



Conundrum Holdings Pty. Ltd.

Media Statement

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Mitchell Planning Scheme Amendment C157mith | Planning Scheme Review Conundrum Holdings' response to Planning Panel Victoria's Panel Report

The process to establish a much-needed quarry has been long and thorough, and as always, we have abided by the 'umpire's decision'. The land under discussion has been known to contain a strategic extractive resource, with its basalt reserves first identified in 1857; ratified in 1956 and 1975; and identified as an Extractive Industry Interest Area in 1993 and 1996; and expanded to include land to the north of Hadfield Road in 2003.

It has always been recognised as paddocks, capable of primary industry activities inclusive of wastewater irrigation and quarrying. This natural progression sees the land have multiple lives and will most benefit the community by extracting resources in a short-term quarry, and then seamlessly develop housing or other public infrastructure.

We are pleased the panel report has vindicated the planning policy framework and our application which officially commenced in 2011 having been proven over the six preceding years. This joins all other decisions by a range of independent arbitrators who have ruled in favour of the extractive industries and maintained the integrity of the approval process.

Given the importance of resource security and the outstanding benefits being recognised including jobs and opportunities, we hope this report sees a reduction in the very personal ratepayer funded attacks our locally owned and family run business has been forced to endure.

Ron Kerr

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