

TOWN PLANNING CAPABILITIES

NEW SOUTH WALES TOWN PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL APPROVAL EXPERTISE

Groundwork Plus has provided expert project leadership for extractive industry developments for over 40 years.

Our understanding of industry processes and operations, coupled with our ability to navigate local, state and federal regulatory requirements and standards, ensure we deliver considered, commercial and environmentally sound outcomes for our clients across Australia including northern and western NSW.

Our team of geologists, environmental scientists, town planners, safety and operations specialists and water engineers work with experts we have formed long term partnerships with to take your vision through the stages of the development process from resource investigation, obtaining development consent and commencement of quarrying to post extraction land uses.

NEW DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

The State Significant Development (SSD) process elevates the assessment of significant projects to the State, rather than at the local Council level. The State Environmental Planning Policy (State and Regional Development) 2011 (SEPP) sets out the various types of state significant development, state significant infrastructure, and regionally significant development, which includes development for Extractive industry that—

- a) extracts more than 500,000 tonnes of extractive materials per year, or
- b) extracts from a total resource (the subject of the development application) of more than 5 million tonnes, or
- c) extracts from an environmentally sensitive area of State significance.

Alternatively, the Designated Development (DD) process applies to development for Extractive industries that, for example, extract more than 30,000m³ per year or will disturb more than 2 ha of land. These projects are assessed at the local Council level and determination of the development is made by members of a relevant Joint Regional Planning Panel after they have considered the recommendation of the local Council.

MODIFICATION APPLICATIONS

Modification applications to existing development approvals can be made under Section 4.55 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Modification applications must provide evidence that the modified development would be 'substantially the same development' as the original development.

This is addressed by a comparison of the original and modified development and would typically consider the development size, scale and footprint, the development intensity (including rates of production), primary, secondary and ancillary uses, project life and hours of operation, and the extent, duration and severity of impacts. Groundwork Plus is well placed to undertake these assessments and can help identify opportunities to increase quarry production with little or no additional impacts so that the substantially the same development test can be met.

WHY GROUNDWORK PLUS?

We have a 40-year track record of working with our clients to optimise assets and manage risk while focusing on the complete life cycle of a site.

We take care to foster long-term relationships with our clients and strive to provide accountable and responsive solutions to complex problems.

OUR CORE CAPABILITIES:

- ▶ Resource Development and Management
- ▶ Land Use and Master Planning
- ▶ Development Applications
- ▶ Post Extraction Land Use
- ▶ Environmental Management & Monitoring
- ▶ Operations Management
- ▶ Safety and Health
- ▶ Petrographic and Aggregate Testing Services (NATA accredited)
- ▶ Aerial, Cadastral and Bathymetric Survey and Mapping
- ▶ Data Management with GPlus Live
- ▶ Expert Witness

