



Decisions pursuant to s.39(1) under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

Proposal Title: Hard Rock Quarry, Lot 800 Pruden Road Whitby

Proposal Location: Approximately 3.5 kilometres east of Mundijong, Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale

Case Number: CMS16266

Date Received: 30/09/2016

Date More Information Received: 12/04/18

Referrer: Italia Stone Group Pty Ltd

Proponent: Italia Stone Group Pty Ltd

Potential significant effects:

The proposal is for the extraction of granite by conventional drill and blast methods on the upper face of the Darling Scarp. The proposed quarry is located in proximity of the Whitby Falls Farm, local residences, and the public Whitby Falls Walk Trail and picnic area. There is the potential for noise, dust and social impacts associated with the proposal, and cumulative noise impacts from nearby existing quarries.

The proposed development is located in close proximity to the Manjedal Brook, which is habitat for freshwater fauna species, and upstream from the Whitby Falls and the Whitby Falls Farm. The proposed development requires clearing and disturbance of 18 hectares of native vegetation, which is potential fauna habitat.

Preliminary key environmental factors:

Social Surroundings, Inland Waters Environmental Quality, Flora and Vegetation.

Public comments on referral information:

Assess: a) Referral information	0
b) Environmental review (no public review)	0
c) Public environmental review	12
d) Other (API B)	7
Total Submissions:	19

Decision: s. 39A – Assess

Level of assessment: Public Environmental Review (6 weeks)

Other details: EPA-prepared Environmental Scoping Document

Explanation of decision:

Several preliminary key environmental factors have been identified, and there are cumulative impacts from existing quarries in the area. Detailed assessment is required to determine the extent of the proposal's direct and indirect impacts, and identify if the impacts can be appropriately managed.

Rights of Appeal:

There are no rights of appeal under the EP Act in respect of this decision.

Dr Tom Hatton

CHAIRMAN

Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

Date: 18 April 2018