

9 September 2024

Ram Upadhyaya - Director of Infrastructure Services Hindmarsh Shire Council development@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au

Dear Ram,

REFERENCE: PA1863-2024

PROPOSAL: Use of land for Extractive Industry (Sand Quarry) and

construct buildings or carry out works for a Section 2 Use

of Extractive Industry

ADDRESS: Dimboola-Rainbow Rd Jeparit VIC 3423

(Crown Allotments 39A, Parish of Jeparit)

we own and work the farm land at adjoining the area proposed for a Sand quarry. We here by submit our objection to the application for planning permit, due to insufficient information. We seek more planning information so as to ensure no risk to our farming business, works & logistics.

- 1. The exact location of the quarry has not been identified within the allotment.
- Limited access to 39A Dimboola Rainbow Rd, incorporating blind hills and a railway crossing through a series of S bends, also its an exceptionally busy Rd especially during harvest and Gypsum Carting. Construction of a turn in lane would need to be considered at an appropriate location suitable to safely access the property.

Yours Sincerely



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Dear Ram,

REFERENCE: PA1863-2024

PROPOSAL: Use and development of land for Extractive Industry (Sand

Quarry) and creation of access to a road in Transport zone 2

ADDRESS: Dimboola-Rainbow Rd Jeparit VIC 3423

(Crown Allotments 39A, Parish of Jeparit)

We area proposed for a Sand quarry. We are submitting a 2nd objection to the application for the planning permit, as certain aspects are still unclear. We believe the project requires considerably more thought and planning before any consideration to approve the application can be made.

1. 5.1 Roads.

Paragraph one "Quarry traffic is not expected to be a problem due to isolation and access to RRV road." We strongly disagree with this statement. From November till May this road is exceptionally busy with hundreds of trucks carting grain and gypsum, all passing past the proposed driveway, not to mention all the other commuting vehicles. During the remaining months grain is still moved from the northern areas to the south keeping the road moderately busy.

Second Paragraph "Sight distances at the entrance are good. The traffic speeds at this location are reduced because the bends in the road to cross the railway line.." This statement is incorrect. Sight at the proposed entrance is very limited particularly for a vehicle exiting the driveway, the ability to see approaching traffic from both directions would be very difficult. A loaded quarry truck trying to exit would struggle to do so in a safe manner and pose a danger to other road users in this area. (Refer to attached photos from proposed new driveway looking in both directions). Traffic speed at this location is usually 100kph. Currently due to the road being in such disrepair there is temporary signage reducing the speed to 60kph.

With the anticipated 350,000 cubic meters of sand to be removed via approximately 14500 truck loads, we believe further analysis should be carried out as to the suitability of the proposed entrance. Construction of a turn In/out lane would need to be considered to ensure the property can be safely accessed.

2. **23. Rehabilitation.** "23.3 The work authority holder must ensure that final rehabilitation is in accordance with the Approved Work Plan"

Limited information has been provided as to how the area will be returned to being usable land. Once 11 meters has been dug out the depth will be comparable to the nearby salt swap. Raising further questions. Will the lowered area be at risk of increased salt levels? The Local Landcare group have previously planted salt bush to help combat high salt levels in the surrounding area, particularly in lower ground levels.

Yours Sincerely



Looking Right from proposed new access location



Looking Left from proposed new access location

23-10-2024

Hindmarsh Shire Council development@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au Attn Ram Upadhyaya

Dear Ram

PA 1863-2024

Proposed sand quarry on Dimboola - Rainbow Road

This letter is a response to concerns raised by an objector to the Planning Permit application.

Roads

The referral response from the road authority will be overruling. However, the details below may be helpful.

Since 2009, speed restriction signs have been installed at all railway level crossings in Victoria where there is a sealed road. The new speed limits are to be no more the 80km/h. In instances where approaching road traffic does not have a clear view of trains, the speed zone will be further reduced. In this instance, a 60km/h zone has been adopted.

Advice received from the Department of Transport and Planning was that the new entry would need to be designed to accord with Vicroads Guideline Drawing GD4010 – Typical Access to Rural Properties. GD4010 contains a table of sight distances. The table indicates that the design speed should be 10km/hr higher than the posted speed limit. The posted speed limit is 60km/hr so the design is for 70km/hr. This makes the required sight distance 151m. The proposed entry location meets this standard.

The entrance will be built to accord with GD4010. This geometry creates a sealed, tapered approach and departure to the driveway.

The quarry will attract only 2-5 trucks per day based on the experience of other quarries operated by this applicant. Trucks arrive at random times during the day. There will not be any queueing or peak times.

Rehabilitation

The height of batter slopes will vary around the site depending on ground surface elevations. The critical measure is the floor level in relation to the clay sub-base and ground water. The quarry floor level has been nominated at RL80m AHD to be 1m clear of

the ground water level. This is a conservative estimate. Groundwater is likely to be lower than this.

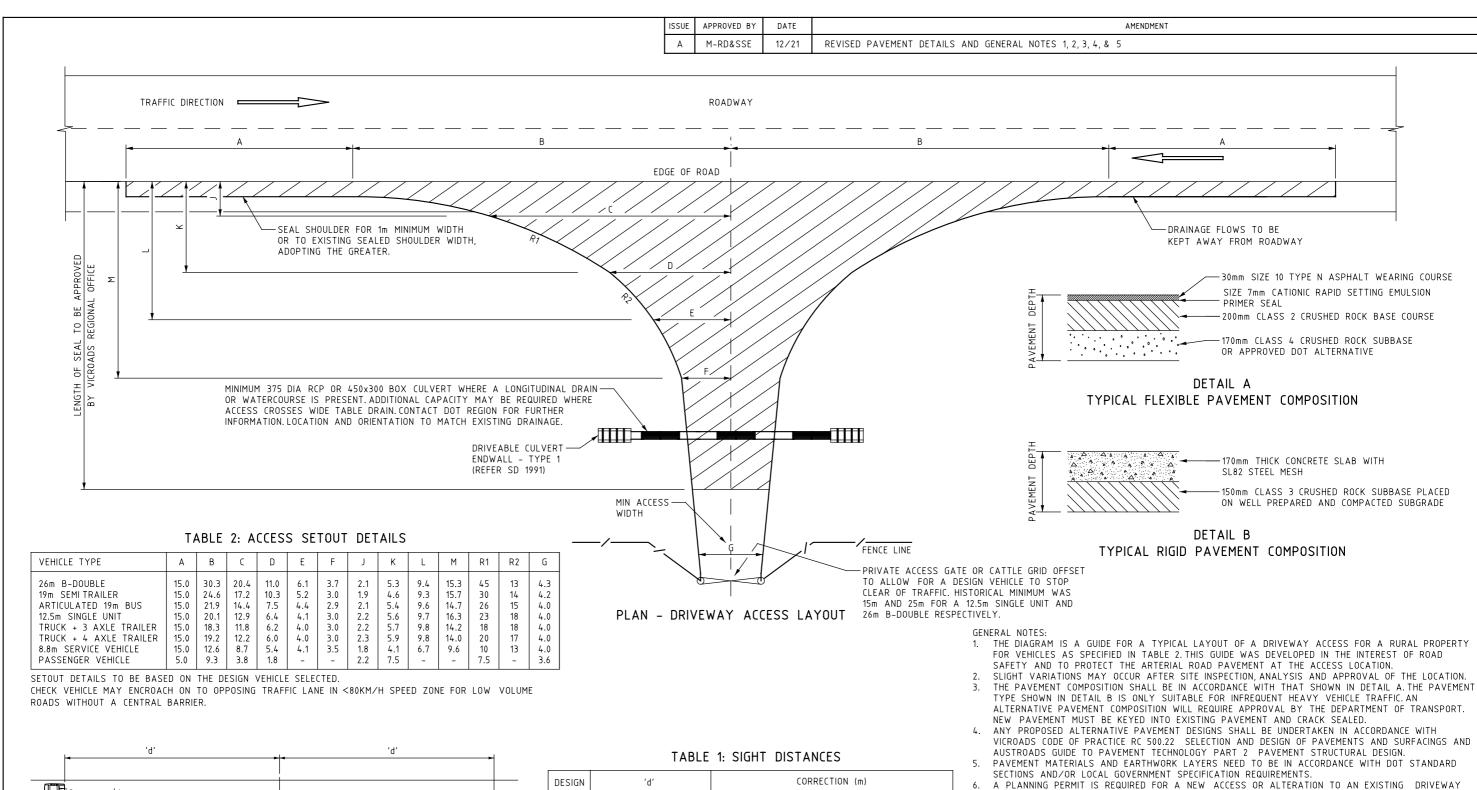
It is possible that extraction will cease before the design floor level is reached. The sand immediately above the clay layer is salty and unsuitable for mixing in concrete. The extracted sand product must be dry for commercial reasons. It is not possible to extract saturated sand using conventional earthmoving equipment. For these reasons there needs to be a freeboard of at least 1m to salty or saturated sand regardless of the design floor level. The terminal extraction surface will not be salty.

The applicant has extensive experience in rehabilitating sand quarries. Work Authority holders must pay a bond to Resources Victoria as a guarantee that the site will be suitably rehabilitated. In this case, rehabilitation means returning to pasture grass. The Work Authority holder will not be released from the bond until the landowner is satisfied that the objectives of the rehabilitation plan are achieved.

The applicant has extensive experience in successfully rehabilitating sand quarries.

It is hoped that his additional information helps to clarify the concerns raise by the objector.

Yours faithfully



LINE OF SIGHT LINE OF SIGHT -TRAFFIC LANE 7.0 m (5.0m MIN) SAFE INTERSECTION SIGHT DISTANCE

MINIMUM VISIBILITY REQUIREMENTS (NOT TO SCALE)

DESIGN	'd' SAFE INTERSECTION SIGHT DISTANCE (m)	CURRECTION (m)							
SPEED (Km/h)		ROADWAY UPGRADE				ROADWAY DOWNGRADE			
(KIIIZII)		2%	4%	6%	8%	2%	4%	6%	8%
60	123	-2	-4	-6	-7	2	5	8	11
70	151	-3	-5	-8	-10	3	7	11	15
80	181	-4	-7	-10	-13	4	9	14	20
90	226	-5	-9	-13	-16	5	11	18	25
100	262	-6	-11	-16	-20	6	14	22	31
110	300	-7	-13	-19	-24	8	17	26	38

THE DESIGN SPEED IS ASSUMMED TO BE 10km/h GREATER THAN THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT FOR RURAL HIGHWAYS AND ROADS

- AND MAY BE REQUIRED FOR THE REMOVAL OF NATIVE VEGETATION.
- A TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN MUST COMPLY WITH THE ROAD MANAGEMENT ACT AND APPLICABLE CODES IN RELATION TO ANY WORKS UNDERTAKEN WITHIN THE ROAD RESERVE
- TRUCK WARNING SIGNS & GUIDE POSTS SHOULD BE INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AUSTROADS GUIDE TO TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT & VICROADS SUPPLEMENTS.
- THE DRIVEWAY ACCESS CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROPERTY OWNER. MAINTENANCE ALSO INCLUDES ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE WORKS.

- 10. A DRIVER, WHEN LOCATED 7.0M (5.0M MIN) FROM THE CONFLICT POINT TAKEN AS THE CENTRE OF THE TRAFFIC LANE, NEEDS TO SEE A VEHICLE APPROACHING IN EITHER DIRECTION. REFER TABLE 1 FOR
- TREE CANOPIES, BUSHES OR OTHER OBJECTS SHALL BE REMOVED TO PROVIDE GOOD VISIBILITY. ANY TREE CANOPIES OVERHANGING THE PATH OF A TRUCK SHALL BE A MINIMUM OF 5.0M ABOVE THE GROUND SURFACE.
- SIGHT LINES MUST ACHEIVE THE MINIMUM SAFE INTERSECTION SIGHT DISTANCE BASED ON AN EYE HEIGHT OF 1.1M TO AN OBJECT HEIGHT OF 1.25M.

1. ALL DIMENSIONS ARE IN METRES, UNLESS SHOWN OTHERWISE 2. THIS DRAWING FORMS PART OF THE VRS TO AGRD PART 4 AND

(REFER REFERENCES & NOTE No. 4

AND TABLE 1)

AUSTROADS GUIDE TO ROAD DESIGN PART 4 AUSTROADS GUIDE TO ROAD DESIGN PART 4A AUSTROADS GUIDE TO ASSET MANAGEMENT PART 5 AUSTROADS GUIDE TO PAVEMENT TECHNOLOGY PART 2

AUSTROADS GUIDE TO TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

VICROADS SUPPLEMENTS TO AUSTROADS GUIDES

VICROADS CODE OF PRACTICE RC 500.22 - SELECTION AND DESIGN OF PAVEMENTS AND SURFACINGS SD 1991 DRIVEABLE CULVERT ENDWALLS (TYPE 1)



AGRD PART 4

TYPICAL ACCESS TO RURAL PROPERTIES

NOT TO SCALE APPROVED M-SSF

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SHOULD BE READ IN CONJUNTION WITH THOSE REFERENCES