

Notice of Decision

Section 2.22 and clause 20 of Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*

Application type	State significant development modification
Application number and project name	MP06_0104-Mod-1 Hitchcock Road Quarry-1
Applicant	PF FORMATION PTY LIMITED
Consent Authority	Minister for Planning and Public Spaces

Decision

The Director under delegation from the Minister for Planning has, under 4.55(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the Act) modified the consent subject to the recommended conditions and any additional conditions.

A copy of the Department of Planning, Industry & Environment's (Department) Assessment Report is and instrument of modification are available at:

<https://mpweb.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/25841>

Date of decision

03 December 2021

Reasons for decision

The following matters were taken into consideration in making this decision:

- the relevant matters listed in section 4.15 of the Act and the additional matters listed in the statutory context section of the Department's Assessment Report;
- the prescribed matters under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*;
- the objects of the Act;
- all information submitted with the modification application during the assessment and information considered in the Department's Assessment Report;
- the findings and recommendations in the Department's Assessment Report.

The findings and recommendations set out in the Department's Assessment Report were accepted and adopted as the reasons for making this decision.

The key reasons for granting the modification are as follows:

- the modification would provide a range of benefits for the region and the State as a whole, including increased beneficial reuse of VENM for reprocessing and ongoing supply of sand to the Greater Sydney Region construction market, enable the beneficial reuse of ENM for the purpose of the progressive rehabilitation of the quarry, and provide continued employment for the existing 22 full-time employees;
- the impacts on the community and the environment are similar to the existing operations and can be appropriately minimised, managed or offset to an acceptable level, in accordance with applicable NSW Government policies and guidelines;
- the modification is permissible with consent, and is consistent with NSW Government policies; and
- weighing all relevant considerations, the modification is in the public interest.

Consideration of Stakeholder Views

The applicant engaged with the Department prior to and during the preparation of the Modification Report. The report detailed the findings of the engagement and how it influenced the scope and design of the project.

The Department exhibited the proposed modification for 14 days from 31 July 2020 until 13 August 2020. No submissions were received from the community and therefore no community views were required to be taken into consideration in making this decision.

Comments received from The Hills Shire Council and other government agencies have been responded to in the Department's Assessment Report.