prepare a Blast Management Plan for the development to the satisfaction of the Secretary. This plan must:

- (a) be submitted to the Secretary for approval within six months of commencing development under this consent and prior to commencing quarrying operations under this consent;
- (b) describe the measures that would be implemented to ensure compliance with the blast criteria and operating conditions of this consent;
- (c) include measures to manage flyrock;
- (d) include a monitoring program for evaluating and reporting on compliance with the blasting criteria in this consent;
- (e) include a protocol for investigating and responding to complaints; and.
- (f) include community notification procedures for blasting, which includes:
  - (i) a notification process to alert any resident who registers an interest in the blasting schedule to be notified at least 24 hours in advance of each blast;
  - (ii) a blasting hotline, or alternative system agreed to by the Secretary, to enable the public to obtain up-to-date information on blasting operations; and
  - (iii) information on how the public will be kept informed of the hotline, or any alternative system.

The Applicant must implement the Blast Management Plan as approved by the Secretary.

## AIR QUALITY

### Air Quality Impact Assessment Criteria

14. The Applicant must ensure that all reasonable and feasible avoidance and mitigation measures are employed so that particulate matter emissions generated by the development do not cause exceedances of the criteria in Table 6 at any residence on privately-owned land.

Table 6: Air quality criteria

Pollutant	Averaging Period	Criterion
Particulate matter < 10 µm (PM <sub>10</sub> )	Annual	a,d 30 µg/m <sup>3</sup>
Particulate matter < 10 µm (PM <sub>10</sub> )	24 hour	b 50 µg/m <sup>3</sup>
Total suspended particulates (TSP)	Annual	a,d 90 µg/m <sup>3</sup>
<sup>c</sup> Deposited dust	Annual	b 2 g/m <sup>2</sup> /month      a,d 4 g/m <sup>2</sup> /month

Notes to Table 6:

*a* Cumulative impact (ie increase in concentrations due to the development plus background concentrations due to all other sources).

*b* Incremental impact (ie increase in concentrations due to the development alone, with zero allowable exceedances of the criteria over the life of the development).

*c* Deposited dust is to be assessed as insoluble solids as defined by Standards Australia, AS/NZS 3580.10.1:2003: Methods for Sampling and Analysis of Ambient Air - Determination of Particulate Matter - Deposited Matter - Gravimetric Method.

*d* Excludes extraordinary events such as bushfires, prescribed burning, dust storms, sea fog, fire incidents or any other activity agreed by the Secretary.

*e* "Reasonable and feasible avoidance measures" includes, but is not limited to, the operational requirements in conditions 14, 15 and 16 to develop and implement an air quality management system that ensures operational responses to the risks of exceedance of the criteria.

### Operating Conditions

15. The Applicant must:
- (a) implement best practice management to minimise the dust emissions of the development;
  - (b) regularly assess meteorological and air quality monitoring data and relocate, modify and/or stop operations on site to ensure compliance with the air quality criteria in this consent;
  - (c) minimise the air quality impacts of the development during adverse meteorological conditions and extraordinary events (see note d under Table 6);
  - (d) monitor and report on compliance with the relevant air quality conditions in this consent; and
  - (e) minimise the area of surface disturbance and undertake progressive rehabilitation of the site, to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

### Air Quality Management Plan

16. The Applicant must prepare an Air Quality Management Plan for the development to the satisfaction of the Secretary. This plan must:
- (a) be prepared in consultation with the EPA;

- (b) be submitted to the Secretary for approval within six months of commencing development under this consent and prior to commencing quarrying operations under this consent;
- (c) describe the measures that would be implemented to ensure:
  - compliance with the relevant conditions of this consent;
  - best practice management is being employed; and
  - the air quality impacts of the development are minimised during adverse meteorological conditions and extraordinary events;
- (d) describe the proposed air quality management system, including a minimum of two High Volume Air Samplers in locations agreed to by the EPA;
- (e) include an air quality monitoring program that:
  - is capable of evaluating the performance of the development;
  - includes a protocol for determining any exceedances of the relevant conditions of consent;
  - effectively supports the air quality management system; and
  - evaluates and reports on the adequacy of the air quality management system.

The Applicant must implement the Air Quality Management Plan as approved by the Secretary.

### **Quarry-owned Land**

17. The Applicant must ensure that all reasonable and feasible avoidance and mitigation measures are employed so that particulate matter emissions generated by the development do not cause exceedances of the criteria in Table 6 at any occupied residence on quarry-owned land unless:
- (a) the tenant has been notified of any health risks associated with such exceedances in accordance with the notification requirements under Schedule 4 of this consent; and
  - (b) the tenant of any land owned by the Applicant can terminate their tenancy agreement without penalty at any time, subject to giving reasonable notice, to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

### **Meteorological Monitoring**

18. For the life of the development, the Applicant must ensure that there is a suitable meteorological station operating in the vicinity of the site that complies with the requirements in the *Approved Methods for Sampling of Air Pollutants in New South Wales* guideline.

### **Greenhouse Gas Emissions**

19. The Applicant must implement all reasonable and feasible measures to minimise the release of greenhouse gas emissions from the site.

## **SOIL AND WATER**

### **Water Supply**

20. The Applicant must ensure that it has sufficient water for all stages of the development, and if necessary, adjust the scale of operations under the consent to match its available water supply, to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

*Note: Under the Water Act 1912 and/or the Water Management Act 2000, the Applicant is required to obtain all necessary water licences for the development.*

### **Water Discharges**

21. The Applicant must comply with the discharge limits in any EPL, or with section 120 of the POEO Act.

### **Soil and Water Management Plan**

22. The Applicant must prepare a Soil and Water Management Plan for the development to the satisfaction of the Secretary. This plan must:
- (a) be prepared by suitably qualified and experienced person/s approved by the Secretary;
  - (b) be prepared in consultation with the EPA, WaterNSW and DPI Water;
  - (c) be submitted to the Secretary for approval within six months of commencing development under this consent and prior to commencing quarrying operations under this consent;
  - (d) include a:
    - (i) Site Water Balance that includes:
      - details of:
        - sources and security of water supply;
        - water use and management on site;

- any off-site water transfers; and
  - reporting procedures; and
  - measures that would be implemented to minimise clean water use on site;
- (ii) Erosion and Sediment Control Plan that:
- is consistent with the requirements of the Landcom's *Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction* manual;
  - identifies activities that could cause soil erosion and generate sediment;
  - describes measures to minimise soil erosion and the potential for the transport of sediment to downstream waters, including for the haul road between the extraction area and the western emplacement area;
  - describes the location, function, and capacity of erosion and sediment control structures, including for the haul road between the extraction area and the western emplacement area; and
  - describes what measures would be implemented to maintain (and if necessary decommission) the structures over time.
- (iii) Surface Water Management Plan, that includes:
- detailed baseline data on surface water flows and quality in water bodies that could potentially be affected by the development;
  - surface water impact assessment criteria;
  - a protocol for managing any exceedances of the surface water impact assessment criteria;
  - a detailed description of the surface water management system on site including the:
    - clean water diversion system;
    - dirty water management system;
    - water storages, including their capacity to contain dirty water during flood events;
    - irrigation areas; and
    - design of creek and stream crossings; and
  - a program to monitor and report on:
    - the effectiveness of the water management system in ensuring that the development has a neutral or beneficial effect on downstream receiving waters;
    - channel stability of the watercourses on the site;
    - surface water flows and quality in watercourses on the site;
    - surface water discharges from the site, including provisions for sampling of water quality during discharge events;
    - the impact of the irrigation areas on water quality;
  - details of the on-site waste water management system, including the effluent disposal area, that demonstrates there is adequate capacity for the wastewater loads generated by the development;
- (iv) Groundwater Management Plan that includes:
- detailed baseline data on groundwater levels, flows and quality in the region;
  - groundwater impact assessment criteria for monitoring bores;
  - a program to monitor:
    - groundwater levels and quality on the site;
    - the impacts of the development on any groundwater dependent ecosystems;
    - the impacts of the development on any groundwater bores, springs and seeps on privately-owned land; and
  - a protocol for the investigation of identified exceedances of the groundwater impact assessment criteria.

The Applicant must implement the Soil and Water Management Plan as approved by the Secretary.

## TRANSPORT

### Monitoring of Product Transport

23. The Applicant must keep accurate records of all truck movements to and from the site (including time of arrival and dispatch) and publish a summary of records, which includes daily maximum and calendar month averages, on its website every 6 months.

*Note: See condition 9 of Schedule 2 for the relevant daily maximum and monthly averages.*

### Operating Conditions

24. The Applicant must:
- (a) ensure that all laden trucks entering or exiting the site have their loads covered, with the exception of loads consisting solely of boulders greater than one tonne in weight;



- (b) ensure that all laden trucks exiting the site are cleaned of material that may fall on the road, before leaving the site; and
- (c) use its best endeavours to ensure that appropriate signage is displayed on all trucks used to transport quarry product from the development so they can be easily identified by road users.

### Traffic Management Plan

25. The Applicant must prepare a Traffic Management Plan for the development to the satisfaction of the Secretary. This plan must:
- (a) be prepared in consultation with the RMS and Council;
  - (b) be submitted to the Secretary for approval within six months of commencing development under this consent and prior to commencing quarrying operations under this consent;
  - (c) describe the measure that would be implemented to avoid dispatching and/or receiving large groups or convoys of laden trucks from the site onto public roads;
  - (d) include a Drivers' Code of Conduct as required under condition 28 of Schedule 3;
  - (e) describe the measures that would be put in place to ensure compliance with the Drivers' Code of Conduct; and
  - (f) include measures to minimise the transmission of dust and tracking of material onto the surface of the public road from vehicles leaving the quarry.

The Applicant must implement the Traffic Management Plan as approved by the Secretary.

### Primary Transport Route

26. Prior to transporting more than 62,500 tonnes per calendar month of quarry products from the site, either under this consent or under this consent in combination with MP 07\_0074 (while ever it has not been surrendered), the Applicant must implement and complete:
- (a) **Red Hills Road and Hume Highway intersection works** - construct an additional 500m long (including taper) left turn northbound acceleration lane at the intersection of Red Hills Road and the Hume Highway in accordance with the relevant Austroads intersection design requirements and to the satisfaction of the Secretary and RMS; and
  - (b) **Brayton Road and Quarry Access Road intersection works** - upgrade the intersection of the quarry access road with Brayton Road in accordance with Austroads intersection design requirements, to the satisfaction of the local roads authority including carrying out the following:
    - (i) laying asphalt; and
    - (ii) constructing an acceleration lane on Brayton Road for truck traffic turning right from the Quarry Access Road onto Brayton Road, to be located south of the quarry intersection, and starting at the intersection.
  - (c) **General Road Upgrade Works**- the primary transport route shall be upgraded such that it conforms with current Austroads standards and is generally in accordance with the plans entitled Primary Transport Route Road Upgrade Plans prepared by EMM dated 29 June 2017, Map 1 - 39. Detailed road works plans, including relevant supportive calculations and modelling, shall be submitted to the local roads authority for approval, which outlines the extent of works to be undertaken. The applicant must:
    - (i) Obtain a survey of the primary transport route from a registered surveyor of the entire road corridor. This should show road corridor boundaries, sealed and unsealed pavement extents, line markings, signage, hazards, driveways and intersections, shoulders and any significant vegetation within the corridor that would be affected by the road upgrade works. The survey shall include sufficient detail to indicate the levels and grades of existing pavement, shoulder and clear zone areas.
    - (ii) The design plans shall show the full extent of works, including at a minimum, earthworks, road widening, shoulders and clear zones, stopping areas, bus bays, drainage, line marking, pavement upgrades, signage and vegetation to be removed or retained. The design plans shall include long-sections of roads and the drainage system, and representative road cross-sections which identify the extent of upgrade works.
    - (iii) The design plans shall demonstrate that 3.1 m wide lanes are provided along the primary transport route.
    - (iv) The design plans shall demonstrate that 1.5 m wide shoulders, with 0.5 m width being sealed, are provided along the primary transport route. Where this is not achieved, alternative measures are to be provided, and justification is to be given which

- demonstrates that the non-compliance does not result in an unacceptable road safety outcome.
- (v) The design plans shall demonstrate that 3.0 m wide clear zones are provided along the primary transport route. Where this is not achieved, alternative measures are to be provided generally in accordance with the plans entitled Primary Transport Route Road Upgrade Plans prepared by EMM dated 29 June 2017, Map 1 - 39.
  - (vi) The design plans must identify all trees and native vegetation that need to be removed as a part of the works. Lawful approval for any vegetation removal must be provided to the local roads authority prior to the removal of any vegetation in association with the road works.
  - (vii) A geotechnical report shall be provided to the local roads authority in respect of existing road pavement conditions, pavement carrying capacity, and requirements to upgrade the pavement to accommodate the increase in truck traffic. The geotechnical report shall document the existing pavement by way of borehole and strength testing, at a sampling frequency that will adequately characterise the existing pavement.
  - (viii) A drainage design shall be submitted as a part of the road works plans. This will include relevant calculations and modelling of the road drainage system, and document the extent of drainage works required for the works. The drainage design shall be undertaken such that there will be no detrimental impact on the drainage system within the road corridor, on adjoining properties, or local vegetation.
  - (ix) The design plans shall be certified by suitably qualified civil engineer to be compliant with Austroads standards.
- (d) **In addition to the matters specified in (c) above, in respect of the primary transport route** - carry out road safety upgrades generally in accordance with the plans entitled Primary Transport Route Road Upgrade Plans prepared by EMM dated 29 June 2017, Map 1 – 39, and subject to any requirements or variations requested by Council as the roads authority including:
- (i) line-marking and signage along the primary transport route, including by:
    - marking hidden driveways;
    - upgrade line markings and increase signage; and
    - following discussions and agreement with Council, any upgrades required to improve school bus stop safety.
  - (ii) installing centre double white line-marking with retroreflective pavement markers along the full length (or along such sections as are otherwise required by Council) of the primary transport route, to prevent overtaking;
  - (iii) installing edge line-marking on pavement edges with retroreflective pavement markers along the full length (or along such sections as are otherwise required by the Council) of the primary transport route;
  - (iv) carrying out an analysis of the frequency of heavy fogs on the primary transport route within a 1 month period and in consultation with the Council;
  - (v) installing guide posts and spacings along appropriate sections of the primary transport route in consultation with the Council. The guide post spacing is to be determined on the basis of the analysis of the frequency of heavy fogs to be prepared by the Applicant as per condition (d)(iv).
- (e) Any application to Council under s138 of the Roads Act 1993 for the Primary Transport Route upgrade works is to be in accordance with the plans entitled Primary Transport Route Road Upgrade Plans prepared by EMM dated 29 June 2017, Map 1 – 39, and a copy of such application is to be provided to the Secretary no later than 2 working days after its lodgement with Council.

*Note: 62,500 tonnes per calendar month is the monthly equivalent of 750,000 tonnes per annum, the consented limit under project approval MP 07\_0074.*

27. The Applicant must install and operate a video camera at the intersection of Red Hills Road and the Hume Highway, to the satisfaction of the Secretary. The Applicant must install the camera prior to commencing quarrying operations under this consent and operate the camera until the Hume Highway intersection acceleration lane is constructed and fully operational. The camera must be located in a fixed position with a field of view that accurately records heavy vehicles (including truck identification numbers) merging from Red Hills Road to travel north along the Hume Highway. Recordings from the camera must be examined weekly by the Applicant to ensure safe merging practices at the intersection, securely stored for at least 60 days and made available to the Department and RMS on request.

### **Truck Driver Code of Conduct**

28. Prior to transporting more than 62,500 tonnes per calendar month of quarry products from the site, the Applicant must prepare a Truck Driver Code of Conduct and submit it to the Secretary for approval. The Truck Driver Code of Conduct is to:
- (a) require induction of all truck drivers, including a requirement to read the Truck Driver Code of Conduct and sign a Truck Driver Induction Form, prior to commencing truck driving duties to and from the site;
  - (b) include all speed restrictions for the primary transport route and secondary transport route in the Truck Driver Induction Forms;
  - (c) incorporate provisions regarding anti-social behaviour and anti-littering practices;
  - (d) incorporate details of the safe and quiet driving practices that must be used by drivers transporting products to and from the quarry (particularly on the primary and secondary transport routes) and on safe merging practices at the intersection of Red Hills Road and the Hume Highway;
  - (e) incorporate provisions prohibiting overtaking moving vehicles on the primary transport route and secondary transport route;
  - (f) incorporate provisions prohibiting the use of air brakes by in-bound trucks at the Red Hills and Hume Highway intersection (except in the case of emergencies) and include provisions for truck drivers to be educated regarding the acceptable use of air brakes on local roads;
  - (g) include a copy of the Applicant's drug and alcohol policy; and
  - (h) incorporate mechanisms for ensuring compliance with the Truck Driver Code of Conduct including a mechanism for the Applicant's onsite manager to conduct random compliance checks (no less than once per quarter) of driver behaviour along the primary transport route and secondary transport route.

### **Transport Options Review**

29. Within 10 years of commencing development under this consent, and every 10 years thereafter, the Applicant must commission, commence and pay the full cost of a Transport Options Review for the development. This review must:
- (a) be conducted by a suitably qualified, experienced and independent expert/s whose appointment has been endorsed by the Secretary;
  - (b) include detailed consultation with Transport for NSW, RMS and Council;
  - (c) review the economic, social and environmental costs and benefits of all reasonable and feasible options for the transport of quarry products from the site (including by rail and including trucks movements currently permitted by this consent);
  - (d) recommend any appropriate measures or actions to reduce the economic, social and environmental costs associated with transport of quarry products from the site, and
  - (e) be conducted and reported to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

Within 12 weeks of commencing this review or as otherwise agreed by the Secretary, the Applicant must submit a copy of the review report to the Secretary and any other NSW agency that requests it, together with its response to any recommendations contained in the review report.

### **ABORIGINAL HERITAGE**

#### **Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan**

30. The Applicant must prepare an Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan for the development to the satisfaction of the Secretary. The plan must:
- (a) be prepared by suitably qualified and experienced persons whose appointment has been endorsed by the Secretary;
  - (b) be prepared in consultation with OEH and the Registered Aboriginal Parties;
  - (c) be submitted to the Secretary for approval within six months of commencing development under this consent and prior to commencing quarrying operations under this consent; and
  - (d) include a description of the measures that would be implemented to:
    - (i) protect, monitor and manage known sites of archaeological significance;
    - (ii) manage any new Aboriginal objects or relics that are discovered;
    - (iii) store Aboriginal heritage items salvaged on site; and
    - (iv) ensure ongoing consultation and involvement of the Registered Aboriginal Parties in the conservation and management of Aboriginal cultural heritage on the site.

### **BIODIVERSITY AND REHABILITATION**

#### **Biodiversity Offset Strategy**

31. The Applicant must implement the Biodiversity Offset Strategy, including:

- (a) protecting, enhancing and maintaining the Biodiversity Areas identified in condition 32 of Schedule 3; and
- (b) retiring the biodiversity credits identified in condition 34 of Schedule 3, in accordance with the *Framework for Biodiversity Assessment - NSW Biodiversity Offsets Policy for Major Projects*; to the satisfaction of the Secretary and OEH.

### Biodiversity Areas

32. The Applicant must protect, enhance and maintain the Biodiversity Areas described in Table 7 and shown conceptually on the plan in Appendix 5, to achieve the objectives in Table 7 to the satisfaction of the Secretary and OEH.

Table 7: Biodiversity Areas

<b>Biodiversity Area</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Minimum Size (ha)</b>
White Box-Yellow Box Blakely's Red Gum Woodland Endangered Ecological Community (Box Gum Woodland EEC)	Protect, maintain and enhance, including through assisted regeneration, Box Gum Woodland EEC on the site	32.66
Cleared land	Regenerate and/or replant cleared land on site with native vegetation representative of Box Gum Woodland EEC	46.16
<b>Total</b>		78.82

### Security of Biodiversity Areas

33. Prior to commencing quarrying operations under this consent, unless otherwise agreed with the Secretary, the Applicant must make suitable arrangements to provide long-term security and funding for the Biodiversity Areas identified in condition 32 of Schedule 3, to the satisfaction of the Secretary and OEH.

*Note: Mechanisms to provide appropriate long-term security to the Biodiversity Area include a BioBanking Agreement, under the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995, a Voluntary Conservation Agreement or an alternative mechanism that provides for a similar conservation outcome. Any mechanism must remain in force in perpetuity.*

### Biodiversity Offsets

34. The Applicant must retire the biodiversity credits set out in Table 8, in accordance with the *Framework for Biodiversity Assessment - NSW Biodiversity Offsets Policy for Major Projects* to the satisfaction of the Secretary and OEH. The credits identified in Table 8 include credits arising from the carrying out of the primary transport route upgrade works referred to in condition 26. If the vegetation to be removed is less than anticipated at the date of this consent the credits arising from these upgrade works may be reduced if approved by the Secretary provided the number of credits does not fall below the minimum number identified in column 2 of the table.

Table 8: Biodiversity credits to be retired

<b>Credit type</b>	<b>Number of Credits</b>	<b>Additional Credits resulting from Primary Transport Route Upgrade Works</b>
<b>Ecosystem Credits</b>		
Yellow Box - Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland (PCT1330)	373	13
Yellow Box - Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland Derived Native Grassland (PCT1330)	185	
Broad-leaved Peppermint - Red Stringybark grassy open forest (PCT734)	160	23
Broad-leaved Peppermint - Red	662	

Stringybark grassy open forest Derived Native Grassland (PCT734)		
<b>Total</b>	1,380	36

### Security of Offsets

35. Within eighteen months of commencing development under this consent, unless otherwise agreed with the Secretary, the Applicant must make suitable arrangements to provide long-term security and funding for the Biodiversity Offset Areas used to retire the credits identified in condition 34 of Schedule 3, through a Biobanking Agreement under the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995*, to the satisfaction of OEH.

### Rehabilitation Objectives

36. The Applicant must rehabilitate the site to the satisfaction of the Secretary. This rehabilitation must be generally consistent with the rehabilitation strategy in the EIS and must comply with the objectives in Table 9.

Table 9: Rehabilitation Objectives

Feature	Objective
Site (as a whole)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe, stable and non-polluting</li> <li>• Final landform integrated with surrounding natural landforms as far as is reasonable and feasible</li> <li>• Final landform has minimal visual impact when viewed from surrounding land</li> </ul>
Surface Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decommissioned and removed, unless otherwise agreed by the Secretary</li> </ul>
Land identified as the Biodiversity Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conserved and enhanced with native, endemic vegetation consistent with the objectives shown in Table 7</li> </ul>
Riparian corridors along Chapman Creek and its tributaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stabilised and vegetated</li> </ul>
Quarry benches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Landscaped and vegetated using native tree and understorey species</li> </ul>
Final Void	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimise the size, depth and slope of the batters of the final void</li> <li>• Minimise the drainage catchment of the final void</li> </ul>

### Progressive Rehabilitation

37. The Applicant must rehabilitate the site progressively, that is, as soon as reasonably practicable following disturbance. All reasonable and feasible measures must be taken to minimise the total area exposed for dust generation at any time. Interim stabilisation measures must be implemented where reasonable and feasible to control dust emissions in disturbed areas that are not active and which are not ready for final rehabilitation.

*Note: It is accepted that parts of the site that are progressively rehabilitated may be subject to further disturbance in future.*

### Biodiversity and Rehabilitation Management Plan

38. The Applicant must prepare a Biodiversity and Rehabilitation Management Plan for the development to the satisfaction of the Secretary. This plan must:
- be prepared in consultation with OEH, DPI Fisheries and Council;
  - be submitted to the Secretary within twelve months of commencing development under this consent and prior to commencing quarrying operations under this consent unless the Secretary agrees otherwise;
  - provide details of the conceptual final landform and associated land uses for the site;
  - describe how the implementation of condition 31 of Schedule 3 would be integrated with the overall rehabilitation of the site;
  - include detailed performance and completion criteria for evaluating performance under condition 31 of Schedule 3 and rehabilitation of the site, including triggers for any necessary remedial action;
  - describe the short, medium and long term measures that would be implemented to:
    - manage remnant vegetation and habitat, including within the Biodiversity Areas and any areas that would be used to offset the biodiversity credits identified in condition 34 of Schedule 3; and

- ensure compliance with the rehabilitation objectives and progressive rehabilitation obligations in this consent;
- (g) include a detailed description of the measures that would be implemented over the next 3 years (to be updated for each 3 year period following initial approval of the plan) including the procedures to be implemented for:
- maximising the salvage of environmental resources within the approved disturbance area, including tree hollows, vegetative and soil resources, for beneficial reuse in the enhancement of the offset area or site rehabilitation;
  - restoring and enhancing the quality of native vegetation and fauna habitat in the biodiversity offset and rehabilitation areas through assisted natural regeneration, targeted vegetation establishment and the introduction of fauna habitat features;
  - protecting vegetation and fauna habitat outside the approved disturbance area on-site;
  - protecting the Chapmans Creek riparian buffer area shown on the figure in Appendix 6 in accordance with the *Policy and Guidelines for Fish Habitat Conservation and Management*;
  - minimising the impacts on native fauna, including undertaking pre-clearance surveys;
  - establishing vegetation screening to minimise the visual impacts of the site on surrounding receivers;
  - ensuring minimal environmental consequences for threatened species, populations and habitats;
  - collecting and propagating seed;
  - controlling weeds and feral pests;
  - controlling erosion; and
  - managing bushfire risk;
- (h) include a program to monitor and report on the effectiveness of these measures, and progress against the performance and completion criteria;
- (i) identify the potential risks to the successful implementation of condition 31 of Schedule 3, and include a description of the contingency measures that would be implemented to mitigate these risks; and
- (j) include details of who would be responsible for monitoring, reviewing, and implementing the plan.

The Applicant must implement the Biodiversity and Rehabilitation Management Plan as approved by the Secretary.

### **Biodiversity and Rehabilitation Bond**

39. Within 6 months of the approval of the Biodiversity and Rehabilitation Management Plan, the Applicant must lodge a Biodiversity and Rehabilitation Bond with the Department to ensure that the Biodiversity Offset Strategy and rehabilitation of the site are implemented in accordance with the performance and completion criteria set out in the plan and the relevant conditions of this consent. The sum of the bond must be determined by:
- (a) calculating the cost of implementing the Biodiversity Offset Strategy over the next 3 years for the Biodiversity Areas identified in condition 32 of Schedule 3;
  - (b) calculating the cost of rehabilitating all disturbed areas of the site, taking into account the likely surface disturbance over the next 3 years of quarrying operations; and
  - (c) employing a suitably qualified quantity surveyor or other expert to verify the calculated costs, or by using the Rehabilitation Cost Estimate spreadsheet tool (RCE) issued by DRG.
- to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

*Notes:*

- *Alternative funding arrangements for long term management of the Biodiversity Offset Strategy, such as provision of capital and management funding as agreed by OEH as part of a BioBanking Agreement, or transfer to conservation reserve estate can be used to reduce the liability of the Biodiversity and Rehabilitation Bond.*
- *If capital and other expenditure required by the Biodiversity and Rehabilitation Management Plan is largely complete, the Secretary may waive the requirement for lodgement of a bond in respect of the remaining expenditure.*
- *If the Biodiversity Offset Strategy and/or rehabilitation of the site area are completed (or partially completed) to the satisfaction of the Secretary, then the Secretary will release the bond (or relevant part of the bond). If the Biodiversity Offset Strategy and rehabilitation of the site are not completed to the satisfaction of the Secretary, then the Secretary will call in all or part of the bond, and arrange for the completion of the relevant works.*

40. Within 3 months of each Independent Environmental Audit (see condition 11 of Schedule 5), the Applicant must review, and if necessary revise, the sum of the Biodiversity and Rehabilitation Bond to the satisfaction of the Secretary. This review must consider the:
- (a) effects of inflation;
  - (b) likely cost of implementing the Biodiversity Offset Strategy and rehabilitating all disturbed areas of the site (taking into account the likely surface disturbance over the next 3 years of the development); and

- (c) performance of the implementation of the Biodiversity Offset Strategy and rehabilitation of the site to date.

**VISUAL**

- 41. The Applicant must implement all reasonable and feasible measures to minimise the visual and off-site lighting impacts of the development to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

**WASTE**

- 42. The Applicant must:
  - (a) manage on-site sewage treatment and disposal in accordance with the requirements of its EPL, and to the satisfaction of the EPA and Council;
  - (b) minimise the waste generated by the development;
  - (c) ensure that the waste generated by the development is appropriately stored, handled, and disposed of; and
  - (d) report on waste management and minimisation in the Annual Review, to the satisfaction of the Secretary.
- 43. Except as expressly permitted in an EPL, the Applicant must not receive waste (with the exception of the cured concrete transported to the site in accordance with condition 8 of Schedule 2) at the site for storage, treatment, processing, reprocessing or disposal.

**LIQUID STORAGE**

- 44. The Applicant must ensure that all tanks and similar storage facilities (other than for water) are protected by appropriate bunding or other containment, in accordance with the relevant Australian Standards.

**DANGEROUS GOODS**

45. The Applicant must ensure that the storage, handling, and transport of dangerous goods is done in accordance with the relevant Australian Standards, particularly AS1940 and AS1596, and the *Dangerous Goods Code*.

**BUSHFIRE**

46. The Applicant must:
- (a) ensure that the development is suitably equipped to respond to any fires on site; and
  - (b) assist the Rural Fire Service and emergency services as much as possible if there is a fire in the vicinity of the site.



## **SCHEDULE 4 ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES**

### **NOTIFICATION OF LANDOWNERS**

1. Within 2 months of the commencement of development under this consent, the Applicant must notify in writing the owner of:
  - (a) the residences listed in Table 2 of Schedule 3 that they are entitled to ask the Applicant to install additional noise mitigation measures at the residences; and
  - (b) notify any tenants of quarry-owned land of their rights under this consent.
2. Prior to entering into any tenancy agreement for any land owned by the Applicant that is predicted to experience exceedances of the recommended dust and/or noise criteria, the Applicant must:
  - (a) advise the prospective tenants of the potential health and amenity impacts associated with living on the land, and give them a copy of the NSW Health fact sheet entitled "Mine Dust and You" (as may be updated from time to time); and
  - (b) advise the prospective tenants of the rights they would have under this consent, to the satisfaction of the Secretary.
3. As soon as practicable after obtaining monitoring results showing:
  - (a) an exceedance of any relevant criteria in Schedule 3, the Applicant must notify the affected landowners in writing of the exceedance, and provide regular monitoring results to each affected landowner until the development is again complying with the relevant criteria; and
  - (b) an exceedance of any relevant air quality criteria in Schedule 3, the Applicant must send a copy of the NSW Health fact sheet entitled "Mine Dust and You" (as may be updated from time to time) to the affected landowners and current tenants of the land (including the tenants of land which is not privately-owned).

### **INDEPENDENT REVIEW**

4. If an owner of privately-owned land considers the development to be exceeding the relevant criteria in Schedule 3, then he/she may ask the Secretary in writing for an independent review of the impacts of the development on his/her land.

If the Secretary is satisfied that an independent review is warranted, then within 2 months of the Secretary's decision, the Applicant must:

- (a) commission a suitably qualified, experienced and independent person, whose appointment has been approved by the Secretary, to:
  - consult with the landowner to determine his/her concerns;
  - conduct monitoring to determine whether the development is complying with the relevant criteria in Schedule 3; and
  - if the development is not complying with these criteria, then identify measures that could be implemented to ensure compliance with the relevant criteria; and
- (b) give the Secretary and landowner a copy of the independent review.

### **LAND ACQUISITION**

5. Within 3 months of receiving a written request from a landowner with acquisition rights, the Applicant must make a binding written offer to the landowner based on:
  - (a) the current market value of the landowner's interest in the land at the date of this written request, as if the land was unaffected by the development, having regard to the:
    - existing and permissible use of the land, in accordance with the applicable planning instruments at the date of the written request; and
    - presence of improvements on the land and/or any approved building or structure which has been physically commenced at the date of the landowner's written request, and is due to be completed subsequent to that date, but excluding any improvements that have resulted from the implementation of the additional noise mitigation measures in condition 2 of Schedule 3;
  - (b) the reasonable costs associated with:
    - relocating within the Goulburn Mulwaree local government area, or to any other local government area determined by the Secretary; and
    - obtaining legal advice and expert advice for determining the acquisition price of the land, and the terms upon which it is to be acquired; and
  - (c) reasonable compensation for any disturbance caused by the land acquisition process.

However, if at the end of this period, the Applicant and landowner cannot agree on the acquisition price of the land and/or the terms upon which the land is to be acquired, then either party may refer the matter to the Secretary for resolution.

Upon receiving such a request, the Secretary will request the President of the NSW Division of the Australian Property Institute to appoint a qualified independent valuer to:

- consider submissions from both parties;
- determine a fair and reasonable acquisition price for the land and/or the terms upon which the land is to be acquired, having regard to the matters referred to in paragraphs (a)-(c) above;
- prepare a detailed report setting out the reasons for any determination; and
- provide a copy of the report to both parties.

Within 14 days of receiving the independent valuer's report, the Applicant must make a binding written offer to the landowner to purchase the land at a price not less than the independent valuer's determination.

However, if either party disputes the independent valuer's determination, then within 14 days of receiving the independent valuer's report, they may refer the matter to the Secretary for review. Any request for a review must be accompanied by a detailed report setting out the reasons why the party disputes the independent valuer's determination. Following consultation with the independent valuer and both parties, the Secretary will determine a fair and reasonable acquisition price for the land, having regard to the matters referred to in paragraphs (a)-(c) above, the independent valuer's report, the detailed report of the party that disputes the independent valuer's determination and any other relevant submissions.

Within 14 days of this determination, the Applicant must make a binding written offer to the landowner to purchase the land at a price not less than the Secretary's determination.

If the landowner refuses to accept the Applicant's binding written offer under this condition within six months of the offer being made, then the Applicant's obligations to acquire the land shall cease, unless the Secretary determines otherwise.

The Applicant must pay all reasonable costs associated with the land acquisition process described in this condition, including the costs associated with obtaining Council approval for any plan of subdivision (where permissible), and registration of this plan at the Office of the Registrar-General.

**SCHEDULE 5  
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT, REPORTING AND AUDITING**

**ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

**Environmental Management Strategy**

1. If the Secretary requires, the Applicant must prepare an Environmental Management Strategy for the development to the satisfaction of the Secretary. This strategy must:
  - (a) be submitted to the Secretary for approval within 6 months of the Secretary requiring preparation of the strategy by notice to the Applicant;
  - (b) provide the strategic framework for environmental management of the development;
  - (c) identify the statutory approvals that apply to the development;
  - (d) describe the role, responsibility, authority and accountability of all key personnel involved in the environmental management of the development;
  - (e) describe the procedures that would be implemented to:
    - keep the local community and relevant agencies informed about the operation and environmental performance of the development;
    - receive, record, handle and respond to complaints;
    - resolve any disputes that may arise during the course of the development;
    - respond to any non-compliance;
    - respond to emergencies; and
  - (f) include:
    - copies of any strategies, plans and programs approved under the conditions of this consent; and
    - a clear plan depicting all the monitoring to be carried out under the conditions of this consent.

The Applicant must implement any Environmental Management Strategy as approved by the Secretary.

**Management Plan Requirements**

2. The Applicant must ensure that the management plans required under this consent are prepared in accordance with any relevant guidelines, and include:
  - (a) detailed baseline data;
  - (b) a description of:
    - the relevant statutory requirements (including any relevant approval, licence or lease conditions);
    - any relevant limits or performance measures/criteria; and
    - the specific performance indicators that are proposed to be used to judge the performance of, or guide the implementation of, the development or any management measures;
  - (c) a description of the measures that would be implemented to comply with the relevant statutory requirements, limits, or performance measures/criteria;
  - (d) a program to monitor and report on the:
    - impacts and environmental performance of the development; and
    - effectiveness of any management measures (see (c) above);
  - (e) a contingency plan to manage any unpredicted impacts and their consequences and to ensure that ongoing impacts reduce to levels below relevant impact assessment criteria as quickly as possible;
  - (f) a program to investigate and implement ways to improve the environmental performance of the development over time;
  - (g) a protocol for managing and reporting any:
    - incidents;
    - complaints;
    - non-compliances with statutory requirements; and
    - exceedances of the impact assessment criteria and/or performance criteria; and
  - (h) a protocol for periodic review of the plan.

*Note: The Secretary may waive some of these requirements if they are unnecessary or unwarranted for particular management plans.*

**Application of Existing Management Plans**

3. Prior to the approval of management plans under this consent, the Applicant shall manage development undertaken pursuant to this consent in accordance with any equivalent or similar management plan/s required under project approval MP 07\_0074.

## Revision of Strategies, Plans & Programs

4. Within 3 months of the:
- submission of an Annual Review;
  - submission of an incident report under condition 8 below;
  - submission of an audit report under condition 11 below; and
  - approval of any modifications to this consent,
- the Applicant must review, and if necessary revise, the strategies, plans, and programs required under this consent to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

Within 4 weeks of conducting any such review, the Applicant must advise the Secretary of the outcomes of the review, and provide any revised documents to the Secretary for review and approval.

*Note: This is to ensure that strategies, plans and programs are updated on a regular basis, and to incorporate any recommended measures to improve environmental performance of the development.*

## Updating and Staging of Strategies, Plans or Programs

5. To ensure that strategies, plans or programs required under this consent are updated on a regular basis, and that they incorporate any appropriate additional measures to improve the environmental performance of the development, the Applicant may at any time submit revised strategies, plans or programs for the approval of the Secretary. With the agreement of the Secretary, the Applicant may also submit any strategy, plan or program required by this consent on a staged basis.

With the agreement of the Secretary, the Applicant may prepare a revision of or a stage of a strategy, plan or program without undertaking consultation with all parties nominated under the applicable condition in this consent.

### Notes:

- *While any strategy, plan or program may be submitted on a staged basis, the Applicant will need to ensure that the operations associated with the development are covered by suitable strategies, plans or programs at all times.*
- *If the submission of any strategy, plan or program is to be staged; then the relevant strategy, plan or program must clearly describe the specific stage/s of the development to which the strategy, plan or program applies; the relationship of this stage/s to any future stages; and the trigger for updating the strategy, plan or program.*

## Adaptive Management

6. The Applicant must assess and manage development-related risks to ensure that there are no exceedances of the criteria and/or performance measures in Schedule 3. Any exceedance of these criteria and/or performance measures constitutes a breach of this consent and may be subject to penalty or offence provisions under the EP&A Act or EP&A Regulation.

Where any exceedance of these criteria and/or performance measures has occurred, the Applicant must, at the earliest opportunity:

- take all reasonable and feasible steps to ensure that the exceedance ceases and does not reoccur;
  - consider all reasonable and feasible options for remediation (where relevant) and submit a report to the Department describing those options and any preferred remediation measures or other course of action; and
  - implement remediation measures as directed by the Secretary;
- to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

## COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

7. The Applicant must establish and operate a Community Consultative Committee (CCC) for the development to the satisfaction of the Secretary. The CCC must be operated in general accordance with the Department's *Community Consultative Committee Guidelines for State Significant Projects* (November 2016, or its latest version).

### Note:

- *The CCC is an advisory committee. The Department and other relevant agencies are responsible for ensuring that the Applicant complies with this consent.*

## REPORTING

### Incident Reporting

8. The Applicant must immediately notify the Secretary and any other relevant agencies of any incident. Within 7 days of the date of the incident, the Applicant must provide the Secretary and any relevant agencies with a detailed report on the incident, and such further reports as may be requested.

### Regular Reporting

9. The Applicant must provide regular reporting on the environmental performance of the development on its website, in accordance with the reporting arrangements in any plans or programs approved under the conditions of this consent.

### Annual Review

10. By the end of September each year, or other timing as may be agreed by the Secretary, the Applicant must submit a report to the Department reviewing the environmental performance of the development to the satisfaction of the Secretary. This review must:
- describe the development (including any rehabilitation) that was carried out in the previous financial year, and the development that is proposed to be carried out over the current financial year;
  - include a comprehensive review of the monitoring results and complaints records of the development over the previous financial year, which includes a comparison of these results against the:
    - relevant statutory requirements, limits or performance measures/criteria;
    - requirements of any plan or program required under this consent;
    - monitoring results of previous years; and
    - relevant predictions in the documents listed in condition 2(a) of Schedule 2;
  - identify any non-compliance over the past financial year, and describe what actions were (or are being) taken to ensure compliance;
  - identify any trends in the monitoring data over the life of the development;
  - identify any discrepancies between the predicted and actual impacts of the development, and analyse the potential cause of any significant discrepancies; and
  - describe what measures will be implemented over the current financial year to improve the environmental performance of the development.

The Applicant must ensure that copies of the Annual Review are submitted to Council and the EPA and are available to the Community Consultative Committee (see condition 7 of Schedule 5) and any interested person upon request.

## INDEPENDENT ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT

11. Within a year of commencing development under this consent, and every 3 years thereafter, unless the Secretary directs otherwise, the Applicant must commission, commence and pay the full cost of an Independent Environmental Audit of the development. This audit must:
- be conducted by a suitably qualified, experienced and independent team of experts whose appointment has been endorsed by the Secretary;
  - include consultation with the relevant agencies;
  - assess the environmental performance of the development and whether it is complying with the relevant requirements in this consent and any relevant EPL or necessary water licences for the development (including any assessment, strategy, plan or program required under these approvals);
  - review the adequacy of strategies, plans or programs required under the abovementioned approvals;
  - recommend appropriate measures or actions to improve the environmental performance of the development, and/or any assessment, strategy, plan or program required under the abovementioned approvals; and
  - be conducted and reported to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

*Note: This audit team must be led by a suitably qualified auditor and include experts in any fields specified by the Secretary.*

12. Within 12 weeks of commencing this audit, or as otherwise agreed by the Secretary, the Applicant must submit a copy of the audit report to the Secretary and any other NSW agency that requests it, together with its response to any recommendations contained in the audit report.

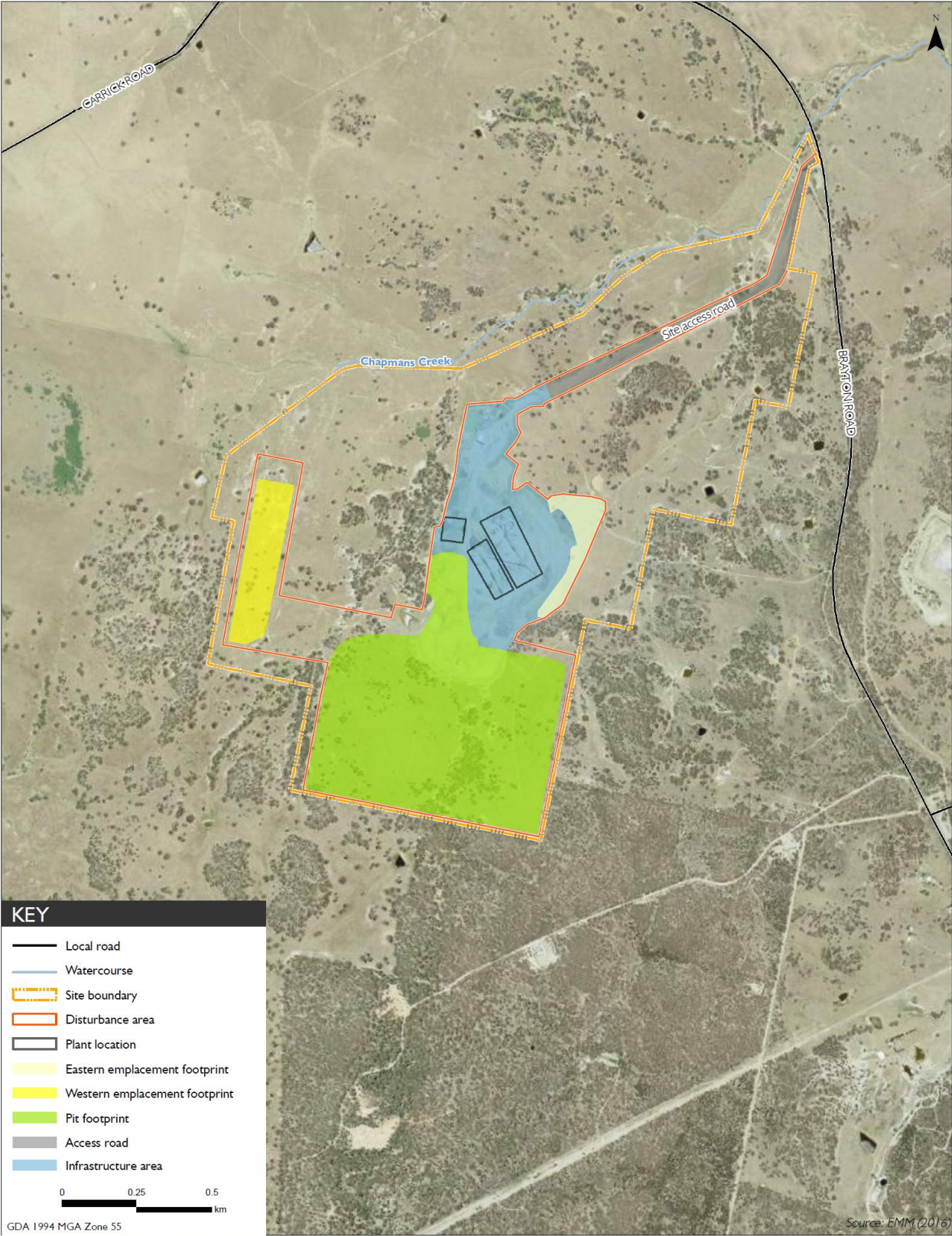
## ACCESS TO INFORMATION

13. Within 6 months of the commencement of development under this consent, the Applicant must:
- make the following information publicly available on its website:

- the documents listed in condition 2(a) of Schedule 2;
  - current statutory approvals for the development, including any environmental protection licence and any permits or approvals under the Roads Act 1993 relating to road upgrades, etc;
  - all approved strategies, plans and programs required under the conditions of this consent;
  - a comprehensive summary of the monitoring results of the development, reported in accordance with the specifications in any conditions of this consent, or any approved plans and programs;
  - a complaints register, updated monthly;
  - the annual reviews of the development;
  - any independent environmental audit, and the Applicant's response to the recommendations in any audit; and
  - any other matter required by the Secretary; and
- (b) keep this information up-to-date,

to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

**APPENDIX 1  
DEVELOPMENT LAYOUT**



**Figure:** Development Layout

**APPENDIX 2  
STATEMENT OF COMMITMENTS**

Aspect	Commitment
Noise and vibration	<p><i>Voluntary land acquisition and mitigation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voluntarily acquisition rights will be offered to receiver R2 in accordance with the VLAMP.</li> <li>• Voluntarily mitigation rights will be offered to receiver R2 and R7 in accordance with the VLAMP.</li> </ul> <p><i>Primary crusher noise attenuation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The primary crusher will be enclosed as part of the extension project within four months of approval.</li> <li>• The primary crusher will not be operated at night until it is enclosed.</li> </ul> <p><i>Overburden emplacement</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The overburden emplacement east of the infrastructure area will be extended to the north and south as shown in the general site layout.</li> </ul> <p><i>Evening and night operation of mobile fleet</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The mobile fleet operations will be reduced during the evening and night periods, as represented in the noise model.</li> </ul> <p><i>Noise and Blast Management Plan</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An updated Noise and Blast Management Plan will be submitted to DPE within six months of commencing development under the consent.</li> </ul>
Air quality	<p><i>Air quality monitoring</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The existing air quality monitoring network will continue under the extension project. Monitoring results will be reviewed on an annual basis against the Environment Protection Licence (EPL) and approval conditions to determine if additional monitoring is required due to production increases.</li> </ul> <p><i>Air quality management</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The following additional management measures will be implemented to enable Gunlake to continue to manage potential air quality impacts effectively: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- compliance with the USA-EPA Tier 3 or Tier 4 emissions standards, where practicable, for any new plant acquired by Gunlake; and</li> <li>- consideration of the following factors during blast design: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ delaying blasting to avoid unfavourable weather conditions that are likely to cause or spread a blast fume;</li> <li>▪ selecting an explosive product that is correct for the conditions;</li> <li>▪ monitoring the amount of hydrocarbon (diesel) in the product;</li> <li>▪ preventing water ingress into blast holes;</li> <li>▪ dewatering holes before loading;</li> <li>▪ keeping sleep time (the amount of time between charging and firing of a blast) to a minimum, well within manufacturer recommended times;</li> <li>▪ providing effective stemming; and</li> <li>▪ loading the product using the appropriate techniques.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

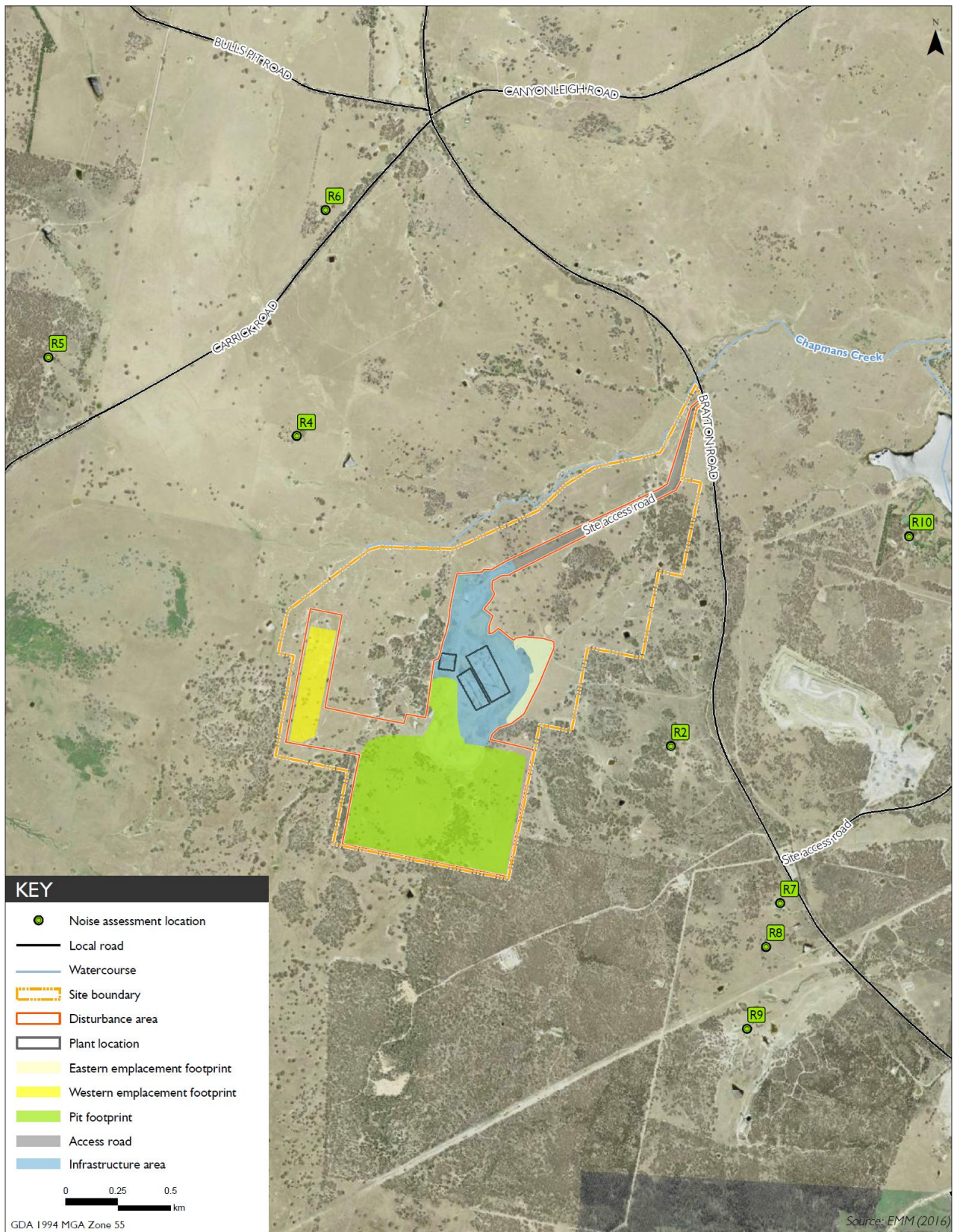


Aspect	Commitment
Biodiversity	<p data-bbox="491 230 1310 286"><i>Rehabilitation and Biodiversity Offsets Management Plan [previously the Landscape Management Plan]</i></p> <ul data-bbox="491 297 1460 819" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="491 297 1460 409">• The Rehabilitation and Biodiversity Offsets Management Plan (RBOMP) will be updated to include details on biodiversity management and rehabilitation for the extension project. The plan will be completed and implemented within 12 months of commencing development under the consent.</li> <li data-bbox="491 421 1460 752">• The RBOMP will include procedures to be applied for the management of the offset properties, the arrangements for conservation in perpetuity and regeneration works to be undertaken. This will include the procedures for: <ul data-bbox="568 521 1460 752" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="568 521 1460 600">- assisting the revegetation and regeneration in the offset areas, including establishment of canopy, understorey and groundcover in areas of native pasture where required;</li> <li data-bbox="568 611 975 633">- controlling weeds and feral pests;</li> <li data-bbox="568 645 975 667">- fencing and access arrangements;</li> <li data-bbox="568 678 842 701">- erosion control; and</li> <li data-bbox="568 712 866 734">- bushfire management.</li> </ul> </li> <li data-bbox="491 763 1460 819">• An offset monitoring program will also be included within the RBOMP to monitor any changes to the condition of the offset areas.</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="478 842 549 864"><i>Offsets</i></p> <ul data-bbox="478 875 1460 1032" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="478 875 1460 931">• Biodiversity Areas of 78.82 ha will be provided to compensate for the biodiversity impacts of the original approval, as modified.</li> <li data-bbox="478 943 1460 999">• An offset package with 1,380 ha of biodiversity credits will be provided under a BioBanking agreement to compensate for the additional biodiversity impacts of the extension project.</li> <li data-bbox="478 1010 1161 1032">• The offset areas will be managed in accordance with the RBOMP.</li> </ul>
Groundwater	<p data-bbox="478 1111 727 1133"><i>Water management plan</i></p> <p data-bbox="478 1144 1406 1223">The Water Management (WMP) Plan will be updated to provide details of the surface water management system, surface water management and monitoring for the extended quarry and will be submitted to DPE within six months of commencing development under the consent.</p> <p data-bbox="478 1234 1114 1256">The Gunlake water management plan will be updated to include:</p> <ul data-bbox="478 1279 1460 1648" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="478 1279 1305 1335">• triggers values to facilitate the identification of groundwater impacts outside of predictions;</li> <li data-bbox="478 1346 1406 1368">• the use of monitoring data to calibrate and update the model at significant project stages;</li> <li data-bbox="478 1379 1406 1435">• quarterly groundwater quality and level monitoring to facilitate the early identification of adverse impacts and test model predictions;</li> <li data-bbox="478 1447 1406 1503">• monitoring of spring flow in conjunction with the quarterly groundwater level and quality program;</li> <li data-bbox="478 1514 1015 1536">• monitoring mapped areas of Box Gum Woodland;</li> <li data-bbox="478 1547 954 1570">• procedures for the re-use of site water; and</li> <li data-bbox="478 1581 1460 1648">• response protocols and contingency mitigation measures to be implemented in the event of an unpredicted adverse impact.</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="478 1659 699 1682"><i>Groundwater licensing</i></p> <ul data-bbox="478 1693 1460 1794" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="478 1693 1460 1749">• Gunlake Quarry will obtain a WAL(s) for the predicted groundwater take over the lifespan of extension project (up to 37 ML/year).</li> <li data-bbox="478 1760 1217 1783">• Groundwater monitoring bores will be registered under the Water Act.</li> </ul>
Surface water	<p data-bbox="478 1816 703 1839"><i>Surface water licensing</i></p> <ul data-bbox="478 1850 1382 1904" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="478 1850 1382 1904">• Gunlake will seek any required water licences should water need to be imported during extended dry periods.</li> </ul>

Aspect	Commitment
Aboriginal heritage	<p data-bbox="475 226 730 248"><i>Surface water monitoring</i></p> <ul data-bbox="475 264 1414 510" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The current surface water monitoring program will be modified to include monitoring at: <ul data-bbox="523 300 1337 360" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- two receiving water sites on Chapmans Creek, downstream of the quarry; and</li> <li>- the Process Water Dam and Pit Dewatering Dam.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Should the monitoring program indicate that the quarry is potentially adversely affecting water quality in Chapmans Creek, Gunlake will undertake an investigation to establish the likely cause and will implement necessary mitigation measures.</li> <li>• The updated Soil and Water Management Plan will include the site water balance and measures to manage water excesses and deficits.</li> </ul> <hr/> <p data-bbox="475 521 858 544"><i>Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan</i></p> <ul data-bbox="475 562 1414 965" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An updated Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan, prepared in consultation with OEH and Registered Aboriginal Parties, will be submitted to DPE within six months of commencing development under the consent</li> <li>• The Gunlake Quarry Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan (AHMP) will be updated and provide details of: <ul data-bbox="523 725 1289 965" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- all Aboriginal sites identified for the project and those previously recorded in the broader project site boundary;</li> <li>- management measures and their progress towards completion;</li> <li>- continuing consultation and involvement of registered Aboriginal parties;</li> <li>- protocols for newly identified sites;</li> <li>- protocols for suspected human skeletal material; and</li> <li>- provisions for review and updates of the AHMP.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p data-bbox="475 976 635 999"><i>Aboriginal sites</i></p> <ul data-bbox="475 1016 1414 1294" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Aboriginal sites in the project disturbance footprint will be collected by a qualified archaeologist and members of the RAPs and relocated to the same area as previously collected artefacts at the site.</li> <li>• If new Aboriginal sites are discovered outside of known site areas, all work will halt and an archaeologist and members of the RAPs be contacted to determine the significance of the objects. Objects will be managed based on their sensitivity in a manner consistent with the management measures outlined above, including appropriate forms of salvage for the items.</li> <li>• In the event that known or suspected human skeletal remains are encountered during the activity, the procedures detailed in Appendix M of the EIS will be followed.</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="475 1305 730 1328"><i>Avoiding Aboriginal sites</i></p> <ul data-bbox="475 1346 1414 1368" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Aboriginal sites, GL4, GL12, GL13 and GL15, will be fenced and avoided by the project.</li> </ul>
Social	<p data-bbox="475 1379 922 1402"><i>Local employment, training and engagement</i></p> <ul data-bbox="475 1420 1414 1608" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gunlake will ensure that preference is given to local employees. Gunlake will use local or regional contractors and suppliers where this presents a cost effective and feasible option.</li> <li>• Gunlake will provide ongoing training and certification opportunities for local community members to ensure they have the necessary skills to work in extractive industries.</li> <li>• Gunlake will continue to actively engage with the local community and affected individuals and groups and address any complaints and feedback on quarry operations.</li> </ul>
Soils and rehabilitation	<p data-bbox="475 1619 730 1641"><i>Rehabilitation scheduling</i></p> <ul data-bbox="475 1659 1461 1771" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rehabilitation will be progressively staged as soon as possible after final completion of works is determined. Staging of rehabilitation activities will require identification of timelines for decommissioning of pits, buildings and other supporting infrastructure. A more detailed schedule of works will be developed 12 to 24 months prior to the confirmed closure.</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="475 1783 767 1805"><i>Erosion and sediment control</i></p> <ul data-bbox="475 1823 1461 1868" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Erosion and sediment control measures will be defined in an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan to be implemented throughout the life of the project.</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="475 1895 544 1917"><i>Weeds</i></p> <ul data-bbox="475 1935 1461 1975" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gunlake will take the necessary precautions to prevent excessive development of weeds within rehabilitated areas.</li> </ul>

Aspect	Commitment
Visual	<p data-bbox="477 230 730 253"><i>Rehabilitation monitoring</i></p> <ul data-bbox="477 271 1422 506" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="477 271 1422 349">• Gunlake will undertake an ongoing monitoring program throughout and beyond the operation of the project. Areas being rehabilitated will regularly be inspected and assessed against the short and long-term rehabilitation objectives outlined in EIS Section 6.4.1.</li> <li data-bbox="477 367 1422 506">• It is envisaged that rehabilitation monitoring will be undertaken for at least 2 years following the completion of all rehabilitation. The exact period would reflect seasonal conditions during that period. In any event, maintenance will continue until such time as the objectives have been achieved. The monitoring criteria will be reviewed and finalised with Goulburn Mulwaree Council at the time of submitting a final rehabilitation plan.</li> </ul>
Historic heritage	<p data-bbox="477 521 624 544"><i>Visual amenity</i></p> <ul data-bbox="477 562 1453 640" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="477 562 1453 640">• Gunlake will continue to consult with surrounding landowners regarding the visual amenity of the quarry and will implement any reasonable additional controls to further reduce their visual impact, if necessary.</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="477 656 647 678"><i>Unexpected finds</i></p> <ul data-bbox="477 696 1453 754" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="477 696 1453 754">• Gunlake will include an unexpected finds protocol in relation to historic heritage as part of the EMS for the quarry.</li> </ul>

**APPENDIX 3  
NOISE RECEIVER LOCATIONS**



**Figure:** Noise Assessment Locations

## **APPENDIX 4 NOISE COMPLIANCE ASSESSMENT**

### **Applicable Meteorological Conditions**

1. The noise criteria in Table 2 are to apply under all meteorological conditions except the following:
  - (a) wind speeds greater than 3 m/s at 10 m above ground level; or
  - (b) temperature inversion conditions between 1.5°C and 3°C/100 m and wind speed greater than 2 m/s at 10 m above ground level; or
  - (c) temperature inversion conditions greater than 3°C/100 m.

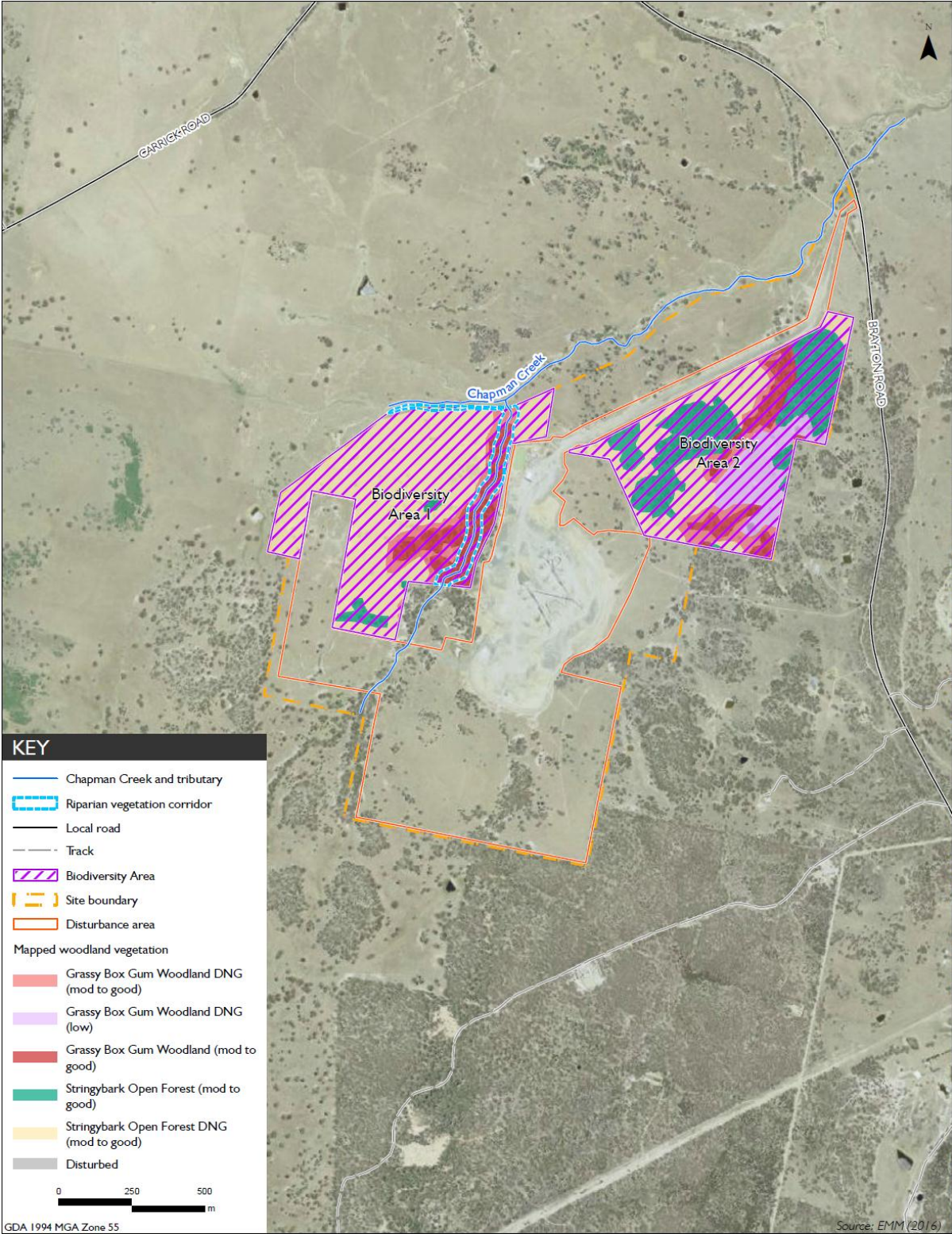
### **Determination of Meteorological Conditions**

2. Except for wind speed at microphone height, the data to be used for determining meteorological conditions must be that recorded by the meteorological station required under condition 18 of Schedule 3.

### **Compliance Monitoring**

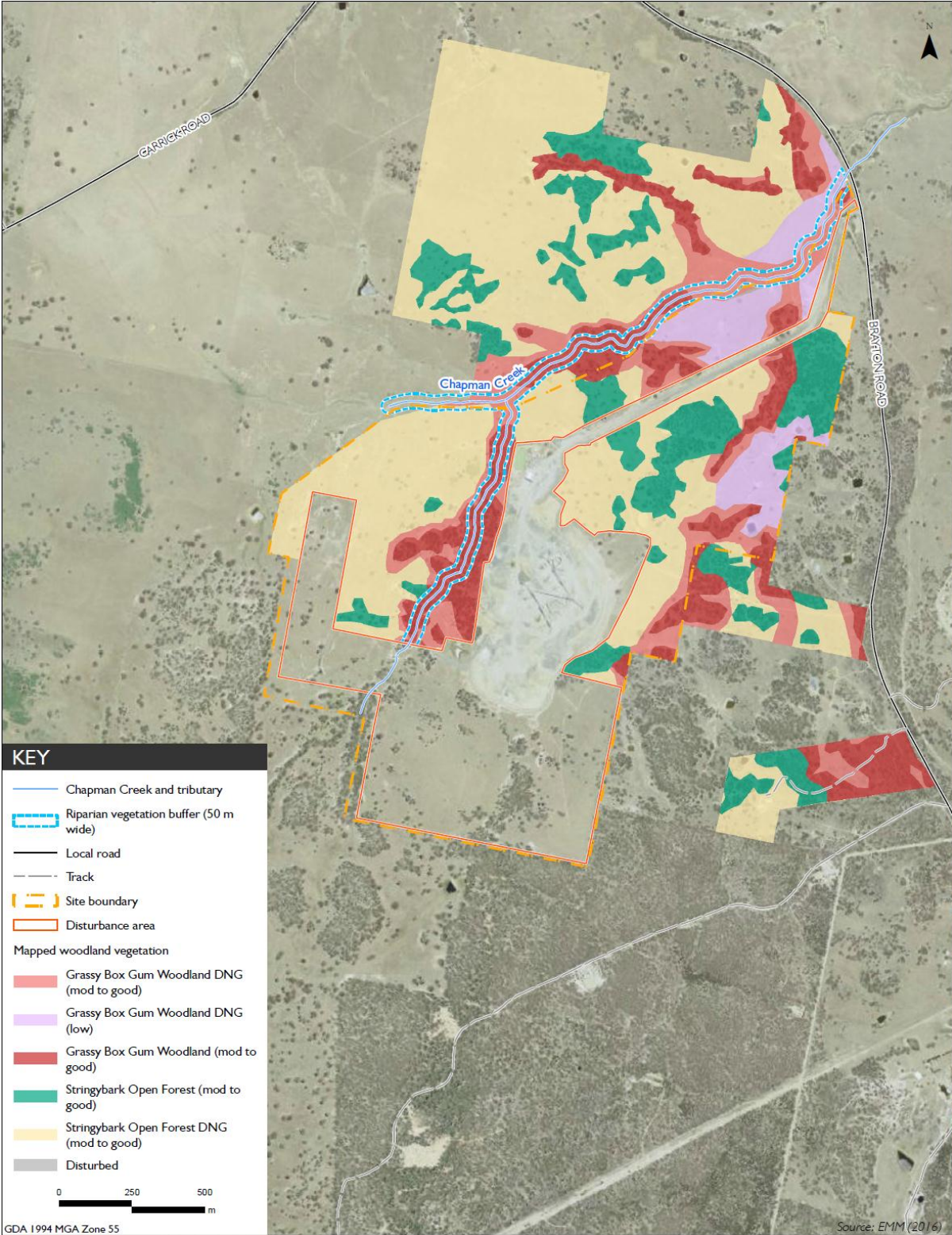
3. Attended monitoring is to be used to evaluate compliance with the relevant conditions of this consent.
4. Unless the Secretary agrees otherwise, this monitoring is to be carried out in accordance with the relevant requirements for reviewing performance set out in the *NSW Industrial Noise Policy* (as amended from time to time), in particular the requirements relating to:
  - (a) monitoring locations for the collection of representative noise data;
  - (b) equipment used to collect noise data, and conformity with Australian Standards relevant to such equipment; and
  - (c) modifications to noise data collected, including for the exclusion of extraneous noise and/or penalties for modifying factors apart from adjustments for duration.

**APPENDIX 5  
BIODIVERSITY AREAS**



**Figure: Location of Biodiversity Areas**

**APPENDIX 6  
CHAPMANS CREEK RIPARIAN BUFFER**



**Figure: Chapman's Creek Riparian Buffer**



## APPENDIX B - EPA LICENCE

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# Environment Protection Licence

Licence - 13012

## Licence Details

Number:	13012
Anniversary Date:	13-July

## Licensee

GUNLAKE QUARRIES PTY LIMITED

PO BOX 1665

DOUBLE BAY NSW 1360

## Premises

GUNLAKE QUARRIES

715 BRAYTON ROAD

MARULAN NSW 2579

## Scheduled Activity

Extractive activities

Resource recovery

## Fee Based Activity

## Scale

Land-based extractive activity	> 500000-2000000 T annual capacity to extract, process or store
Recovery of general waste	Any general waste recovered

## Region

South East - Queanbeyan

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## Information about this licence

### Dictionary

A definition of terms used in the licence can be found in the dictionary at the end of this licence.

### Responsibilities of licensee

Separate to the requirements of this licence, general obligations of licensees are set out in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 ("the Act") and the Regulations made under the Act. These include obligations to:

- ensure persons associated with you comply with this licence, as set out in section 64 of the Act;
- control the pollution of waters and the pollution of air (see for example sections 120 - 132 of the Act);
- report incidents causing or threatening material environmental harm to the environment, as set out in Part 5.7 of the Act.

### Variation of licence conditions

The licence holder can apply to vary the conditions of this licence. An application form for this purpose is available from the EPA.

The EPA may also vary the conditions of the licence at any time by written notice without an application being made.

Where a licence has been granted in relation to development which was assessed under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 in accordance with the procedures applying to integrated development, the EPA may not impose conditions which are inconsistent with the development consent conditions until the licence is first reviewed under Part 3.6 of the Act.

### Duration of licence

This licence will remain in force until the licence is surrendered by the licence holder or until it is suspended or revoked by the EPA or the Minister. A licence may only be surrendered with the written approval of the EPA.

### Licence review

The Act requires that the EPA review your licence at least every 5 years after the issue of the licence, as set out in Part 3.6 and Schedule 5 of the Act. You will receive advance notice of the licence review.

### Fees and annual return to be sent to the EPA

For each licence fee period you must pay:

- an administrative fee; and
- a load-based fee (if applicable).

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The EPA publication “A Guide to Licensing” contains information about how to calculate your licence fees. The licence requires that an Annual Return, comprising a Statement of Compliance and a summary of any monitoring required by the licence (including the recording of complaints), be submitted to the EPA. The Annual Return must be submitted within 60 days after the end of each reporting period. See condition R1 regarding the Annual Return reporting requirements.

Usually the licence fee period is the same as the reporting period.

## Transfer of licence

The licence holder can apply to transfer the licence to another person. An application form for this purpose is available from the EPA.

## Public register and access to monitoring data

Part 9.5 of the Act requires the EPA to keep a public register of details and decisions of the EPA in relation to, for example:

- licence applications;
- licence conditions and variations;
- statements of compliance;
- load based licensing information; and
- load reduction agreements.

Under s320 of the Act application can be made to the EPA for access to monitoring data which has been submitted to the EPA by licensees.

## This licence is issued to:

<b>GUNLAKE QUARRIES PTY LIMITED</b>
<b>PO BOX 1665</b>
<b>DOUBLE BAY NSW 1360</b>

subject to the conditions which follow.

# Environment Protection Licence

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## 1 Administrative Conditions

### A1 What the licence authorises and regulates

A1.1 This licence authorises the carrying out of the scheduled activities listed below at the premises specified in A2. The activities are listed according to their scheduled activity classification, fee-based activity classification and the scale of the operation.

Unless otherwise further restricted by a condition of this licence, the scale at which the activity is carried out must not exceed the maximum scale specified in this condition.

Scheduled Activity	Fee Based Activity	Scale
Extractive activities	Land-based extractive activity	> 500000 - 2000000 T annual capacity to extract, process or store
Resource recovery	Recovery of general waste	Any general waste recovered

A1.2 The licensee must not carry on any scheduled activities until the scheduled development works are completed, except as elsewhere provided in this licence.

### A2 Premises or plant to which this licence applies

A2.1 The licence applies to the following premises:

Premises Details
GUNLAKE QUARRIES
715 BRAYTON ROAD
MARULAN
NSW 2579
LOT 13 DP 1123374

### A3 Information supplied to the EPA

A3.1 Works and activities must be carried out in accordance with the proposal contained in the licence application, except as expressly provided by a condition of this licence.

In this condition the reference to "the licence application" includes a reference to:

- the applications for any licences (including former pollution control approvals) which this licence replaces under the Protection of the Environment Operations (Savings and Transitional) Regulation 1998; and
- the licence information form provided by the licensee to the EPA to assist the EPA in connection with the issuing of this licence.

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## 2 Discharges to Air and Water and Applications to Land

### P1 Location of monitoring/discharge points and areas

P1.1 The following points referred to in the table below are identified in this licence for the purposes of monitoring and/or the setting of limits for the emission of pollutants to the air from the point.

<i>Air</i>			
EPA identification no.	Type of Monitoring Point	Type of Discharge Point	Location Description
1	Dust Monitoring		Dust Deposition Gauge labelled DDG 1 on map titled "Figure A- Receptor and DDG locations- July 2009 " provided to DECC on 3 July 2009 (DOC09/31859)
2	Dust Monitoring		Dust Deposition Gauge labelled DDG 2 on map titled "Figure A- Receptor and DDG locations- July 2009 " provided to DECC on 3 July 2009 (DOC09/31859)
3	Dust Monitoring		Dust Deposition Gauge labelled DDG 3 on map titled "Figure A- Receptor and DDG locations- July 2009 " provided to DECC on 3 July 2009 (DOC09/31859)
4	PM 10 Monitoring		High Volume Air Sampler labelled R1 - HVAS on map titled "Figure A - Receptor and DDG locations - July 2009" provided to DECC on 3 July 2009 (DOC09/31859)
11	PM10 Monitoring		High Volume Air Sampler labelled R4 - HVAS on map titled "Figure 2 - Gunlake Quarry Environmental Monitoring Sites" submitted with licence variation application to EPA on 29 May 2018(DOC18/375566)

P1.2 The following utilisation areas referred to in the table below are identified in this licence for the purposes of the monitoring and/or the setting of limits for any application of solids or liquids to the utilisation area.

P1.3 The following points referred to in the table are identified in this licence for the purposes of the monitoring and/or the setting of limits for discharges of pollutants to water from the point.

### *Water and land*

EPA Identification no.	Type of Monitoring Point	Type of Discharge Point	Location Description
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7	Groundwater Monitoring	Bore labelled as 'GM 6' on Figure 2 in the document titled 'Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Program' received by DECC 15 June 2009 (DOC09/28459)
8	Groundwater Monitoring	Bore labelled as 'GM 13' on Figure 2 in the document titled 'Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Program' received by DECC 15 June 2009 (DOC09/28459)
9	Groundwater Monitoring	Bore labelled as 'GM 24' on Figure 2 in the document titled 'Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Program' received by DECC 15 June 2009 (DOC09/28459)
10	Groundwater Monitoring	Bore labelled as 'GM 36' on Figure 2 in the document titled 'Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Program' received by DECC 15 June 2009 (DOC09/28459)

## 3 Limit Conditions

### L1 Pollution of waters

L1.1 Except as may be expressly provided in any other condition of this licence, the licensee must comply with section 120 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997.

### L2 Waste

L2.1 The licensee must not cause, permit or allow any waste to be received at the premises, except the wastes expressly referred to in the column titled "Waste" and meeting the definition, if any, in the column titled "Description" in the table below.

Any waste received at the premises must only be used for the activities referred to in relation to that waste in the column titled "Activity" in the table below.

Any waste received at the premises is subject to those limits or conditions, if any, referred to in relation to that waste contained in the column titled "Other Limits" in the table below.

This condition does not limit any other conditions in this licence.

Code	Waste	Description	Activity	Other Limits
NA	General or Specific exempted waste	Cured concrete waste from a batch plant as defined in Section 49 Definitions of waste	As specified in each particular resource recovery exemption	No more than 30,000 tonnes per year imported to the site.



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classifications, in Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997, as in force from time to time.

No more than 2,500 tonnes at any one time.

## L3 Noise limits

L3.1 Noise generated at the premises must not exceed the noise limits presented in the table below:

Noise Assessment Location	Day	Evening	Night	Night
	LAeq(15 minute)	LAeq(15 minute)	LAeq(15 minute)	LA1(1 minute)
R7	38	38	38	45
R8	37	37	37	45
All other privately owned residences	35	35	35	45

Note: For the purpose of the above table, the following definitions apply:

- Day - the period from 7.00am to 6.00pm Monday to Saturday; or 8.00am to 6.00pm on Sundays and Public Holidays
- Evening - the period from 6.00pm to 10.00pm
- Night - the remaining periods

The locations referred to in the above table represent noise assessment locations as indicated in Appendix 3 'Noise Assessment Locations' in the document titled "ANNEXURE 'A' OF S34 AGREEMENT FILED 30 JUNE 2017 IN PROCEEDINGS NO: 108663 OF 2017 CONDITIONS OF CONSENT"

L3.2 To determine compliance with these noise limits, noise from the project is to be measured at the most affected point within the residential boundary, or at the most affected point within 30 metres of the dwelling where the dwelling is more than 30 metres from the boundary.

The noise limits apply under meteorological conditions of:

- wind speed up to 3m/s at 10m above the ground level;
- temperature inversion conditions of up to 3 degrees c/100m and wind speed up to 2m/s at 10m above the ground;
- where the wind velocity and temperature gradients are determined to be relevant to the project site in accordance with the NSW industrial Noise Policy.

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## L4 Blasting

- L4.1 The overpressure level from blasting operations at the premises must not exceed 115dB (Lin Peak) for more than five per cent of the total number of blasts over each reporting period. Error margins associated with any monitoring equipment used to measure this are not to be taken into account in determining whether or not the limit has been exceeded.
- L4.2 The overpressure level from blasting operations at the premises must not exceed 120dB (Lin Peak) at any time. Error margins associated with any monitoring equipment used to measure this are not to be taken into account in determining whether or not the limit has been exceeded.
- L4.3 Ground vibration peak particle velocity from the blasting operations at the premises must not exceed 5mm/sec for more than five per cent of the total number of blasts over each reporting period. Error margins associated with any monitoring equipment used to measure this are not to be taken into account in determining whether or not the limit has been exceeded.
- L4.4 Ground vibration peak particle velocity from the blasting operations at the premises must not exceed 10mm/sec at any time. Error margins associated with any monitoring equipment used to measure this are not to be taken into account in determining whether or not the limit has been exceeded.

## L5 Hours of operation

- L5.1 The licensee must comply with the operating hours listed in the below table:

Activity	Day	Time
Overburden removal/emplacement and drilling	Monday-Saturday	7.00am to 6.00pm
	Sunday and Public Holidays	None
Blasting	Monday-Friday	9.00am to 5.00pm
	Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays	None
Quarrying operations (excluding overburden removal/emplacement and drilling)	Monday-Saturday	24-hours but not between 6.00pm Saturday to 2.00am Monday.
	Sunday and Public Holidays	None
Maintenance	Monday-Saturday Sunday and Public Holidays	Any time provided that the activity is not audible at any privately-owned residence
Loading and dispatching	Monday-Saturday	24-hours but not between 6.00pm Saturday to 2.00am Monday.
	Sunday and Public Holidays	None
Construction	Monday-Friday	7.00am to 6.00pm
	Saturday	8.00am to 1.00pm
	Sunday and Public Holidays	None

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## 4 Operating Conditions

### O1 Activities must be carried out in a competent manner

O1.1 Licensed activities must be carried out in a competent manner.

This includes:

- a) the processing, handling, movement and storage of materials and substances used to carry out the activity; and
- b) the treatment, storage, processing, reprocessing, transport and disposal of waste generated by the activity.

### O2 Maintenance of plant and equipment

O2.1 All plant and equipment installed at the premises or used in connection with the licensed activity:

- a) must be maintained in a proper and efficient condition; and
- b) must be operated in a proper and efficient manner.

### O3 Dust

O3.1 The plant must be maintained in a condition which minimises or prevents the emission of dust from the plant.

## 5 Monitoring and Recording Conditions

### M1 Monitoring records

M1.1 The results of any monitoring required to be conducted by this licence or a load calculation protocol must be recorded and retained as set out in this condition.

M1.2 All records required to be kept by this licence must be:

- a) in a legible form, or in a form that can readily be reduced to a legible form;
- b) kept for at least 4 years after the monitoring or event to which they relate took place; and
- c) produced in a legible form to any authorised officer of the EPA who asks to see them.

M1.3 The following records must be kept in respect of any samples required to be collected for the purposes of this licence:

- a) the date(s) on which the sample was taken;
- b) the time(s) at which the sample was collected;
- c) the point at which the sample was taken; and
- d) the name of the person who collected the sample.

### M2 Requirement to monitor concentration of pollutants discharged

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M2.1 For each monitoring/discharge point or utilisation area specified below (by a point number), the licensee must monitor (by sampling and obtaining results by analysis) the concentration of each pollutant specified in Column 1. The licensee must use the sampling method, units of measure, and sample at the frequency, specified opposite in the other columns:

M2.2 Air Monitoring Requirements

**POINT 1,2,3**

Pollutant	Units of measure	Frequency	Sampling Method
Particulates - Deposited Matter	grams per square metre per month	Monthly	Australian Standard 3580.10.1-2003

**POINT 4,11**

Pollutant	Units of measure	Frequency	Sampling Method
PM10	micrograms per cubic metre	Special Frequency 1	AS/NZS 3580.9.6:2003

M2.3 For the purposes of the table(s) above Special Frequency 1 means the collection of samples on a one day in six cycle using a HVAS fitted with size selective inlet for PM10.

### M3 Testing methods - concentration limits

M3.1 Monitoring for the concentration of a pollutant emitted to the air required to be conducted by this licence must be done in accordance with:

- any methodology which is required by or under the Act to be used for the testing of the concentration of the pollutant; or
- if no such requirement is imposed by or under the Act, any methodology which a condition of this licence requires to be used for that testing; or
- if no such requirement is imposed by or under the Act or by a condition of this licence, any methodology approved in writing by the EPA for the purposes of that testing prior to the testing taking place.

Note: The *Protection of the Environment Operations (Clean Air) Regulation 2010* requires testing for certain purposes to be conducted in accordance with test methods contained in the publication "Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in NSW".

### M4 Recording of pollution complaints

M4.1 The licensee must keep a legible record of all complaints made to the licensee or any employee or agent of the licensee in relation to pollution arising from any activity to which this licence applies.

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M4.2 The record must include details of the following:

- a) the date and time of the complaint;
- b) the method by which the complaint was made;
- c) any personal details of the complainant which were provided by the complainant or, if no such details were provided, a note to that effect;
- d) the nature of the complaint;
- e) the action taken by the licensee in relation to the complaint, including any follow-up contact with the complainant; and
- f) if no action was taken by the licensee, the reasons why no action was taken.

M4.3 The record of a complaint must be kept for at least 4 years after the complaint was made.

M4.4 The record must be produced to any authorised officer of the EPA who asks to see them.

## M5 Telephone complaints line

M5.1 The licensee must operate during its operating hours a telephone complaints line for the purpose of receiving any complaints from members of the public in relation to activities conducted at the premises or by the vehicle or mobile plant, unless otherwise specified in the licence.

M5.2 The licensee must notify the public of the complaints line telephone number and the fact that it is a complaints line so that the impacted community knows how to make a complaint.

M5.3 The preceding two conditions do not apply until 3 months after: the date of the issue of this licence.

## 6 Reporting Conditions

### R1 Annual return documents

R1.1 The licensee must complete and supply to the EPA an Annual Return in the approved form comprising:

1. a Statement of Compliance,
2. a Monitoring and Complaints Summary,
3. a Statement of Compliance - Licence Conditions,
4. a Statement of Compliance - Load based Fee,
5. a Statement of Compliance - Requirement to Prepare Pollution Incident Response Management Plan,
6. a Statement of Compliance - Requirement to Publish Pollution Monitoring Data; and
7. a Statement of Compliance - Environmental Management Systems and Practices.

At the end of each reporting period, the EPA will provide to the licensee a copy of the form that must be completed and returned to the EPA.

R1.2 An Annual Return must be prepared in respect of each reporting period, except as provided below.

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R1.3 Where this licence is transferred from the licensee to a new licensee:

- a) the transferring licensee must prepare an Annual Return for the period commencing on the first day of the reporting period and ending on the date the application for the transfer of the licence to the new licensee is granted; and
- b) the new licensee must prepare an Annual Return for the period commencing on the date the application for the transfer of the licence is granted and ending on the last day of the reporting period.

R1.4 Where this licence is surrendered by the licensee or revoked by the EPA or Minister, the licensee must prepare an Annual Return in respect of the period commencing on the first day of the reporting period and ending on:

- a) in relation to the surrender of a licence - the date when notice in writing of approval of the surrender is given; or
- b) in relation to the revocation of the licence - the date from which notice revoking the licence operates.

R1.5 The Annual Return for the reporting period must be supplied to the EPA via eConnect *EPA* or by registered post not later than 60 days after the end of each reporting period or in the case of a transferring licence not later than 60 days after the date the transfer was granted (the 'due date').

R1.6 The licensee must retain a copy of the Annual Return supplied to the EPA for a period of at least 4 years after the Annual Return was due to be supplied to the EPA.

R1.7 Within the Annual Return, the Statements of Compliance must be certified and the Monitoring and Complaints Summary must be signed by:

- a) the licence holder; or
- b) by a person approved in writing by the EPA to sign on behalf of the licence holder.

Note: The term "reporting period" is defined in the dictionary at the end of this licence. Do not complete the Annual Return until after the end of the reporting period.

Note: An application to transfer a licence must be made in the approved form for this purpose.

## R2 Notification of environmental harm

R2.1 Notifications must be made by telephoning the Environment Line service on 131 555.

R2.2 The licensee must provide written details of the notification to the EPA within 7 days of the date on which the incident occurred.

Note: The licensee or its employees must notify all relevant authorities of incidents causing or threatening material harm to the environment immediately after the person becomes aware of the incident in accordance with the requirements of Part 5.7 of the Act.

## R3 Written report

R3.1 Where an authorised officer of the EPA suspects on reasonable grounds that:

- a) where this licence applies to premises, an event has occurred at the premises; or
- b) where this licence applies to vehicles or mobile plant, an event has occurred in connection with the

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carrying out of the activities authorised by this licence, and the event has caused, is causing or is likely to cause material harm to the environment (whether the harm occurs on or off premises to which the licence applies), the authorised officer may request a written report of the event.

- R3.2 The licensee must make all reasonable inquiries in relation to the event and supply the report to the EPA within such time as may be specified in the request.
- R3.3 The request may require a report which includes any or all of the following information:
- a) the cause, time and duration of the event;
  - b) the type, volume and concentration of every pollutant discharged as a result of the event;
  - c) the name, address and business hours telephone number of employees or agents of the licensee, or a specified class of them, who witnessed the event;
  - d) the name, address and business hours telephone number of every other person (of whom the licensee is aware) who witnessed the event, unless the licensee has been unable to obtain that information after making reasonable effort;
  - e) action taken by the licensee in relation to the event, including any follow-up contact with any complainants;
  - f) details of any measure taken or proposed to be taken to prevent or mitigate against a recurrence of such an event; and
  - g) any other relevant matters.
- R3.4 The EPA may make a written request for further details in relation to any of the above matters if it is not satisfied with the report provided by the licensee. The licensee must provide such further details to the EPA within the time specified in the request.

## 7 General Conditions

### G1 Copy of licence kept at the premises or plant

- G1.1 A copy of this licence must be kept at the premises to which the licence applies.
- G1.2 The licence must be produced to any authorised officer of the EPA who asks to see it.
- G1.3 The licence must be available for inspection by any employee or agent of the licensee working at the premises.

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## Dictionary

### General Dictionary

<b>3DGM [in relation to a concentration limit]</b>	Means the three day geometric mean, which is calculated by multiplying the results of the analysis of three samples collected on consecutive days and then taking the cubed root of that amount. Where one or more of the samples is zero or below the detection limit for the analysis, then 1 or the detection limit respectively should be used in place of those samples
<b>Act</b>	Means the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>activity</b>	Means a scheduled or non-scheduled activity within the meaning of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>actual load</b>	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009
<b>AM</b>	Together with a number, means an ambient air monitoring method of that number prescribed by the <i>Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in New South Wales</i> .
<b>AMG</b>	Australian Map Grid
<b>anniversary date</b>	The anniversary date is the anniversary each year of the date of issue of the licence. In the case of a licence continued in force by the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997, the date of issue of the licence is the first anniversary of the date of issue or last renewal of the licence following the commencement of the Act.
<b>annual return</b>	Is defined in R1.1
<b>Approved Methods Publication</b>	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009
<b>assessable pollutants</b>	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009
<b>BOD</b>	Means biochemical oxygen demand
<b>CEM</b>	Together with a number, means a continuous emission monitoring method of that number prescribed by the <i>Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in New South Wales</i> .
<b>COD</b>	Means chemical oxygen demand
<b>composite sample</b>	Unless otherwise specifically approved in writing by the EPA, a sample consisting of 24 individual samples collected at hourly intervals and each having an equivalent volume.
<b>cond.</b>	Means conductivity
<b>environment</b>	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>environment protection legislation</b>	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Administration Act 1991
<b>EPA</b>	Means Environment Protection Authority of New South Wales.
<b>fee-based activity classification</b>	Means the numbered short descriptions in Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009.
<b>general solid waste (non-putrescible)</b>	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997



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<b>flow weighted composite sample</b>	Means a sample whose composites are sized in proportion to the flow at each composites time of collection.
<b>general solid waste (putrescible)</b>	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>grab sample</b>	Means a single sample taken at a point at a single time
<b>hazardous waste</b>	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>licensee</b>	Means the licence holder described at the front of this licence
<b>load calculation protocol</b>	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009
<b>local authority</b>	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>material harm</b>	Has the same meaning as in section 147 Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>MBAS</b>	Means methylene blue active substances
<b>Minister</b>	Means the Minister administering the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>mobile plant</b>	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>motor vehicle</b>	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>O&amp;G</b>	Means oil and grease
<b>percentile [in relation to a concentration limit of a sample]</b>	Means that percentage [eg.50%] of the number of samples taken that must meet the concentration limit specified in the licence for that pollutant over a specified period of time. In this licence, the specified period of time is the Reporting Period unless otherwise stated in this licence.
<b>plant</b>	Includes all plant within the meaning of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 as well as motor vehicles.
<b>pollution of waters [or water pollution]</b>	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>premises</b>	Means the premises described in condition A2.1
<b>public authority</b>	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>regional office</b>	Means the relevant EPA office referred to in the Contacting the EPA document accompanying this licence
<b>reporting period</b>	For the purposes of this licence, the reporting period means the period of 12 months after the issue of the licence, and each subsequent period of 12 months. In the case of a licence continued in force by the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997, the date of issue of the licence is the first anniversary of the date of issue or last renewal of the licence following the commencement of the Act.
<b>restricted solid waste</b>	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>scheduled activity</b>	Means an activity listed in Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>special waste</b>	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>TM</b>	Together with a number, means a test method of that number prescribed by the <i>Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in New South Wales</i> .

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<b>TSP</b>	Means total suspended particles
<b>TSS</b>	Means total suspended solids
<b>Type 1 substance</b>	Means the elements antimony, arsenic, cadmium, lead or mercury or any compound containing one or more of those elements
<b>Type 2 substance</b>	Means the elements beryllium, chromium, cobalt, manganese, nickel, selenium, tin or vanadium or any compound containing one or more of those elements
<b>utilisation area</b>	Means any area shown as a utilisation area on a map submitted with the application for this licence
<b>waste</b>	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>waste type</b>	Means liquid, restricted solid waste, general solid waste (putrescible), general solid waste (non - putrescible), special waste or hazardous waste

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## End Notes

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| 2 | Licence varied by notice                | 1516660 issued on 16-Sep-2013   |
| 3 | Licence transferred through application | 1521128 approved on 23-Apr-2014 , which came into effect on 01-May-2014 |
| 4 | Licence varied by notice                | 1522524 issued on 27-Oct-2014   |
| 5 | Licence varied by notice                | 1532111 issued on 10-Aug-2015   |
| 6 | Licence varied by notice                | 1565848 issued on 12-Jul-2018   |



## **Appendix C – Chapmans Creek Monitoring Report**

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# ***Gunlake Quarry***

## ***Quarterly Monitoring of Chapman's Creek***

***Report 2***

**July 2020**

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# 1. Introduction

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## 1.1 Background

Gunlake Quarry is a hard rock quarry operated by Gunlake Quarries Pty Ltd and is located approximately 7 km northwest of Marulan, off the Brayton Road as shown in Appendix A. Gunlake Quarry produces a range of hardrock products for the Sydney construction industry.

The Quarry holds an Environment Protection Licence (EPL) 13012 issued by the EPA under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (POEP Act) and operates under the conditions of Development Consent: 2017/00108663. Condition 22 of Schedule 2 of the consent requires a program to monitor stream health and stability in the site which is detailed in the Soil and Water Management Plan. This report details the monitoring undertaken as required.

## 1.2 Chapmans Creek

Gunlake Quarry is located in the upper reaches of the Chapman's Creek catchment and is surrounded by undulating stony countryside primarily used for sheep and cattle grazing. Elevations range from approximately 690m AHD on the southern boundary to 620 m AHD on the eastern boundary at Brayton Road. Soils are shallow and generally of low fertility, consequently, pasture cover is generally low quality improved or native species. There is evidence of sheet and some gully erosion in the main watercourses around the quarry site.

The development site of the Gunlake Extension Project is wholly within the upper catchment of Chapman's Creek. Chapman's Creek is an ephemeral creek which flows generally from south to north through the Gunlake property, and then east to its confluence with Joarimin Creek approximately 1km downstream of the site. Joarimin Creek in turn flows north to join the Wollondilly River. Chapman's Creek and its tributaries are intermittent streams which flow only following significant rainfall events.

The catchment area and riparian zones have previously been extensively modified for agricultural production, predominantly grazing of sheep and cattle. The adjacent flats of Chapman's Creek are only susceptible to temporary inundation after prolonged storms. The areas surrounding the creek have been cleared and vegetation is highly disturbed. Noxious woody weeds are present on creek banks, with a predominance of blackberry. Severe erosion is present along many sections of the river bank, and multiple gully heads have formed at the southern upstream end.

The current ecological state of Chapmans Creek has been poor for some time as an influence of disturbance from clearing and previous agricultural use. Chapmans Creek is still at risk of damage due to the quarry works existing on the adjacent land. Regular monitoring and maintenance is therefore required to ensure the creek health does not deteriorate further.

This is the second annual monitoring report of Chapmans Creek, which aims to outline the current health of the riparian ecosystem and any changes observed over subsequent reporting periods.

## 1.3 Gunlake Springs

Springs can be defined as areas where water naturally flows from the groundwater aquifers. The springs located at Gunlake Quarry are termed as seepage or filtration springs, referring to a spring with a low flow rate, where the source water has filtered through permeable earth material or fractured rock. There are four groundwater springs on site, referred to as Springs 6, 7, 8 and 9 which may be impacted by drawdown from the quarry void. These springs may receive reduced groundwater contributions and the two closest to the quarry extension (Springs 6 and 7) may cease to flow. The springs do not support GDEs or hold any significant environmental value and predicted reductions in flow are not considered to require mitigation and specific management activities. These springs are monitored on a quarterly basis.

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Condition 22 iv) point 6, Schedule 3 of the Development Consent states that: *The Applicant must prepare a Soil and Water Management Plan which must include a Groundwater Management Plan containing the impacts of the development on any groundwater bores, springs and seeps on privately-owned land.*

Due to the prolonged drought conditions over the past three years the springs and seeps have not been evident on the Gunlake property and therefore have not been monitored on privately-owned land. Access to neighbouring properties will be sought in the coming reporting period to monitor springs and seeps following heavy rain in mid 2020.

## **2. Monitoring Program**

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The attributes of the Quarry form the basis of ongoing management principles governing the need to protect water systems, both surface and groundwater, during quarrying activities as well as managing the remaining land for agricultural and biodiversity uses. The water management system has been designed to protect Chapmans Creek.

### **2.1 Surface Water Monitoring**

Gunlake Quarry has a well-established ambient water quality monitoring program inclusive of a substantive database on Chapmans Creek. Surface water samples are collected quarterly from two sites within Chapman's Creek to determine a basis for potential impact assessment as the quarry progresses. The data shows that the upper reaches of Chapmans Creek are predominantly dry and only flow following heavy rain events, while the lower section towards Brayton Road at the Gunlake property boundary consists largely of unconnected stagnant pools which respond more quickly to rainfall events and tend to dry rapidly in periods of dry weather.

Appendix A shows the location of the surface water monitoring sites. The sites include two sampling locations on Chapmans Creek downstream of the operation known as RW1 and RW2. RW1 is located at the Quarry entrance adjacent to Brayton Road, whilst RW2, which is often dry, is sampled approximately 1km upstream of RW1 within the property. The upstream site (site I) that was required to be monitored under the previous project approval is no longer required to be monitored as sufficient background data on Chapmans Creek exists for the purposes of impact assessment.

The water quality has been monitored and significant parameters outlined in the TARPs as developed for the Soil and Water Management Plan. Electrical Conductivity, pH, and Total Dissolved Solids have been compared to historical background levels taken at Site I in order to identify any harmful changes to the creeks' water quality.

### **2.2 Channel Stability**

As with most ephemeral streams, the intermittent flow events in Chapmans Creek give rise to infrequent but often high sediment movement. Ephemeral streams tend to remain apparently stable for long periods until major storm events when high flows cause channel scour and mass movement of sediment downstream. Although these are natural events, the loss of riparian vegetation through past agricultural activities can result in higher than normal instability of channels and banks.

The collection of quarterly water samples, taken during flow events, correspond with inspections of channel stability and evidence of erosion or sedimentation. High flows are natural channel forming events and the movement of sediments downstream can also have beneficial effects on fluvial systems. The monitoring therefore needs to consider what is natural and what may have been exacerbated by past and current land uses. Changes to the creek banks, heads and floor will be monitored using a series of four photo-points which will be compared to identify changes over time, as presented in the results section below. This program will include identification of the causes of deterioration which could relate to reduced groundwater baseflow within the alluvial. Any changes which may have occurred as a result of quarry activities will be noted separately and corrected as soon as practicable.

### **2.3 Springs**

Any springs identified following heavy rainfall will be monitored on a quarterly basis in order to better understand the near surface groundwater system over the site.

Following a storm event in February 2020, nine potential springs were identified, as shown in Appendix B. Previously identified springs 6, 7, 8 and 9 were first monitored in April 2020 and will be compared on a quarterly basis using a photographic record.



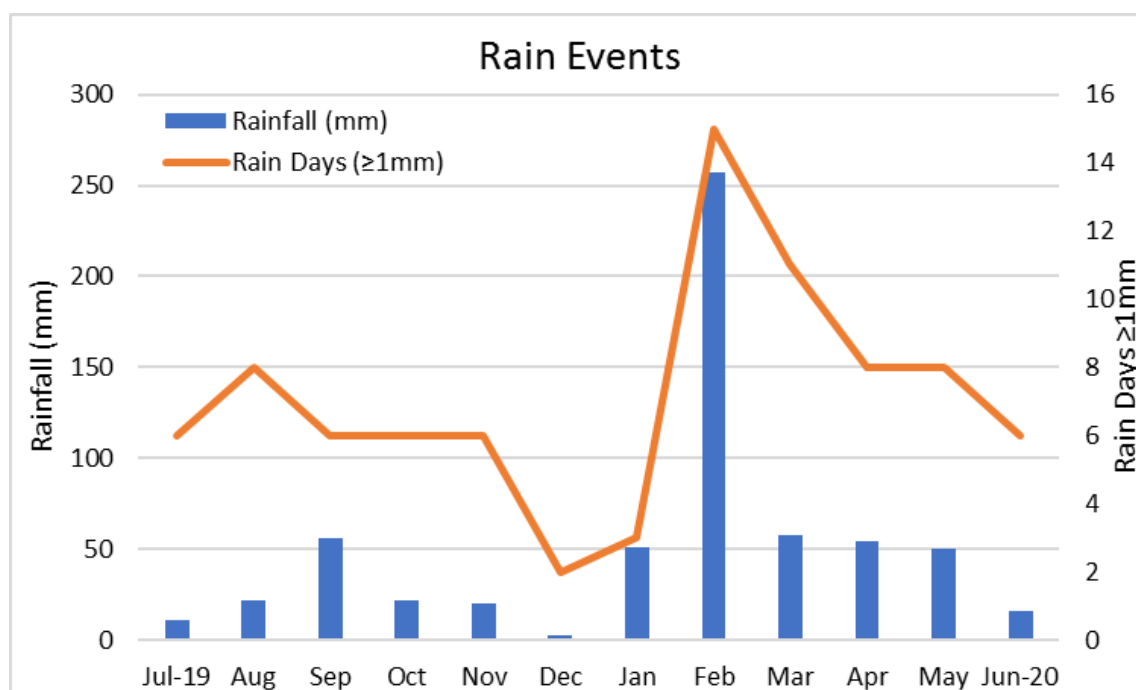
### 3. Results

#### 3.1 Weather Results

Rainfall data for past two years was collected at the Gunlake weather station. Raw data is provided in Table 3.1 while a summary of recent years is provided in Graph 1 below.

Table 3.1 – Total Monthly Rainfall (mm) (2018/19)												
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Tot
7	18.2	19.4	52.8	102.4	138.8	57.2	9.6	76.2	9.2	15.4	87	593.2
Number of Rain Days (≥1mm)												
1	6	4	15	13	8	14	3	12	3	5	12	96

Table 3.1 continued – Total Monthly Rainfall (mm) (2019/20)												
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Tot
10.8	22.4	56.2	22.2	20.0	2.6	50.8	257.2	58.2	54.6	50.4	16.4	621.8
Number of Rain Days (≥1mm)												
6	8	6	6	6	2	3	15	11	8	8	6	85



**Graph 1 – Monthly Rainfall and Number of Rain Days**

During the 2019-2020 reporting period, the highest rainfall was experienced in February with 257.2mm (Graph 1). The average monthly rainfall was 51.8mm which was reflective of the months September 2019, January, March, April and May 2020. Meanwhile, December 2019 had the lowest rainfall, experiencing 2.6mm over the duration of the month. The month with the highest number of rain days was February with 15 days of rain above 1mm.

Following months of higher rainfall during 2020, there has been no further damage to the walls of the creek bank and the gully heads have remained stable with no further erosion visible. The state of Chapman's Creek is expected to remain relatively stable under equivalent rainfall events. The event of extremely high rainfall experienced in the future may lead to the requirement of bank and gully stabilisation measures to be put in place.

The heavy rainfall experienced in February 2020 enabled verification of the locations of the springs on site which have been monitored quarterly since April.

### 3.2 Surface Water Monitoring

The data shows that there is generally an increasing trend in pH, salinity, sodium and chloride downstream within Chapman's Creek, while nitrogen, phosphorous, iron and manganese tend to decrease downstream. This data forms the basis for impact assessment as the quarry progresses.

The data shows that water quality in Chapman's Creek is largely influenced by groundwater baseflow. Salt levels are generally above 1,200  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  with neutral pH. During high flow, the salt content would likely decrease.

**Table 3.2 – Monitoring Results for Sites for, RW1, RW2 and PWD (Sample Date 21/06/2018)**

Analyte	Units	RW1	RW2 (DRY)	PWD
pH	pH units	7.52		7.86
Electrical Conductivity	$\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$	787		563
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	mg/L	53		50
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)	mg/L	512		366
Total Phosphorus as P (TP)	mg/L	<0.01		<0.01
Total Nitrogen as N (TN)	mg/L	1.1		3.5
Dissolved Oxygen (DO)	mg/L	9.6		10.3
Turbidity	NTU	76.1		72.5
Chloride	mg/L	180		70
Calcium	mg/L	27		16
Magnesium	mg/L	27		15
Sodium	mg/L	72		67
Potassium	mg/L	4		5
Total Aluminium	mg/L	----		----
Total Arsenic	mg/L	<0.001		<0.001
Total Cobalt	mg/L	<0.001		0.002
Total Copper	mg/L	0.002		0.003
Total Manganese	mg/L	0.058		0.115
Total Nickel	mg/L	0.002		0.002
Total Zinc	mg/L	0.014		0.009
Total Iron	mg/L	1.92		2.77
Oil and Grease	visual inspection	None visible		None visible

**Table 3.3 – Monitoring Results for Sites for, RW1, RW2 and PWD (Sample Date 27/09/2018)**

Analyte	Units	RW1	RW2 (DRY)	PWD
pH	pH units	7.81		9.17
Electrical Conductivity	$\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$	537		856
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	mg/L	68		32
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)	mg/L	349		556
Total Phosphorus as P (TP)	mg/L	<0.01		<0.01
Total Nitrogen as N (TN)	mg/L	1.1		3.8
Dissolved Oxygen (DO)	mg/L	7.7		9.3
Turbidity	NTU	74.2		29.3
Chloride	mg/L	92		154
Calcium	mg/L	22		18
Magnesium	mg/L	17		25
Sodium	mg/L	44		106
Potassium	mg/L	4		7
Total Aluminium	mg/L	1.79		1.31
Total Arsenic	mg/L	<0.001		<0.001
Total Cobalt	mg/L	<0.001		<0.001
Total Copper	mg/L	0.003		0.004
Total Manganese	mg/L	0.116		0.083

Analyte	Units	RW1	RW2 (DRY)	PWD
Total Nickel	mg/L	<0.001		<0.001
Total Zinc	mg/L	0.01		<0.005
Total Iron	mg/L	1.28		10.5
Oil and Grease	visual inspection	None visible		None visible

Table 3.4 – Monitoring Results for Sites for, RW1, RW2 and PWD (Sample Date 29/11/2018)

Analyte	Units	RW1	RW2	PWD	Drop Cut
pH	pH units	7.53	7.79	8.39	8.09
Electrical Conductivity	uS/cm	850	1530	374	1260
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	mg/L	194	30	150	14
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)	mg/L	552	994	243	819
Total Phosphorus as P (TP)	mg/L	0.14	0.07	0.08	0.01
Total Nitrogen as N (TN)	mg/L	1.8	2.2	4.3	11.1
Dissolved Oxygen (DO)	mg/L	9.2	9.4	9.3	9.4
Turbidity	NTU	312	59.5	347	24.3
Chloride	mg/L	259	480	54	349
Calcium	mg/L	23	39	9	42
Magnesium	mg/L	33	64	8	47
Sodium	mg/L	84	156	53	128
Potassium	mg/L	5	5	3	6
Total Aluminium	mg/L	14.8	3.15	12.6	1.12
Total Arsenic	mg/L	0.002	<0.001	0.002	<0.001
Total Cobalt	mg/L	0.005	0.001	0.005	<0.001
Total Copper	mg/L	0.01	0.003	0.007	0.003
Total Manganese	mg/L	0.224	0.115	0.232	0.032
Total Nickel	mg/L	0.007	0.002	0.005	0.001
Total Zinc	mg/L	0.027	0.006	0.034	<0.005
Total Iron	mg/L	11.3	2.26	10.7	0.88
Oil and Grease	visual inspection	None visible	None visible	None visible	None visible

Table 3.5 – Monitoring Results for Sites for, RW1, RW2 and PWD (Sample Date 02/4/2019)

Analyte	Units	RW1	RW2	PWD	Drop Cut
pH	pH units	7.73	7.95	8.21	7.94
Electrical Conductivity	uS/cm	248	4730	518	882
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	mg/L	20	10	91	16
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)	mg/L	161	3070	337	573
Total Phosphorus as P (TP)	mg/L	0.09	<0.01	0.09	0.04
Total Nitrogen as N (TN)	mg/L	0.9	0.6	6.1	5.4
Dissolved Oxygen (DO)	mg/L	6.3	7.4	8.6	8.8
Turbidity	NTU	32.7	1.1	118	7.3
Chloride	mg/L	39	1200	56	162
Calcium	mg/L	13	107	13	29
Magnesium	mg/L	9	172	12	27
Sodium	mg/L	24	428	75	75
Potassium	mg/L	5	8	4	5
Total Aluminium	mg/L	----	----	----	----
Total Arsenic	mg/L	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Total Cobalt	mg/L	<0.001	<0.001	0.001	<0.001
Total Copper	mg/L	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Total Manganese	mg/L	0.051	0.136	0.071	0.01
Total Nickel	mg/L	0.001	0.001	0.002	<0.001
Total Zinc	mg/L	0.007	<0.005	0.014	<0.005
Total Iron	mg/L	1.26	0.17	4.66	0.18
Oil and Grease	visual inspection	None visible	None visible	None visible	None visible

Table 3.6 – Monitoring Results for Sites for, RW1, RW2 and PWD (Sample Date 02/7/2019)

Analyte	Units	RW1	RW2	PWD	Drop Cut
pH	pH units	8.34	7.98	8.01	8.56
Electrical Conductivity	uS/cm	1760	2860	360	933
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	mg/L	14	15	98	5
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)	mg/L	1140	1860	234	606
Total Phosphorus as P (TP)	mg/L	0.01	<0.01	0.09	<0.01
Total Nitrogen as N (TN)	mg/L	0.8	6.6	3.6	5.8
Dissolved Oxygen (DO)	mg/L	12	11.3	11.3	11.6
Turbidity	NTU	3.9	0.9	218	0.9

Analyte	Units	RW1	RW2	PWD	Drop Cut
Chloride	mg/L	481	733	44	216
Calcium	mg/L	50	67	9	34
Magnesium	mg/L	68	112	8	34
Sodium	mg/L	185	315	54	90
Potassium	mg/L	5	6	3	5
Total Arsenic	mg/L	<0.001	<0.001	0.001	<0.001
Total Cobalt	mg/L	<0.001	0.001	0.004	<0.001
Total Copper	mg/L	0.002	0.005	0.006	<0.001
Total Manganese	mg/L	0.011	0.006	0.202	0.006
Total Nickel	mg/L	<0.001	<0.001	0.003	<0.001
Total Zinc	mg/L	<0.005	<0.005	0.03	<0.005
Total Iron	mg/L	0.16	0.05	8.01	0.12
Oil and Grease	visual inspection	None visible	None visible	None visible	None visible

Table 3.7 - Monitoring Results for Sites for, RW1, RW2 and PWD (Sample Date 26/9/2019)

Analyte	Units	RW1	RW2	PWD	Drop Cut
pH	pH units	7.31	7.91	7.83	7.54
Electrical Conductivity	uS/cm	1170	1010	2220	1440
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	mg/L	<5	20	11	17
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)	mg/L	760	656	1440	936
Total Phosphorus as P (TP)	mg/L	0.01	0.03	0.04	0.02
Total Nitrogen as N (TN)	mg/L	7	15	0.7	0.8
Dissolved Oxygen (DO)	mg/L	9.6	9.9	8.7	9.8
Turbidity	NTU	1.1	9	3.1	20.5
Chloride	mg/L	304	208	683	434
Calcium	mg/L	39	27	49	32
Magnesium	mg/L	41	37	85	55
Sodium	mg/L	101	133	215	130
Potassium	mg/L	5	6	5	4
Total Arsenic	mg/L	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Total Cobalt	mg/L	<0.001	0.002	<0.001	<0.001
Total Copper	mg/L	<0.001	0.001	0.002	0.002
Total Manganese	mg/L	0.004	0.024	0.051	0.035
Total Nickel	mg/L	<0.001	<0.001	0.002	0.002
Total Zinc	mg/L	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
Total Iron	mg/L	<0.05	0.24	0.08	0.77
Oil and Grease	visual inspection	None visible	None visible	None visible	None visible

Table 3.8 – Monitoring Results for Sites for, RW1, RW2 and PWD (Sample Date 10/12/2019)

Analyte	Units	RW1	RW2 (DRY)	PWD	Drop Cut
pH	pH units	7.94		8.18	8.26
Electrical Conductivity	uS/cm	2160		1360	1250
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	mg/L	18		10	6
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)	mg/L	1400		884	812
Total Phosphorus as P (TP)	mg/L	0.01		<0.01	<0.01
Total Nitrogen as N (TN)	mg/L	1		2.1	3.5
Dissolved Oxygen (DO)	mg/L	8.7		9.5	9.8
Turbidity	NTU	14.1		6	4.8
Chloride	mg/L	638		368	318
Calcium	mg/L	56		39	45
Magnesium	mg/L	88		55	51
Sodium	mg/L	226		144	120
Potassium	mg/L	9		7	7
Total Arsenic	mg/L	0.002		0.001	<0.001
Total Cobalt	mg/L	<0.001		<0.001	<0.001
Total Copper	mg/L	0.002		0.002	0.001
Total Manganese	mg/L	0.13		0.025	0.026
Total Nickel	mg/L	0.001		<0.001	<0.001
Total Zinc	mg/L	<0.005		0.013	<0.005
Total Iron	mg/L	0.07		<0.05	<0.05
Oil and Grease	visual inspection	None visible		None visible	None visible

Table 3.9 – Monitoring Results for Sites for, RW1, RW2 and PWD (Sample Date 10/03/2020)

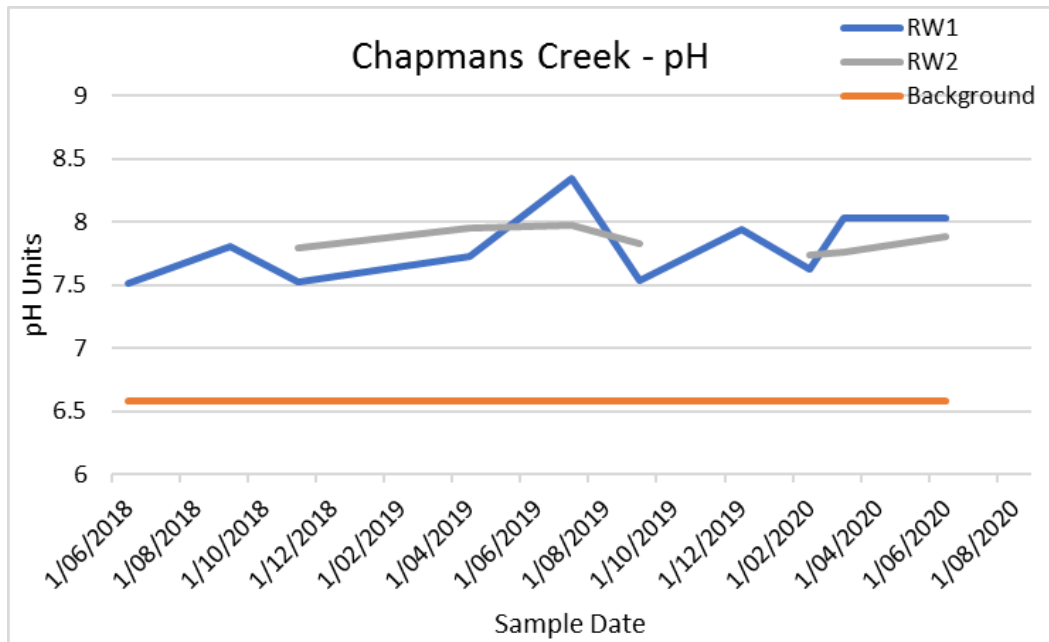
Analyte	Units	RW1	RW2	PWD	Drop Cut
pH	pH units	8.03	7.76	7.67	7.24
Electrical Conductivity	uS/cm	1520	1200	659	415
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	mg/L	6	7	46	30
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)	mg/L	988	780	428	270
Total Phosphorus as P (TP)	mg/L	0.01	0.04	0.02	0.05
Total Nitrogen as N (TN)	mg/L	4.2	2.2	13	6.7
Dissolved Oxygen (DO)	mg/L	8.6	8.5	8	7
Turbidity	NTU	4.3	11.3	78.6	171
Chloride	mg/L	405	289	61	54
Calcium	mg/L	40	28	11	11
Magnesium	mg/L	59	42	14	10
Sodium	mg/L	192	148	97	46
Potassium	mg/L	5	4	5	4
Total Arsenic	mg/L	<0.001	<0.001	0.002	0.001
Total Cobalt	mg/L	0.001	0.002	0.002	0.004
Total Copper	mg/L	<0.001	<0.001	0.005	0.009
Total Manganese	mg/L	0.029	0.075	0.07	0.078
Total Nickel	mg/L	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.001
Total Zinc	mg/L	<0.005	0.006	0.012	0.014
Total Iron	mg/L	0.17	0.34	2.44	6.8
Oil and Grease	visual inspection	None visible	None visible	None visible	None visible

Table 3.10 – Monitoring Results for Sites for, RW1, RW2 and PWD (Sample Date 9/06/2020)

Analyte	Units	RW1	RW2	PWD	Drop Cut
pH	pH units	8.03	7.88	8.09	7.62
Electrical Conductivity	uS/cm	2990	2620	752	552
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	mg/L	<5	6	19	34
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)	mg/L	1940	1700	489	359
Total Phosphorus as P (TP)	mg/L	<0.01	<0.01	0.01	0.05
Total Nitrogen as N (TN)	mg/L	0.6	0.3	11.4	8.6
Dissolved Oxygen (DO)	mg/L	11.5	11.1	11.4	11.7
Turbidity	NTU	1.3	0.9	26.2	29.7
Chloride	mg/L	801	698	74	72
Calcium	mg/L	80	67	17	18
Magnesium	mg/L	128	113	19	16
Sodium	mg/L	300	266	107	58
Potassium	mg/L	5	5	6	4
Total Arsenic	mg/L	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Total Cobalt	mg/L	<0.001	<0.001	0.002	0.001
Total Copper	mg/L	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Total Manganese	mg/L	0.026	0.032	0.022	0.016
Total Nickel	mg/L	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Total Zinc	mg/L	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
Total Iron	mg/L	<0.05	0.06	0.76	1.68
Oil and Grease	visual inspection	None visible	None visible	None visible	None visible

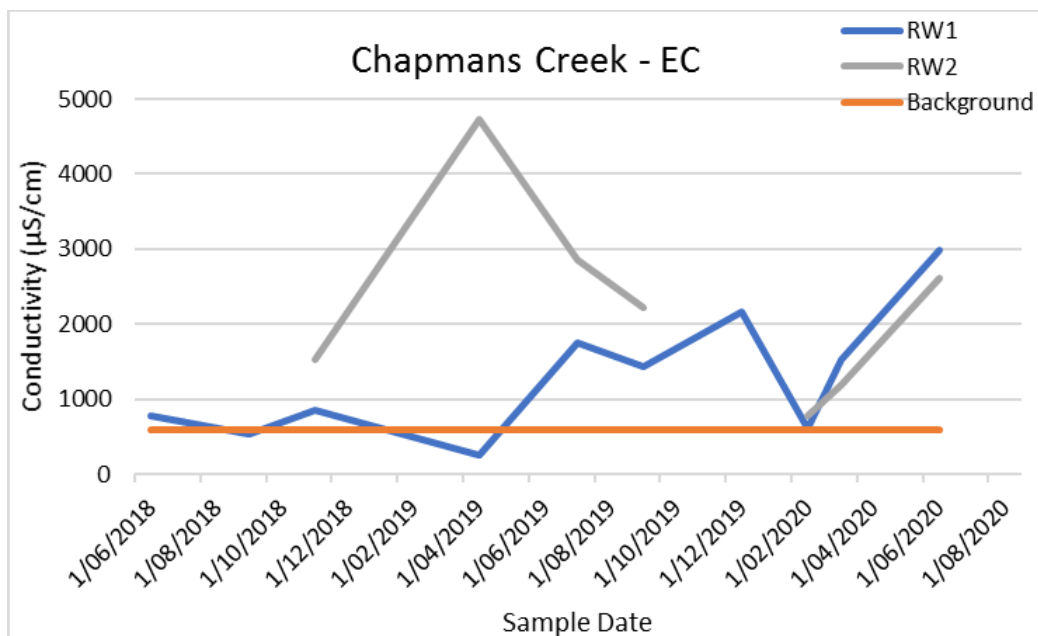
Graph 2 to Graph 5 below show the water quality parameters of the two downstream Chapmans Creek sample sites RW1 and RW2 over the past reporting period alongside the historical background average taken at the original sampling Site I higher up in the catchment. RW2 was dry during June and September 2018, and December 2019 therefore only seven results are presented for this site. The data in the graphs below shows that water quality in Chapmans Creek is largely influenced by groundwater baseflow.

Graph 2 shows the pH of Chapmans Creek over the past two years. The pH has remained within a 1 pH unit band for the duration of the year among both sites. RW1 is situated 1km downstream of RW2, recording a pH averaging at 7.81 pH units compared to a slightly higher average of 7.85 pH units at RW2. The Creek is currently sitting at a neutral pH approximately 1 to 1.5 pH unit higher than the historical background average.



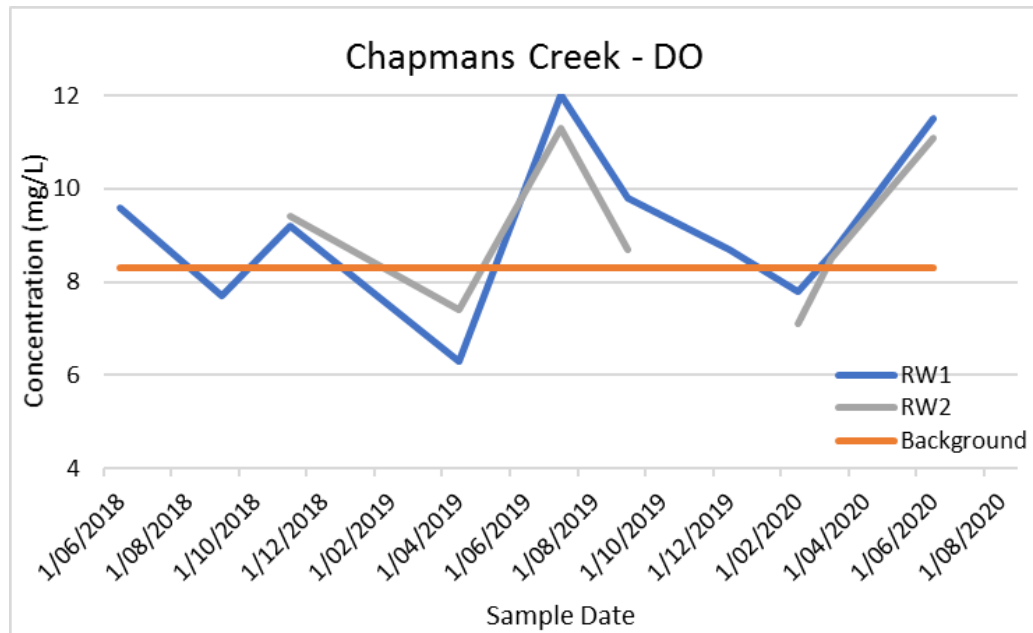
**Graph 2- Chapmans Creek pH levels**

Electrical conductivity of Chapmans Creek at RW1 and RW2 over the 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 reporting periods are presented in Graph 3. Salinity levels recorded at RW1 averaging at 1290  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  are higher than historical background averages of 596  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ . Conductivity levels at RW2 were significantly higher with an average of 2278  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ . This is not a concern, as levels are lowered by RW1 where water leaves the site at Brayton Road. The high conductivity is attributable to low rainfall and concentrated flow. Also, during high flow the salt content is expected to decrease as the system is diluted and flushed out, which was seen in a period of high rainfall in February 2020.



**Graph 3- Chapmans Creek Electrical Conductivity**

Dissolved oxygen levels are relatively similar for RW1, RW2 and the background average. These are very consistent results, remain in a range for healthy aquatic biodiversity in line with background levels from the upstream Site I. The averages of all three samples are within 1mg/L, as displayed on Graph 4.



**Graph 4- Chapmans Creek Dissolved Oxygen**

### 3.2.1 Trigger Action Response

The following triggers in Table 3.7 do not relate to any specific action required by the Quarry but rather are designed to enable the quarry to determine if there are any impacts caused as a result of the quarry development.

**Table 3.7 - Trigger Action Response Plan**

Trigger	Action Required	Any Follow Up Actions
<b>Water Quality (when discharging)</b>		
When the quarry is discharging, a 'significant' decrease in water quality in particular decreasing pH, increasing EC and increasing TDS in time in Chapmans Creek upstream of Brayton Road. A significant decrease is defined as: 1. a pH less than 6.0 2. A gradually increasing trend in EC & TDS values compared with any trends observed in the historic background monitoring site in Chapmans Creek (referred to as Site I).	Continue to monitor and assess surface water quality data during and after discharge events. Establish trends and correlate with quarrying activities and climatic data (rainfall) to determine any causal link with Gunlake quarrying operations.  Apply statistical analysis to assess trends if required. Compare water quality data in downstream monitoring sites with water quality data from the background monitoring site (Site I).	If evolving geochemical anomalies are detected in downstream surface water samples in Chapmans Creek (compared with water quality at the background monitoring - Site I) and an impact from the proposed quarrying is suspected or demonstrated, carry out follow-up verification sampling at the two monitoring sites within 30 days of the receipt of the anomalous analytical results.  Collate, interpret results and assess significance of any impacts. Develop mitigation measures the detail of which will depend on the type, distribution and degree of impact.
<b>Stream flow (when extraction depth exceeds 20m)</b>		
A 'significant' decrease in stream flow over time that may or may not be associated with quarrying activities	Continue to monitor and assess stream flow data, establish trends and correlate with quarrying activities, climatic data (rainfall) and water table fluctuations in monitoring bores. Apply statistical analysis to assess trends if required. Determine whether any decrease in stream flow may be due to impacts from the proposed quarrying	Continue to monitor and assess stream flow data and assess trends. In the unlikely event that some, or all the reduction of stream flow in Chapmans Creek is assessed by the hydrogeological and/or surface water consultant to be due to impacts from quarrying, determine at what stage the stream flow was impacted upon and the likely mechanism for the decrease in flow. Develop a contingency plan to restore any stream flows.

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It is important to note that it is necessary for Gunlake Quarry to actively recycle process water to maintain operations during normal to dry rainfall years. Excess water will only occur during above average rainfall patterns which may necessitate offsite discharges or transfers to occur. As the quarry expands, the need for offsite discharge will diminish but the need to recycle water will remain.

### 3.3 Creek Stability

The cleared land for agricultural purposes has resulted in excessive overland runoff, and severe gully erosion to occur in Chapmans Creek in the past. Quarterly monitoring of the Creek is essential following periods of higher rainfall in order to identify and manage further detrimental changes to the creek caused by erosion.

Four photopoints have been identified along the creek and are monitored closely to observe changes over time. These locations have been selected at relatively even intervals at areas of variable levels of damage in order to create a broad snapshot of the creek. The location of this riparian monitoring area is shown in Appendix A.

- Photopoint 1 is the furthestmost downstream photopoint. It lies adjacent to the Quarry carpark and the PWD. Upstream and downstream photos are taken at this point. The area visible from Photopoint 1 is relatively flat with minor erosion visible.
- Photopoint 2 is located approximately 300m upstream of Photopoint 1. Photos are taken both upstream and downstream at this point and moderate levels of rill erosion are monitored.
- Photopoint 3 is located at a steep drop in the bank approximately 2m in height. Severe erosion is to be monitored at this point, particularly from the downstream view at the undercutting of a large eucalypt.
- Photopoint 4 is the gully head at the beginning of the Creek on the Gunlake Site. Further upstream movement of the gully erosion is monitored at this point.

#### 3.3.1 July 2018



Photopoint 1 – Looking Upstream and Downstream





Photopoint 2 – Looking Upstream and Downstream



Photopoint 3 – Looking Downstream

**3.3.2 December 2018**



Photopoint 1 – Looking Upstream and Downstream



Photopoint 2 – Looking Upstream and Downstream



Photopoint 3 – Looking Upstream and Downstream



Photopoint 4 – Looking upstream at gully head

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3.3.3 April 2019



Photopoint 2 – Looking Upstream and Downstream



Photopoint 3 – Looking Downstream

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3.3.4 June 2019



Photopoint 2 – Looking Upstream and Downstream



Photopoint 3 – Looking Downstream



Photopoint 4 – Looking upstream at gully head

### 3.3.5 September 2019



Photopoint 1- Looking Upstream and Downstream



Photopoint 2- Looking Upstream and Downstream



Photopoint 3 – Looking Downstream

**3.3.6 December 2019**



Between Photopoints 1 and 2- Looking Upstream and Downstream



Photopoint 3 – Looking Downstream



Photopoint 4 – Looking Upstream

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3.3.7 March 2020



Photopoint 1- Looking Upstream and Downstream



Photopoint 2- Looking Upstream and Downstream



Photopoint 3- Downstream



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3.3.8 June 2020



Photopoint 1- Looking Upstream and Downstream



Photopoint 3- Upstream and Downstream



Photopoint 4- Gully head



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During the reporting period, no evidence of any further erosion was recorded at the four Photopoints. Erosion is minimal at Photopoint 1, as banks are shallow and are well vegetated. A relatively dense infestation of serrated tussock is visible in the downstream photographs of Photopoint 1.

Photopoint 2 shows some rill erosion on the right bank in the downstream photo. It is possible that during high rainfall, water gushes into the creek from this section. The previous year has not received heavy rain, and no changes to this erosion was visible over the four monitoring periods. The upstream facing photos show infestation of the exotic weed Blackberry on the northern bank. The creek floor has positive vegetation growth, with grass cover for the duration of the year and water reeds visible in December 2018.

Highly disturbed riparian vegetation is visible in Photopoint 3. The roots of large trees growing on the embankment are exposed due to erosion cutting into the bank supporting their structure. Further erosion could possibly lead to the failure of the bank resulting in trees falling. The bank drop is over two metres high in this section, although no changes were visible during the reporting period. Blackberry is also visible from Photopoint 3.

The gully heads in Photopoint 4 were monitored in December 2018 and June 2019. The gully erosion has not extended during this period, however continued monitoring is required following heavy rainfall.

### **3.4 Springs Photographic Record**

Springs are a naturally occurring phenomena and monitoring the seepage on a regular basis can gauge changes to groundwater levels due to influences of climatic variability. Quarterly monitoring of the springs is undertaken in order to identify and manage potential changes to the site's aquifer systems.

Four springs were identified during February 2020 following a storm event and will be monitored closely to observe changes over time. Prior to this the springs had not been visible due to the prolonged drought conditions over the previous three years. The location of each spring is shown in Appendix B.

- Spring 6 is located on the North of the pit foot and to the western side of the drop cut. The spring is situated adjacent to a surface water dam in which the spring seeps into the dam.
- Spring 7 is located on the eastern boundary of the site, nearby bore GM6.
- Spring 8 is also located on the east boundary of the site, approximately 400m north of Spring 7. The water from Spring 8 flows into a dammed area adjacent to a track leaving the site to an eastern property.
- Spring 9 can be found 200m due west of the DDG1. Some recent erosion and the formation of a gully head must be monitored closely at this spring.

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3.4.1 April 2020



Spring 6



Spring 7



Spring 8



Spring 9



**3.4.2 June 2020**



Spring 7



Spring 8





Spring 9

There were no changes to spring 6 which has been dammed, and differentiation between spring water and rainwater is not achievable. Only a small amount of water was visible at spring 7 in June 2020, while spring 8 was completely dry. There were no changes to the erosion visible at spring 9, and a small amount of water was present. Monitoring of the springs will continue on a quarterly basis.

## 4. Recommendations and Conclusion

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The purpose of this report is to monitor the status and health of Chapmans Creek within the Gunlake Quarry site boundary to ensure further damage is not incurred.

Subject to management provisions in the conservation agreement and rehabilitation and biodiversity offset management plan, staged management of the Creek will be scheduled in future reporting periods. This will involve strategic infill of tube stock and weed removal practices.

Vegetative surface cover is the key to mitigating erosion of the creek banks by absorbing heavy impacts from water runoff. The weeds present on the banks including serrated tussock and blackberry should be sprayed with caution to ensure chemical runoff does not travel into the waterways. Physical removal is not recommended however, until a stable cover of native vegetation is established. Removal of the weed species would leave a bare slope and disturbance to the soil which will increase the associated impacts of erosive forces.

The gully heads have not caused any further damage over the past 12 months and are currently in a stable state. It is recommended to leave this section untouched, as disturbance of the surrounding soils is likely to reactivate the gully to cause further erosion. This area must be monitored quarterly and following heavy rainfall to ensure that erosion does not continue.

The springs located on site should continue to be monitored on a quarterly basis and investigation of local springs and seeps on surrounding privately owned land should be undertaken following heavy rain.

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# Appendix A Riparian Monitoring Area

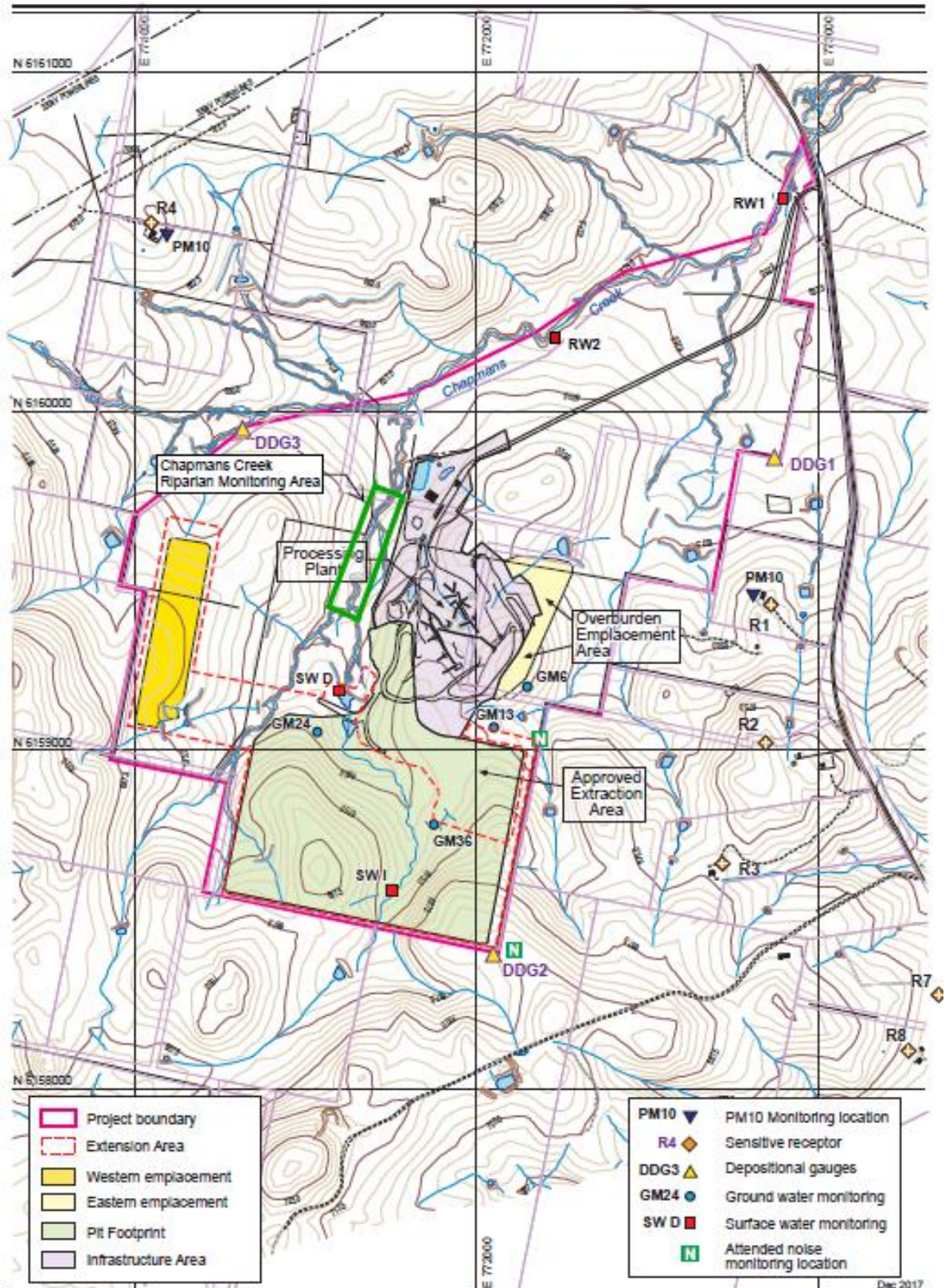


FIGURE 2  
Gunlake Quarry  
Environmental Monitoring Sites



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## Appendix B Spring Monitoring Sites

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