

Hanson Statement

27 October 2020

Hanson welcomes the decision by the Federal Minister for the Environment to approve the Brandy Hill Quarry Expansion Project. This decision paves the way for the commencement of operations under the new development consent and is particularly welcomed by our hard working staff at the Brandy Hill quarry.

Throughout the assessment process Hanson has sought to understand the concerns of the community. This feedback is demonstrated in the expansion plans, which include:

- Revegetation of a 74ha koala habitat corridor.
- Conservation of approximately 450ha of vegetation under a biodiversity offset.
- Construction of new bus bays and a shared pathway along Brandy Hill Drive.
- Enclosure of all processing equipment for best practice management of dust and noise.
- A program of community engagement and events.

Hanson has been a long-term employer in the Hunter region with many staff living in the communities surrounding the quarry. The approval of the expansion has secured the quarry's existing jobs: 50 direct positions at the quarry, plus another 150 indirect jobs in the area.

Hanson is committed to protecting all wildlife and recognises the importance of the koala to the Australian community. Over the past six years, the project has been refined to reduce environmental impacts.

With the approval of the expansion, Hanson has dedicated an area of 74ha to koala habitat establishment that would be replanted in five stages, investing over \$2 million across the 10-year program. The establishment of this habitat will ultimately provide koala habitat that is of greater quality than currently exists as Hanson will also implement supplementary measures to improve the habitat. This includes bushfire suppression, drought protection, appropriate fencing, weed management and feral animal controls.

Throughout the process, Hanson has followed all requirements of NSW Government assessment process, securing all the necessary approvals from the NSW Government for the Project.



Hanson will continue to engage proactively with all relevant stakeholders, including the local community and looks forward to continuing to play an active role in the community by supporting local jobs and the economy.