

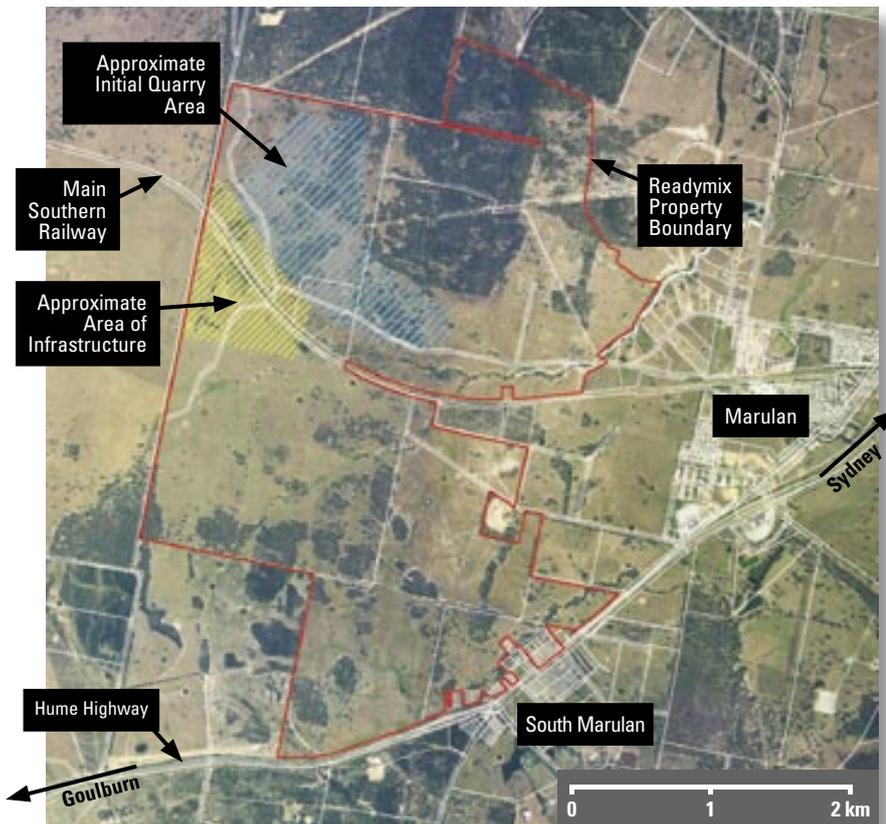


# Lynwood Quarry

## Development Proposal

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Readymix Holdings Pty Ltd proposes to establish a major hard rock quarry on their land to the west of Marulan. The quarry is intended to provide a long-term supply of high quality construction material into the Sydney, regional and local markets. The general area proposed for the quarry is shown below.



COMMUNITY INFORMATION SHEET NO.1

### WHO IS READYMIX?

Readymix Holdings Pty Ltd, a member of the Rinker group, is one of Australia's largest quarry operators with 87 active and proposed quarries throughout Australia. Readymix also operates over 200 pre-mixed concrete plants. Readymix is one of the largest suppliers of quarry materials to the Sydney market with much of this material currently sourced from their Penrith Lakes operations. In the Marulan area, Readymix operates the Johniefields hard rock quarry which is located on Brayton Road approximately 4 kilometres from the Marulan Township.

# THE PROPOSAL

The company is proposing to develop a hard rock quarry to the west of Marulan township to provide high quality construction grade rock suitable for producing concrete, road and other heavy construction and building products. The project is of significant regional importance and is located adjacent to major transport links providing ready access to major markets.

The proposed quarry will be located approximately 190 km southwest of Sydney and 27 km northeast of Goulburn. If approved, the quarry is expected to produce up to five million tonnes of hard rock each year, with an expected life of over 50 years. The Development Application for the quarry will be seeking approval to operate for a period of up to 30 years.

The hard rock resource on Readymix's land occurs both to the north and south of the main southern railway line, with the initial quarry proposed to be to the north of the railway. The processing plant will be located on Readymix's land as will a dedicated balloon rail loop and loading facility. The quarry will also have an access and haulage road linking directly with the Hume Highway. It is proposed to transport the bulk of the quarry's output by rail to Sydney markets and to service local and regional markets by road transport. The proposed quarry will generate local jobs both through direct employment, associated services and Readymix's financial investment in the project.



# READYMIX APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENT

Readymix places high priority on community and environmental issues, and is committed to community consultation and sound environmental management. Readymix is co-developer of the NSW Penrith Lakes scheme – a current quarry operation which hosted rowing events at the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games, and demonstrates Readymix's commitment to ongoing rehabilitation.

Readymix's Project Manager Michael Heath has appointed Umwelt, a specialist environmental consultancy, to manage the approval process including the preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Coakes Consulting has been appointed as part of the project team to undertake the Social Impact Assessment (SIA) and conduct the community involvement program.

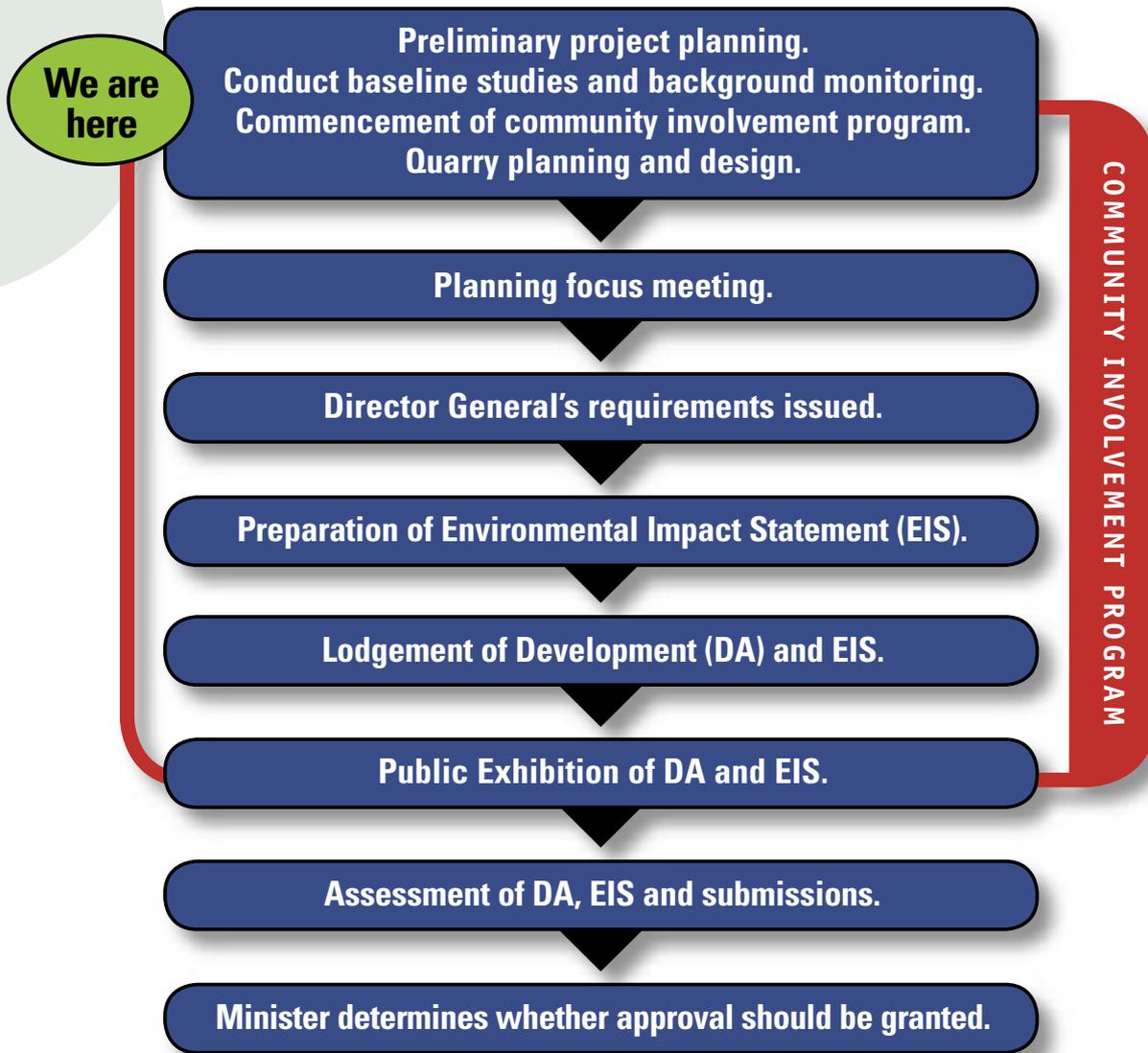
The main purpose of the community involvement program is to identify the key issues of importance to the community and to ensure that community views are incorporated as part of the planning process and are included in the EIS.



# THE APPROVAL PROCESS

The size and scale of the hard rock resource makes the proposed quarry a state significant development which requires the approval of the NSW Minister for Infrastructure and Planning.

The following flow chart provides a summary of the process Readymix has to follow to obtain approval for the proposed Lynwood quarry.



As you can see from the chart, Readymix is at the beginning of the environmental impact assessment process and is currently undertaking preliminary project planning and preparing background information about the project.

Following commencement of the community involvement program, the next step in the process will be a planning focus meeting. During the meeting, Readymix will provide the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources (DIPNR), Greater Argyle Council and other relevant government agencies with information about the project to enable the Director General's requirements for the EIS to be prepared.

The EIS will include an assessment of the environmental impact of the project and propose detailed management to minimise such impacts. A number of specialist studies will be undertaken as part of the EIS, including dust, noise, vibration, visual amenity, flora and fauna, Aboriginal and historic heritage, water management, and traffic.

Once the EIS is completed, it will be submitted to DIPNR together with the Development Application for the proposed quarry. The EIS will then be placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days. During this time, government agencies and the community can make submissions to DIPNR on the Development Application. The Minister with the assistance of DIPNR will then weigh up all the information about the proposal including, environmental, economic and social aspects, and determine whether or not the project should proceed. Any development consent granted for the project will be subject to conditions which will specify environmental management requirements for the development and operation of the quarry.

## INVOLVING THE COMMUNITY

The community involvement program will involve a range of mechanisms to provide information and obtain the views of the community. These include face to face meetings, presentations, telephone surveys and community information sheets etc.

Meetings with local residents, individuals and groups with an interest in the project will commence during August 2004.



## >> FURTHER INFORMATION

If you would like further information on the proposal or would like to make a time to meet with someone to discuss the proposal in more detail, please call to speak to either Jacqueline Stokes from Coakes Consulting (0417 454 727) or Michael Heath from Readymix (0438 243 054).

We welcome your input.

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