

Attachment 2

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REASONS FOR DECISION UNDER *ENVIRONMENT EFFECTS ACT 1978*

Title of Proposal: **Boundary Road Quarry**

Proponent: **Hillview Quarries Pty Ltd**

Description of Project:

Extension of an existing hard rock, granite quarry that ceased operation in 1998. The 8.25-ha, 120-m existing pit will be expanded to approximately 38 ha and a depth of 190 m. The proposed quarry would produce approximately 70 million tonnes of granite products over around 70 years. Up to 38 ha of native vegetation would be cleared for the quarry. Other activities at the site would include crushing, screening, stockpiling, sales and product collection largely using existing cleared areas and an existing access road.

Decision:

The Minister for Planning has decided that an Environment Effects Statement (EES) is required for the Boundary Road Quarry, as described in the referral accepted on 19 April 2018.

Reasons for Decision:

- The project has the potential for a range of significant environmental effects. In particular, the project as proposed is likely to have significant effects on
 - i. native vegetation and associated biodiversity values, including listed threatened species and communities;
 - ii. existing landscape values, amenity and land uses of the project area and those associated with the Arthurs Seat State Park;
 - iii. groundwater and surface water and protected beneficial uses;
 - iv. Aboriginal cultural heritage values.
- An integrated assessment is necessary to ensure the range of likely adverse effects and related uncertainties are sufficiently investigated, in terms of both their extent and significance, and how significant effects can be avoided and minimised during the construction and operation of the project.
- An EES would enable a transparent and rigorous process for consideration of potentially significant adverse effects of the project, prior to any relevant statutory decision-making, including under the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990*, *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006*, *Environment Protection Act 1970* and *Water Act 1989*.

Date of Decision: 28 May 2018