

Conundrum Holdings Pty. Ltd.

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Conundrum Holding's proposed North Central Quarry

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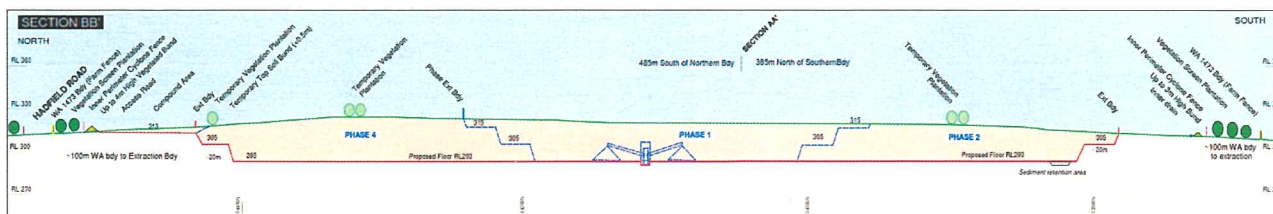
Thanks for your enquiry on behalf of one of the local developers regarding the Wallan quarry application. Since the start of this process more than 15 years ago we have always been transparent and forthcoming with information around the application and are pleased to provide you with the following details in answer to your correspondence.

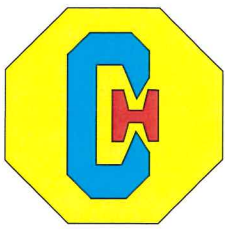
Conundrum Holdings is a passionate, family-run business shaped by four generations in the extractive industry. We are proposing a short-life quarry at 175 Northern Highway Wallan. While this project is important to our company it is also vital to our rapidly expanding community.

By its nature quarrying requires blasting, and our submission does outline a range of hours to accommodate inclement weather, delays, work requirements and unforeseen circumstances, but please consider that we simply cannot blast all day every day as we need to actually collect and process the rock. As such the blasts, no longer than a few seconds (with about three minutes procedure in total given safety sirens) occur on average 2-3 times a month. That's about 15 seconds per month, below ground, away from people and conducted in a safe, controlled manner by skilled technicians.

In regard to noise and dust, the nearest quarry face is TWO KILOMETRES away from existing residential areas, far exceeding the EPA recommended 500m. And our many years of quarrying experience has provided us with the techniques and safety practices to minimise these things – after all, we actually work there on the site too!

We are digging a hole to extract vital resources, and our application includes the fact that all machinery is below ground level (as it needs to be), up to 26 m below the horizon. We will also have a planted bund wall in front of the ground-based administration offices, with commitment in the application that no structure is higher than a single-story building from the horizon. So, in real terms, visibility is not an issue any more than roads, powerlines and other infrastructure.





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We understand the question of transport has been a touch point – the reality is that the trucks will be going in and out of a new and purpose-built entrance to the Northern Hwy. There is simply no need to use shire/local roads. Our building and construction customers require rock early in the day, meaning trucks will have finished 85% of their runs by 2pm, AND we are only talking about 50-60 truck movements a day into a traffic system of over 20,000 vehicles per day – a drop in the ocean.

Our sales finish at noon on Saturday and we operate regular Monday-Friday hours, so the quarry will inherently not be operating across the weekend.

Wally, this family project is a 4-part investment into the Mitchell Shire (quarry, transport yard, concrete plant, new offices) that will result in over 60 local jobs, many more secondary and tertiary jobs in the region, and will support 1500+ customers and 700+ suppliers throughout Victoria. It is about providing opportunity for future generations.

Please follow this link to our website for more information on this short-term quarry application <https://conholdings.com.au/north-central-quarry/> If you (or any other reader of this letter) would like to take us up on the offer of a site visit to our current or proposed site, please feel free to contact myself or Sarah Andrew on 03 5782 3400.

This is real information about real jobs and real people. The land has multiple lives - quarries must precede development that grows around them, where the community can benefit from resources close by.

Thanks again for your enquiry, we look forward to talking again soon

Kind Regards,

Ron Kerr
Managing Director
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