

9 May 2025

Mr Chris Ritchie
Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

By email – [REDACTED]

Dear Chris

In response to our telephone conversation on 8 May 2025, I can confirm that Council supports the Minister for Planning & Public Spaces, Paul Scully MP, utilising his powers under Section 4.36(3) of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979* to 'call in' the anticipated Development Application for the necessary remediation works within the Bombo Quarry.

It is anticipated that the Minister has obtained and made publicly available advice from the Independent Planning Commission about the State or Regional planning significance of the development.

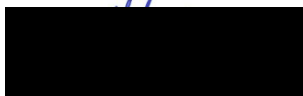
In reviewing Section 7(3)(b) of Schedule 1 of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Planning Systems) 2021*, Council considers that the anticipated Development Application could be considered a State Significant Development as it is understood that the proposed remediation works, as extractive industry related works, have an estimated development cost exceeding \$30 Million.

Council understands that the proposed remediation works has an estimated development cost of approximately \$127 Million. Council notes that this estimated development cost means that, as per Schedule 6 of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Planning Systems) 2021*, this proposed development would be considered as a regionally significant development and as such Council would not be the consent authority for this development in either circumstances.

Council is in the process of finalising its Local Housing Strategy. The Bombo Quarry is identified as a regionally significant growth precinct by the draft Local Housing Strategy, the adopted Kiama Local Strategic Planning Statement 2020 and the Illawarra-Shoalhaven Regional Plan 2021. Council is keen to support the progression of remediation works in an efficient and timely process for the Quarry as they are key component to delivering homes for the Kiama Municipality. The progression of these remediation works will also provide much needed certainty regarding the ability of the Quarry to provide homes.

A copy of this letter has also been sent to the Minister's Office. Please feel free to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours faithfully

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Ed Paterson
Director Planning, Environment & Communities