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**Dunmore Lakes Project Modification 2 (DA195-8-2004 Mod 2)**

Dear Professor O'Kane

The Department has completed its merit assessment of the Dunmore Lakes Project Modification 2 (DA195-8-2004 Mod 2) – Development of Stage 5 Extraction Areas.

The Dunmore Lakes Project is an existing sand quarry owned and operated Boral Resources (NSW) Pty Ltd (Boral) in the Shellharbour City local government area. Sand extraction has occurred at the site since 2000 and is currently regulated under DA195-8-2004, which permits dredging of three separate areas (known as Stages 2, 3 and 4) at a rate of up to 800,000 tonnes per annum until 2030.

Boral is nearing completion of viable extraction within its currently approved extraction areas and is seeking to ensure the continuity of the Dunmore Lakes Project through the extraction of a further 1.35 million tonnes of product sand from two new extraction areas, known as Stages 5A and 5B.

The Department exhibited the application from 25 April 2019 to 23 May 2019 and received 149 submissions from the community, primarily in the form of objections. The submitters raised concerns about the potential interactions of the new extraction areas with the nearby Minnamurra River wetland, noise impacts from the operation of the extraction dredge and concerns about vegetation clearing and associated habitat impacts.

The Department also received advice from 11 Government agencies. None of the agencies objected to the proposal, Shellharbour City and Kiama Councils objected raising concerns about the impacts of the proposed modification on water, biodiversity, heritage and traffic.

The Minister for Planning and Public Spaces is the approval authority for the modification application. However, as the proposal is a modification to the existing development consent under section 75W, the Independent Planning Commission can determine the modification application under the Minister's delegation.

If approved, the modification would provide a significant source of valuable construction sand for the local region and for the Sydney market. It would also realise social and economic benefits through improved resource recovery and operational efficiencies and continuity of employment for the existing workforce.

After a thorough assessment and consideration of community submissions, on balance, the Department considers that the impacts of the modification are manageable and that the proposed modification is approvable, subject to the recommended conditions.

I have enclosed a copy of the Department's Assessment Report and recommended conditions of consent for the Commission's consideration.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Young, Executive Director - Energy, Resources and Compliance on 8217 2091 or by email at [mike.young@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mike.young@planning.nsw.gov.au)

Yours sincerely

  
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