



Conundrum Holdings Pty. Ltd.

Media Statement

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While Conundrum Holdings was pleased to see the Minister for Planning's Beveridge North West PSP draft amendment, given the massive impact this will have on thousands of jobs locally and across the quarrying and construction sector, we have been appalled to see the unchecked and ongoing rogue behaviour from the local council which can only be described as a "Shameful Shire".

As a local family business who live and work in the Mitchell Shire, Conundrum is shocked at the unwarranted vindictiveness of the Shire Council and that it has again chosen to turn its back on this significant rock resources and the diverse job opportunities.

Mitchell Shire has already squandered hard earned rates trying to deny opportunity and choice in our region. They have ignored the advice of the state time and again.

And now this, invoking religion at a Catholic school event.



The proposed quarry will provide the necessary infrastructure for the Shire to achieve its goal of 235,000 people. It will not in any way impede that objective.



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Council has not simply turned its back on our business and the many local people and industries who rely on us to maintain their lifestyle, but they have now completely overstepped the mark by turning school community events into divisive community forums.

Using religious connotations to collect signatures at a school event is shameful behaviour and must be condemned in the strongest possible terms.

Council should now refrain from using public resources to conduct its maverick and unsupported campaign. It should stop letter-bombing the local community with one-sided and misleading material and stop using community facilities as billboard locations to promote further misinformation.

By contrast, Conundrum Holdings was delighted to see over 400 letters of support from industry, government and community over this journey. They are an overwhelming reflection of the views of the many businesses and industries that rely on quarry materials to ensure they can also continue providing secure long-term jobs and training for current and future employees.

In regard to the planning decision, Conundrum will of course be participating in this process, and we stress that the process is continuing.

As a company, Conundrum Holdings has always understood the importance of social licence and recognise that our operations will play an important role for the communities in which they operate. We place a strong emphasis on engaging other local businesses, recruiting from the local community and ensuring our sites minimise any impacts they have on community amenity over the short to medium term.

Information on the proposed North Central Quarry has been and remains available on our website, and we invite people to contact us directly should they have any queries:
www.conholdings.com.au/north-central-quarry.

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