

Approval Granted for Expansion of Wooreen Quarry

At its meeting Council issued a Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit for the expansion of the existing use and development of the land at 205 Dawsons Road Wooreen for stone extraction in accordance with the endorsed plans and subject to a number of conditions.

The applicant was seeking approval for the expansion of the existing use and development of the land for stone extraction at the Dawsons Road quarry, which has been operating since the 1970s. One of the conditions of the Permit is that the operator must seal the unsealed sections of the road to mitigate concerns about dust from heavy vehicles.

The expansion will not markedly increase the current extraction rates, however it will extend the life of the quarry by an estimated 30 years. The quarry is located approximately 11 kilometres to the north of the Leongatha and 12 kilometres to the west of the Mirboo North.

Council's Acting Director of Development Services, Paul Stampton, was pleased with the decision.

"The application had been referred to Council for determination because we had received five objections to the proposal.

"Issues raised by objectors included the impacts of quarry vehicles on Dawsons Road, noise and dust emissions from the quarry and heavy vehicles, potential impacts to the water table and the extent of native vegetation removal.

"Council has found a way for the quarry to continue to operate at the same rate of extraction, which will provide business certainly for its operator, while at the same time protecting the amenity of the neighbours as much as possible," said Mr Stampton.

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