

## Fish Creek Quarry Planning Permit Amended

At its Meeting last week, South Gippsland Shire Council issued a Notice of Decision to Amend a Planning Permit for the Fish Creek Quarry at 150 Fish Creek Quarry Road, Fish Creek in order to extend the life of the extractive activity towards 2040.

A planning permit already exists for the current extraction area but an amendment was required to expand the existing quarrying operations to allow for continued extraction from the site.

Council received 11 objections to the advertised planning permit amendment that identified a number of concerns including visual impacts of the expansion, effects on tourism developments, noise and heavy vehicle impacts, water quality issues, air quality, risk of landslip and erosion, native vegetation removal and past non-compliances on the site.

In order to balance the needs of the extractive industry and these community concerns Council has outlined a number of conditions that must be met – including external assessments from the Country Fire Authority (CFA) for emergency management and South Gippsland Water for water quality concerns.

South Gippsland Shire Chair Administrator Julie Eisenbise said approving the planning permit amendment required fair judgement between extractive industry and the local community.

“Council is happy to grant the notice of decision to amend the planning permit for the Fish Creek Quarry to ensure it’s viability for the next 20 years. Thank you to those who did take the time to make a submission. We appreciate that balancing these concerns with industry needs can be challenging but as a Council we believe this has been achieved by the conditions outlined yesterday,” said Ms Eisenbise.

Those wishing to view the conditions of the planning permit are encouraged to visit [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/meetings](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/meetings)

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