



GRAYMONT

Attn: Chris Ritchie
Department of Planning & Environment
23-33 Bridge Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

30th March 2023

RE: Galong Limestone Mine and Environmental Enhancement Strategy – 2023/24

Dear Chris,

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide the Department of Planning and Environment (the Department) with the annual Galong Limestone Mine Environmental Enhancement Strategy (EES), as required by Condition 6.6 of DA 317-7-2003-i (2003), which is as follows:

<p>6.6 The Applicant shall prepare an annual Environmental Enhancement Strategy with an aim to off-set the impacts of the development. The Strategy shall be prepared in consultation with the community, including but not limited to the CLG, for the approval of the Director-General. The Strategy shall describe works including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) identification of the potential off-site projects, based in the local area, which may be undertaken to enhance the local community, including tree planting and the guaranteed provision of agricultural lime to the local market (local meaning Galong and surrounds);b) a description of which projects will be undertaken;c) a justification for excluding any of the projects identified in part a).

Graymont's EES has been designed to enhance the local community in which we operate. The community-based projects are determined in consultation with the Community Liaison Group (CLG), which meets on a quarterly basis.

The attached table provides a progress update on the various projects identified in the July 2021 EES submission to the Department, as well as the works and projects the Graymont Limestone Mine intends to undertake in within the next 12 months.



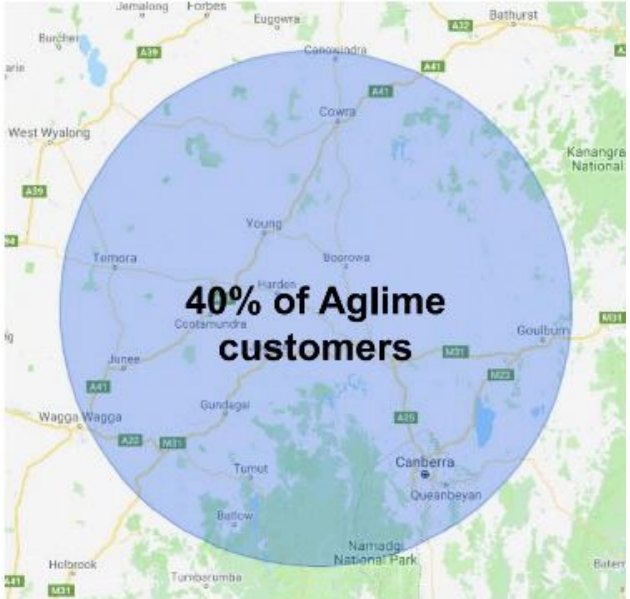
If you require any further information regarding this EES submission, please contact me on the below details.

Regards,

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Ongoing 2022-2023 EES Projects	Expected Enhancement / Impact Offset	Status	Project Completion Date
<p>Development and Implementation of a Weed Management Plan</p>	 <p>Management of weeds within the boundary of the mining lease with benefits of reducing possible impacts on neighbouring properties</p> <p> 2022 – 2023 spraying/slashing</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Winter Spring Annual spray program</p> <p>Spraying and general weed management at the entrance to the site including the rebuilding of Bunds at the Truck Parking area</p> <p>Weed Management along access road</p>
<p>DA 317-7-2003-i Condition 6.6(a) Provision of agricultural lime to the local market (local meaning Galong and surrounds);</p>	<p>Provision of agricultural lime to the local market assisting in changing physical and chemical properties of the soil assisting in agricultural productivity and correction of soil acidity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aglime is the primary product (by volume) produced at Galong • Used extensively to combat soil acidity • Over 70% of aglime customers are local and regional suppliers and farmers • 40% of these customers are within a 120km radius of the site 	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Annually</p>



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Current 2022-2023 EES Projects	Expected Enhancement / Impact Offset	Status	Project Completion Date
Groundwater Monitoring Program	Improved understanding of groundwater quality and levels in relation to potential impacts on neighbouring properties <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ground water levels studied over 2022-2023 license year. • Ongoing water levels surveys over 2022-2023 license year 	Ongoing	Annually Reported via AEMR
Voluntary Planning Agreement	<p>Graymont has entered into a Voluntary Planning Agreement with Hilltops Council, and a VPA Committee has been established to “consider and recommend projects to be implemented by the Council and funded from the Development Contributions” (Commencing at \$0.75/tonne, payable annually and adjusted according to CPI movement).</p> <p>The annual levies are approximately \$240,000 per annum a portion of which must be spent in the Galong surroundings.</p> <p>Under this agreement, these levies are to fund Council projects to maintain and manage haulage routes, improve traffic safety and deliver community and amenity related improvements.</p> <p>The VPA committee discuss and ratify recommendations from community stakeholders relating to community and amenity related improvements.</p>	Ongoing	Quarterly payment of levies
Harden District Education Foundation Support	<p>\$25,000 donations for the 2022-2023 year</p> <p>Improved access to scholarships for education purposes for local students Includes “Outward Bound” outdoor education program courses.</p>	Ongoing	2022 & 2023
Galong township improvements	<p>Enhancement to various Galong village community facilities, including Limestone Park, as determined under the Voluntary Planning Agreement and with input from the Galong Progress Association and Community Liaison Committee</p>	Ongoing	Annually
Other Local District support	<p>Support to local Groups either of product (road base, gravel or lime) or financial support for projects that support the enhancement of the local community. Groups include Meals on Wheels, Harden Community Garden, Men’s Shed</p>	Ongoing	Annually



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Potential EES Projects	Expected Enhancement / Impact Offset	Status	Project Completion Date
DA 317-7-2003-i Condition 6.6(a)	Establishment of tree corridors / blocks reducing erosion and increasing wildlife habitat in local area. Specifically focusing on the site access road	Planned	Q2 2024