



# Save Balickera Inc. v Independent Planning Commission & Australian Resource Development Group Pty Ltd (Land and Environment Court proceedings 2025/21165)

Thursday 13 March 2025

A Class 1 merits appeal has been filed in the Land and Environment Court against the Independent Planning Commission's grant of development consent dated 16 December 2024 for the Stone Ridge Quarry Project (SSD 10432).

Documents related to the development consent can be accessed at the Commission's website at: <https://www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/cases/2024/10/stone-ridge-quarry>

The Stone Ridge Quarry Project involves a new hard rock quarry to extract, process and transport up to 1.5 million tonnes per annum of hard rock material over a 30-year period (the **Project**).

This appeal has been commenced by an objector to the Project, Save Balickera Inc.

On appeal, the Court exercises the functions and discretions of the consent authority. Prior to listing the appeal for hearing, the Court generally requires that the parties participate in a conciliation conference to see if they can resolve, or narrow, the issues in the appeal. For more information, see the Commission's [Section 34 Conciliation Conference Policy](#).

## Status of the proceedings

The Court has listed this appeal for a section 34 conciliation conference at 10:30 am on 22 July 2025, commencing at the site of the Project then returning to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure's regional office at 6 Stewart Avenue, Newcastle West, NSW.

There will be a public part of the conciliation conference where the public may attend and a number of objectors will have an opportunity to make verbal submissions. After the conclusion of any verbal submissions, the parties to the proceedings have confidential conciliation discussions facilitated by a Commissioner of the Court. Participation in those discussions is limited to the parties and their representatives.

## Options for public involvement

Members of the public have the following options of involvement in the appeal:

1. Attend the public part of the conciliation conference and/or attend the hearing as an observer. There is no need to notify us if you wish to attend as an observer.
2. Make an oral submission at the conciliation conference and/or the hearing. See further steps you may wish to take below.
3. Applying to the Court seeking to be joined as a party to the appeal (see below for further details).

In addition, if the Court seeks to review submissions (including objections) already made in respect of the application before its determination, the Commission will make all of those submissions available to the Court.

### **Making a submission at the conciliation conference**

If you wish to make a submission at the conciliation conference, please send an expression of interest, including the following information:

- Your contact details (email, phone number, home address).
- Whether you represent any other person or group.
- A copy of any submission you made regarding the application.

Please send your expression of interest by email to [legalservices@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:legalservices@planning.nsw.gov.au) with "Stone Ridge Quarry Appeal" in the subject heading by 5pm on **20 June 2025**.

We will inform the Court of these expressions of interest. We will contact those who make an expression of interest after that date to confirm arrangements, noting that typically the Court limits the number of objectors giving submissions at the conciliation conference to six people.

### **Applying to join the proceedings as a party**

It is recommended that you obtain your own independent legal advice if you are considering applying to join the proceedings as a party.

### **Updates**

Updates and further information about the appeal will be placed on the Commission's website at the following address:

<https://www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/cases/2024/10/stone-ridge-quarry>

If you do not wish to receive any further correspondence in this matter, please advise us in writing at [ipcn@ipcn.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ipcn@ipcn.nsw.gov.au)