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Dear Ms Kerr

Thank you for your correspondence to the Minister for the Environment and Water, Senator the Hon Murray Watt, concerning quarry developments at Balickera, New South Wales. Minister Watt has asked me to thank you for your correspondence and to reply on his behalf.

I acknowledge your concern for the local environment from the development of multiple quarries at Balickera. I note your request to revoke approval of the Stone Ridge Quarry project and refuse approval of the proposed Eagleton and Seaham Quarry projects.

Stone Ridge Quarry was approved under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) on 9 April 2025, with strict environmental conditions to ensure that it would not have a significant impact to listed threatened species and ecological communities. The Minister's powers to revoke a decision of approval under the EPBC Act are limited.

Both Eagleton Quarry and Seaham Quarry projects require assessment and approval under the EPBC Act, due to potential significant impacts to nationally protected matters. The Seaham Quarry project is currently being assessed under the NSW Assessment Bilateral Agreement. Up to date information on this process is available at the [Seaham Quarry Project | Planning Portal - Department of Planning and Environment](#). The Eagleton Quarry project is currently under assessment by the department following the public exhibition of the Preliminary Documentation, which has now closed.

In deciding whether or not to approve these actions under the EPBC Act, all comments, including this submission, will be taken into account. Additionally, in accordance with the assessment and approval provisions of the EPBC Act, the department will undertake an environmental history check of the person proposing to take the action.

Please be assured that it remains the department's priority to thoroughly consider the proposed quarry projects at Balickera. Thank you again for bringing your concerns to the government's attention.

Yours sincerely

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