

# Media Statement

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Hanson is pleased to announce that it has finalised the Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) negotiations with Port Stephens Council (Council) regarding the proposed Brandy Hill Quarry Expansion Project, which will see the construction of infrastructure on Brandy Hill Drive and Seaham Road.

Hanson will contribute \$120,000 towards the delivery of six new bus bays along Brandy Hill Drive and Seaham Road, and \$1.5 million towards the design and construction of a shared pathway along Brandy Hill Drive.

A spokesperson from Hanson said: "We have listened to the concerns of the local community around the safety of Brandy Hill Drive and the construction of this infrastructure will ensure that the community can feel safe when sharing the roads. We look forward to working with the Council on this project.

"Hanson has been working to ensure the Project balances operational requirements with our social and environmental responsibilities and as a result, refinements to the Project have been made. These include refining traffic management, reducing operating hours and additional commitments concerning the management of biodiversity, air quality and noise generation.

"This agreement represents the final step towards resolution of planning and development requirements for the Brandy Hill Quarry Expansion."

Given the community interest in the Project, the application will be determined by the Independent Planning Commission. Hanson is looking forward to the determination process commencing in the coming months.