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REASONS FOR DECISION UNDER *ENVIRONMENT EFFECTS ACT 1978*
(REFERRAL NUMBER 2025-R04)

Proponent

Boral Resources (VIC) Pty. Ltd.

Project

Montrose Quarry Expansion

Description

Boral Resources (VIC) Pty. Ltd. (Boral) is proposing to extend the extraction works boundary of the existing Montrose Quarry to allow for an increase in the footprint of the pit by approximately 12.7 hectares to the south and the east, to extend quarrying over approximately 32 years, to release approximately 26 million tonnes of further resource (typically hard stone known as rhyolite and rhyodacite). The project site is 78.1 hectares, approximately 32 km east of Melbourne, close to the Dandenong Ranges.

Decision

The Minister for Planning has decided that an environment effects statement (EES) is required for the Montrose Quarry Expansion, as described in the referral accepted on 6 October 2025.

Reasons

The project has the potential for significant environmental effects as a result of the scale and duration of the proposed extraction, together with the nature of the existing environment within and adjacent to the project area. In particular, the project could have significant effects on:

- surface water and groundwater hydrology and quality;
- biodiversity values, especially native vegetation and listed species of flora and fauna;
- noise and amenity; and
- landscape values, including those associated with the nearby Dandenong Ranges National Park.

Further, integrated assessment of these effects is necessary, to understand their extent and significance, as well as how adverse effects can be avoided and/or minimised during the design, construction and operation of the project.

Date

26/01/2026