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Karuah East Quarry

Environmental Monitoring Report:

February 2022

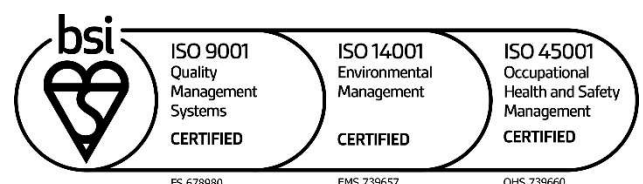


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1 INTRODUCTION

This report has been completed to meet the requirements of Section 66(6) of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* and the NSW Environmental Protection Authority's (EPA) *Requirements for Publishing Pollution Monitoring Data* (EPA, 2013). This report summarises the required monitoring data under *Environmental Protection Licence 20611* (the EPL) (see Table 1) and *Project Approval 09_0175* (the Consent) (see Table 2) for Karuah East Quarry (the Quarry).

Table 1 Environmental Protection Licence 20611 information

Environmental Protection Licence Number	20611
Licensee's Name	Karuah East Quarry Pty Limited
Licensee's Address	Licensee Postal Address: PO Box 3284 Thornton NSW 2322. Premises Address: Karuah East Quarry, Blue Rock Close, Karuah NSW 2324.
Link to Full Licence on the EPA Website	https://apps.epa.nsw.gov.au/prpoeoapp/

Table 2 Project Approval 09_0175 information

Development Application	PA 09_0175
Applicant	Karuah East Quarry Pty Limited
Approval Authority	Minister for Planning
Link to Full Development Approval on Major Projects Planning Portal	https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/15026

A summary of the environmental monitoring data for February 2022 is covered in this report.

Tables throughout this report provide key monitoring information from the EPL and the Consent, such as:

- location of monitoring;
- pollutant;
- unit of measurement; and
- monitoring frequency required.

Monitoring locations are identified in Appendix 1.

2 AIR QUALITY MONITORING

Dust emissions generated by the Quarry operation must not cause additional exceedances of ambient air quality criterion outlined in *Schedule 3, Condition 13* of the Consent (see Table 3, Table 4 and Table 5). Deposited dust and TSP/PM₁₀ monitoring is undertaken at the locations listed in Table 6.

Table 3 PA 09_0175 Long Term Assessment Criteria for Deposited Dust

Pollutant	Averaging Period	Maximum Increase in Deposited Dust Level ¹	Maximum Total Deposited Dust Level ¹
Deposited dust	Annual	2 g/m ² /month	4 g/m ² /month

Note 1: Deposited dust is assessed as insoluble solids as defined by AS 3580.10.1-2003.

Table 4 PA 09_0175 Long Term Impact Assessment Criteria for Particulate Matter

Pollutant	Average period	Criterion
Total suspended particulate (TSP) matter	Annual	90 µg/m ³
Particulate matter <10 µm (PM ₁₀)	Annual	30 µg/m ³

Table 5 PA 09_0175 Short Term impact Assessment Criterion for Particulate Matter

Pollutant	Averaging period	Criterion
Particulate matter <10 µm (PM ₁₀)	24 hour	50 µg/m ³

Table 6 Air quality monitoring locations

Site ID	EPL ID	Location	Address	GPS Coordinates
DDG 1	MP 4	South-West of Karuah East Quarry	5760 Pacific Hwy, Karuah NSW 2324	32°38'04"S 151°59'58"E
DDG 2	MP 5	South-West of Karuah East Quarry	5770 Pacific Hwy, Karuah NSW 2324	32°38'02"S 152°00'09"E
DDG 3	MP 6	South-West of Karuah East Quarry	DP 1024341, Karuah	32°37'57"S 151°59'41"E
DDG 4	MP 7	East of Karuah East Quarry	21 Halloran Rd North Arm Cove NSW 2324	32° 37' 30.87"S 152°01'10.18"E
DDG 5	MP 8	South-West of Karuah East Quarry	Lot 21 DP 1024341 Karuah NSW 2324	32° 37' 55.33"S 152°00'2.74"E
HVAS (TSP/PM ₁₀)	MP 9	South-West of Karuah East Quarry	5770 Pacific Hwy, Karuah NSW 2324	32°38'03"S 152°00'09"E

All dust monitoring is undertaken in accordance with the *Approved Methods of Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in NSW* (EPA, 2007).

2.1 DEPOSITED DUST MONITORING

Deposited dust results for the twelve months prior to and including February 2022 are shown in Table 7.

Table 7 Deposited dust monitoring results

Date On	Date Off	DDG 1	DDG 2	DDG 3	DDG 4	DDG 5
5/03/2021	6/04/2021	0.8	1.3	0.5	0.7	0.7
6/04/2021	6/05/2021	0.7	1.4	2.2	3.7	1.9
6/05/2021	3/06/2021	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.6
3/06/2021	5/07/2021	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	- ¹
5/07/2021	5/08/2021	0.5	0.4	0.5	1.0	0.2
5/08/2021	6/09/2021	2.3	0.8	1.4	0.6	1.2
6/09/2021	6/10/2021	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4
6/10/2021	3/11/2021	3.6	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.5
3/11/2021	3/12/2021	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.5
3/12/2021	4/01/2022	1.3	0.3	0.2	1.0	0.5
4/01/2022	3/02/2022	0.9	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.8
3/02/2022	7/03/2022	1.4	0.8	1.2	0.1	0.9
YTD average		1.1	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7

Note ¹: DDG5 was not able to be analysed for period 03/06/2021 to 05/07/2021 due to sample jar breaking at the laboratory during analysis.

Monitoring results indicate that for the period 3 February 2022 to 7 March 2022 the insoluble solid levels recorded at DDG 1 to DDG 5 monitoring locations were below the project criterion of 4 g/m²/month over an annual averaging period.

2.2 HIGH VOLUME AIR SAMPLING

The TSP and PM₁₀ results for February 2022, the report average and a rolling annual average are shown in are shown in Table 8. Figure 1 illustrates the year-to-date results for HVAS monitoring.

Table 8 High Volume Air Sampling (µg/m³) results

Run Date	HVAS TSP (µg/m ³)	HVAS PM ₁₀ (µg/m ³)
03/02/2022	24	14
09/02/2022	21	12
15/02/2022	32	20
21/02/2022	20	13
27/02/2022	11	10
24hr Average Criteria¹	N/A	50
Annual Average Criteria¹	90	30
Progressive Annual Average²	22.4	13.7

Note: ¹ Criteria as specified in PA 09_0175.

² The progressive annual average is from 01/01/2022 to 27/02/2022, this is not a measure of compliance.

All HVAS monitoring results for the period to and including February 2022 were compliant with the long term and short term impact assessment criteria outlined in *Schedule 3 Condition 13* of the Consent (see Table 3, Table 4 and Table 5).

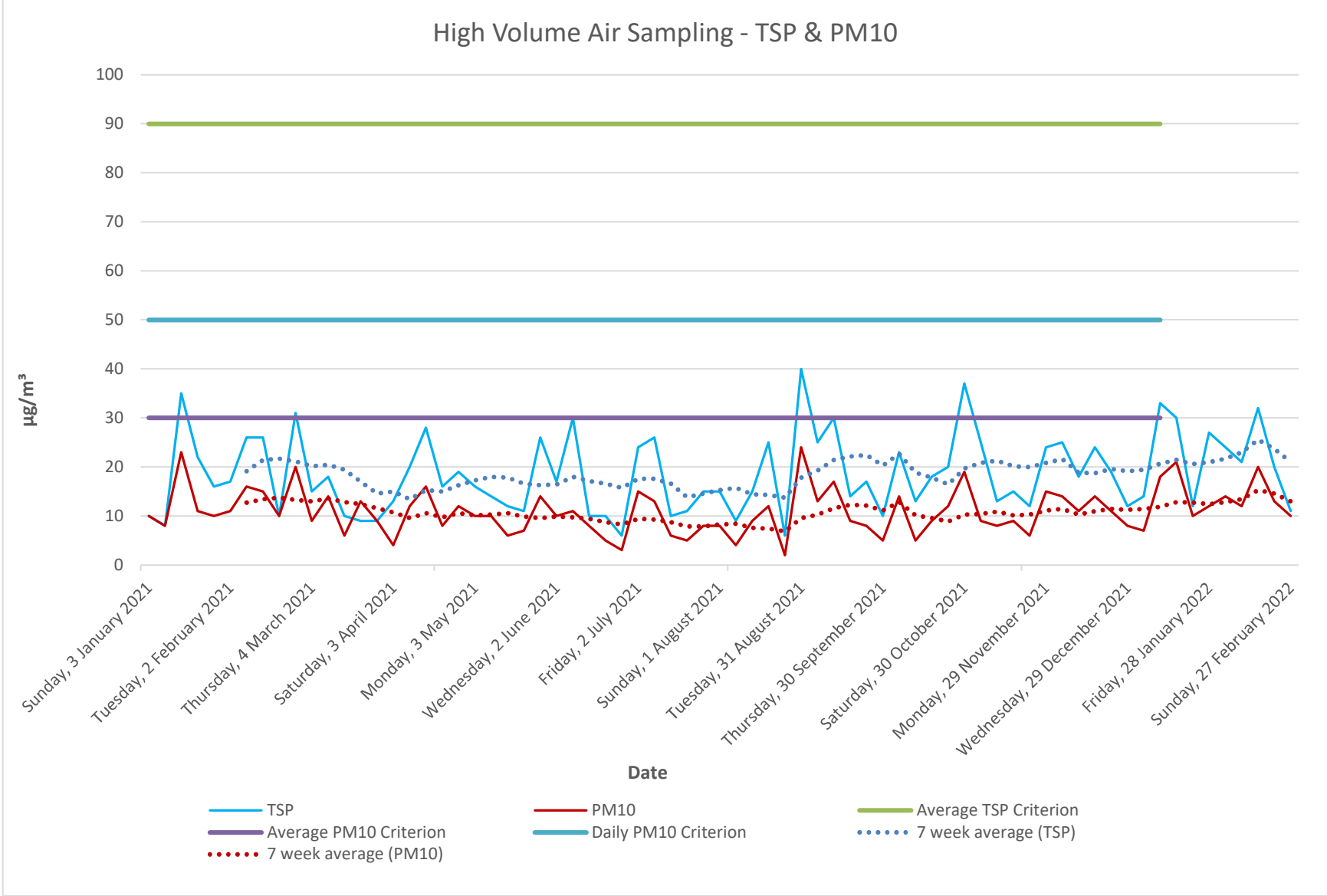


Figure 1 High Volume Air Sampling: Year-to-date results

3 BLAST MONITORING

Blasting must only be carried out between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday to Friday. No blasting is permitted on Saturday, Sundays or Public Holidays. Blasting outside of the hours specified by the EPL/Consent, can only take place with the written approval of relevant regulatory authorities.

KEQ conduct monitoring at the nearest residential location (EPL 20611 EPA identification no. 11) to ensure that airblast overpressure level and ground vibration peak particle velocity do not exceed the EPL and Consent criteria (see Table 9)

Table 9 Blasting criteria

Location	Airblast Overpressure (Decibels (Linear Peak))	Ground Vibration Peak Particle Velocity (Millimetres/second)	Allowable exceedance
Private residence (Location B)	120	10	0%
	115	5	5% of total blasts over 12 months

There were three blasts conducted in February 2022, see Table 10 for monitoring results.

Table 10 Blast monitoring results

Date	Time	Overpressure (dB(L))	Vibration (mm/s)
Wednesday, 2 February 2022	12:00PM	Nil Trigger	Nil Trigger
Monday, 14 February 2022	1:00PM	Nil Trigger	Nil Trigger
Monday, 28 February 2022	11:46AM	Nil Trigger	Nil Trigger

The monitoring results demonstrate compliance with blasting criteria of the Consent and the EPL.

4 NOISE MONITORING

Noise monitoring is undertaken in accordance with the approved *Noise Management Plan*, the Consent (*Schedule 3, condition 3 to 7*) and the EPL (*conditions L4 and M8*).

As the Quarry is operational with no construction activities being completed, construction noise is not being considered. Table 11 summarises the operational noise criteria.

Noise generated by the Quarry operation must not exceed the criteria specified in *Schedule 3, Condition 14* of the Consent (see Table 11) at the locations identified in Table 12.

Table 11 Operational Noise Criteria (dB(A) LA_{eq}(15min))

Location	Criteria (day ¹)
Residence on Lot 11 DP10244564	43
A	40
B	37
G	38
All other residence	35

Note 1: A day is defined as the period from 7am to 6pm Monday to Saturday and 8am to 6pm Sunday and Public Holidays.

In accordance with the Consent, a noise monitoring program has been implemented. A summary of this monitoring program is outlined in Table 12

Table 12 Noise monitoring locations

Monitoring Method	Location	Frequency	Criteria
Attended noise monitoring	A, B, F, G	Quarterly	Refer to Table 11
Unattended noise monitoring	G	Quarterly	Refer to Table 11

4.1 ATTENDED MONITORING

The most recent results for attended monitoring, undertaken 19 November 2021 (see Table 13), show ambient noise levels include noise sources such as traffic from the nearby Pacific Highway and wildlife such as insects and birds. The Quarry operation was inaudible at all locations except for Location G, where engine revs and the processing plant were audible, however; compliant with noise criteria.

4.2 UNATTENDED NOISE MONITORING

A review of the historical unattended noise monitoring data by expert noise consultants (EMM) found no evident trends associated with Karuah East Quarry operations. As a result of this review, Karuah East Quarry has decided to cease the unattended noise monitoring component of the quarterly compliance noise monitoring program.

Table 13 Attended noise monitoring results (extracted from quarterly noise monitoring report prepared by EMM November, 2021)

Location	Date	Start time (Period)	Total noise levels, dB							Site contribution, dB	EPL / PA Limits, dB	Meteorological conditions ² EPL limits apply (Y/N)	Exceedance, dB	Comments	
			L _{Amin}	L _{A90}	L _{Aeq}	L _{A10}	L _{A1}	L _{Amax}	L _{Ceq}	LFN mod. Factor ¹	L _{Aeq}	L _{Aeq}			
A	19/11	10:44	45	48	66	53	81	96	70	Nil	IA	40 / 42	0.5 m/s @ 213° A stability class Y	Nil	Karuah East Quarry inaudible. Traffic on the Pacific Highway, insects, frogs and bird noise consistently audible. Resident noise and a dog barking frequently audible.
B	19/11	11:19	56	59	63	65	68	69	70	Nil	IA	37 / 40	0.8 m/s @ 219° A stability class Y	Nil	Karuah East Quarry inaudible. Traffic on the Pacific Highway and bird noise consistently audible.
F	19/11	10:10	42	44	59	49	68	89	64	Nil	IA	35 / 40	0.5 m/s @ 213° A stability class Y	Nil	Karuah East Quarry inaudible. Distant traffic on the Pacific Highway, insects and bird noise consistently audible. Car passbys occasionally audible.
G	19/11	11:48	36	39	43	45	53	60	63	Nil	37	38 / 43	0.8 m/s @ 219° A stability class Y	Nil	Karuah East Quarry engine revs and processing plant consistently audible with bangs on occasion. Distant traffic on the Pacific Highway, insects, frogs and bird noise consistently audible. Aircraft noise, resident noise and livestock occasionally audible.

Notes: 1. Modifying factor correction for LFN in accordance with Fact sheet C of the NPfL.
2. Meteorological data were taken as an average over 15 minutes from the Karuah East Quarry on-site weather station (Refer to Section 5.1).
3. IA = inaudible.
4. N/A = not applicable.

5 SURFACE WATER MONITORING

5.1 MONTHLY SURFACE WATER MONITORING PROGRAM

Monthly water monitoring was undertaken on 14 February 2022 in accordance with the *Surface Water Monitoring Program* outlined in the *KEQ Water Management Plan (2015)*. Results are displayed in Table 14 along with the EPL discharge criterion and ANZECC (2000) Guidelines. These results do not determine compliance, they are used to analyse trends and assist with water management.

Table 14 Water monitoring results

Parameter	Units of measure	EPL 20611 concentration limit during discharge	Dam 1	Dam 2	Dam 3	SW 2	SW 3 (Not flowing)
Oil and grease	Milligrams per litre	5 and/or non-visible	<5	<5	<5	<5	-
pH	pH	6.5 – 8.5	7.42	6.95	8.16	7.23	-
Total suspended solids	Milligrams per litre	40	671	392	672	171	-
		ANZECC Guidelines¹					
Conductivity	µS/cm	125 – 2200	217	89	103	693	-
Total dissolved solids	mg/L	--	639	283	437	651	-
Total phosphorus	mg/L	0.025	0.22	0.07	0.08	0.17	-
Ammonia	mg/L	0.2	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	-
Nitrogen (Nitrate)	mg/L	0.350	12.8	1.12	0.51	9.78	-
Total hardness (as CaCO ₃)	mg/L	--	46	69	84	57	-
Arsenic	mg/L	0.024	0.002	<0.001	<0.001	0.002	-
Cadmium	mg/L	0.0002	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001	-
Calcium	mg/L	--	7	16	22	8	-
Chromium	mg/L	0.001	0.012	0.004	0.004	0.02	-
Copper	mg/L	0.0014	0.02	0.004	0.005	0.015	-
Lead	mg/L	0.0034	0.008	0.002	0.002	0.006	-
Magnesium	mg/L	--	7	7	22	9	-
Manganese	mg/L	1.9	0.312	0.14	0.199	0.257	-
Nickel	mg/L	0.011	0.008	0.003	0.004	0.01	-

Potassium	mg/L	--	2	1	2	2	-
Sodium	mg/L	--	117	48	93	105	-
Vanadium	mg/L	--	0.05	0.02	0.01	0.257	-
Zinc	mg/L	0.0312	0.064	0.021	0.02	0.07	-

Note 1 – Key default trigger values presented in ANZECC 2000 for slightly disturbed upland rivers in NSW. Heavy metals based on hard water (120-179 mg CaCO³/L).

SW3 creek not flowing and therefore no sample was taken.

5.2 DISCHARGE MONITORING

Condition L2 of the EPL outlines the requirement to monitor water discharges from the Quarry via the licensed discharge points (LDP1, LDP2 and LDP3), see Table 15.

Table 15 EPL20611 - Pollutant concentration limits

Pollutant	Units of Measure	Concentration Limit
Oil and Grease	Visible	5 &/or none visible
pH	pH units	6.5 – 8.5
Total suspended solids	Milligrams per litre	40

5.2.1 Dam 1 (LDP1)

Dam 1 had nil days controlled discharging during the month of February (see Table 16).

Table 16 Discharge monitoring – LDP1

Date	pH	Total suspended solids	Oil and grease	Controlled
-	-	-	-	-

5.2.2 Dam 2 (LDP2)

Dam 2 had one day of controlled discharging during the month of February (see Table 17).

Table 17 Discharge monitoring – LDP2

Date	pH	Total suspended solids	Oil and grease	Controlled
10/02/2022	7.2	10	None visible	Yes

5.2.3 Dam 3 (LDP3)

Dam 3 had nil days of discharging during the month of February (see Table 18).

Table 18 Discharge monitoring – LDP3

Date	pH	Total suspended solids	Oil and grease	Controlled
-	-	-	-	-

6 WEATHER MONITORING

Karuah East Quarry has a permanent meteorological station to monitor various weather parameters including temperature, wind speed/direction, solar radiation, and rainfall. Figure 2 shows the recorded results for the local weather during February 2022.

A wind rose is a graphic tool used to depict the average direction and speed of the wind over a recorded period. Figure 3 shows the wind rose generated from data gathered during February 2022.

Monthly Weather Summary



Site: Karuah Quarry

Month: **February 2022**

Month		Temperature @ 2m			Temperature @ 10m			Winds			Solar Radiation		Rain ¹
Date	Day	Max ¹	Min ²	Ave ¹	Max ¹	Min ²	Ave ¹	Max Gust ¹	Ave Speed ¹	Dir Ave ¹	Max ¹	Ave ¹	
		°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	km/h	km/h	deg	W/m ²	W/m ²	
1	Tue	38.3	19.2	27.2	34.6	19.5	26.1	33.1	3.3	196	511.6	128.1	8.2
2	Wed	24.1	22.5	20.4	24.3	22.4	20.4	31.9	7.3	178	401.7	47.9	
3	Thu	23.2	17.3	18.4	21.8	17.4	18.5	49.7	9.2	186	629.9	80.5	
4	Fri	25.8	15.8	19.6	22.7	15.9	19.6	47.3	9.4	157	862.5	132.6	9.2
5	Sat	26.5	15.6	20.8	23.3	15.3	20.6	39.0	9.8	154	658.3	137.8	7.8
6	Sun	27.0	17.1	20.1	23.7	17.6	19.8	47.3	8.3	168	709.9	145.3	2.8
7	Mon	27.4	15.4	20.3	23.9	15.7	19.4	39.0	6.3	194	644.1	142.6	1.2
8	Tue	27.0	16.0	18.6	23.2	16.0	18.2	24.9	3.3	189	685.0	136.8	1.4
9	Wed	33.5	13.1	23.0	30.5	13.7	22.8	20.1	3.4	166	527.4	153.8	28.8
10	Thu	35.9	15.1	26.1	32.8	16.0	25.5	28.4	4.9	151	400.8	139.1	
11	Fri	31.8	18.6	21.9	27.4	19.3	21.4	31.9	6.6	172	659.1	105.4	
12	Sat	26.2	17.7	20.3	23.8	17.6	20.1	30.8	7.2	177	525.8	120.8	0.4
13	Sun	26.9	13.5	19.0	23.9	14.0	18.8	23.7	3.0	163	619.2	121.3	
14	Mon	29.2	13.7	22.0	26.8	14.2	21.8	27.2	4.6	125	630.8	140.5	
15	Tue	30.6	16.7	22.8	27.1	17.8	22.3	28.4	5.6	123	602.4	139.5	5.0
16	Wed	29.9	17.7	22.4	27.0	18.6	21.9	31.9	5.0	132	674.2	143.3	
17	Thu	35.7	15.3	24.9	32.4	16.3	24.1	40.2	4.5	159	446.6	136.3	
18	Fri	34.3	17.2	25.5	30.4	17.6	24.8	36.7	9.4	148	544.9	133.3	0.4
19	Sat	27.7	20.1	20.3	24.6	20.6	19.9	34.3	5.0	160	877.4	123.1	
20	Sun	33.1	14.6	24.2	30.6	15.2	23.7	24.9	4.3	148	580.8	132.4	
21	Mon	35.7	17.4	23.6	32.7	17.9	23.3	24.9	3.8	190	380.8	83.1	4.4
22	Tue	28.7	20.1	21.7	26.6	20.4	21.4	67.4	4.0	160	526.7	85.2	
23	Wed	29.4	18.3	23.8	27.3	18.5	23.4	24.9	3.2	155	505.8	118.1	
24	Thu	23.8	21.1	22.2	24.0	21.2	22.2	13.0	1.8	165	188.3	62.3	2.0
25	Fri	28.5	20.9	23.2	26.7	21.0	22.9	31.9	3.8	141	452.4	100.8	14.8
26	Sat	25.4	19.6	21.0	23.5	19.6	20.7	27.2	4.5	161	249.9	77.9	4.6
27	Sun	27.0	19.1	21.1	24.0	19.0	20.7	22.5	3.3	151	292.5	65.1	3.4
28	Mon	26.3	17.9	21.1	24.4	18.1	20.7	22.5	3.5	159	325.0	81.3	0.2
Ave or Total		29.2	17.4	22.0	26.6	17.7	21.6	32.3	5.3	161.7	539.8	114.8	141.8
High		38.3	22.5	27.2	34.6	22.4	26.1	67.4	9.8		877.4	153.8	32.4
Low		23.2	13.1	18.4	21.8	13.7	18.2	13.0	1.8		188.3	47.9	

Notes: 1. Values are for the 24 hour period from 9am to 9am next day.

No. rain days >1mm:	15
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2. Values are for the 24 hours to 9am.

Figure 2 Monthly weather summary – February 2022

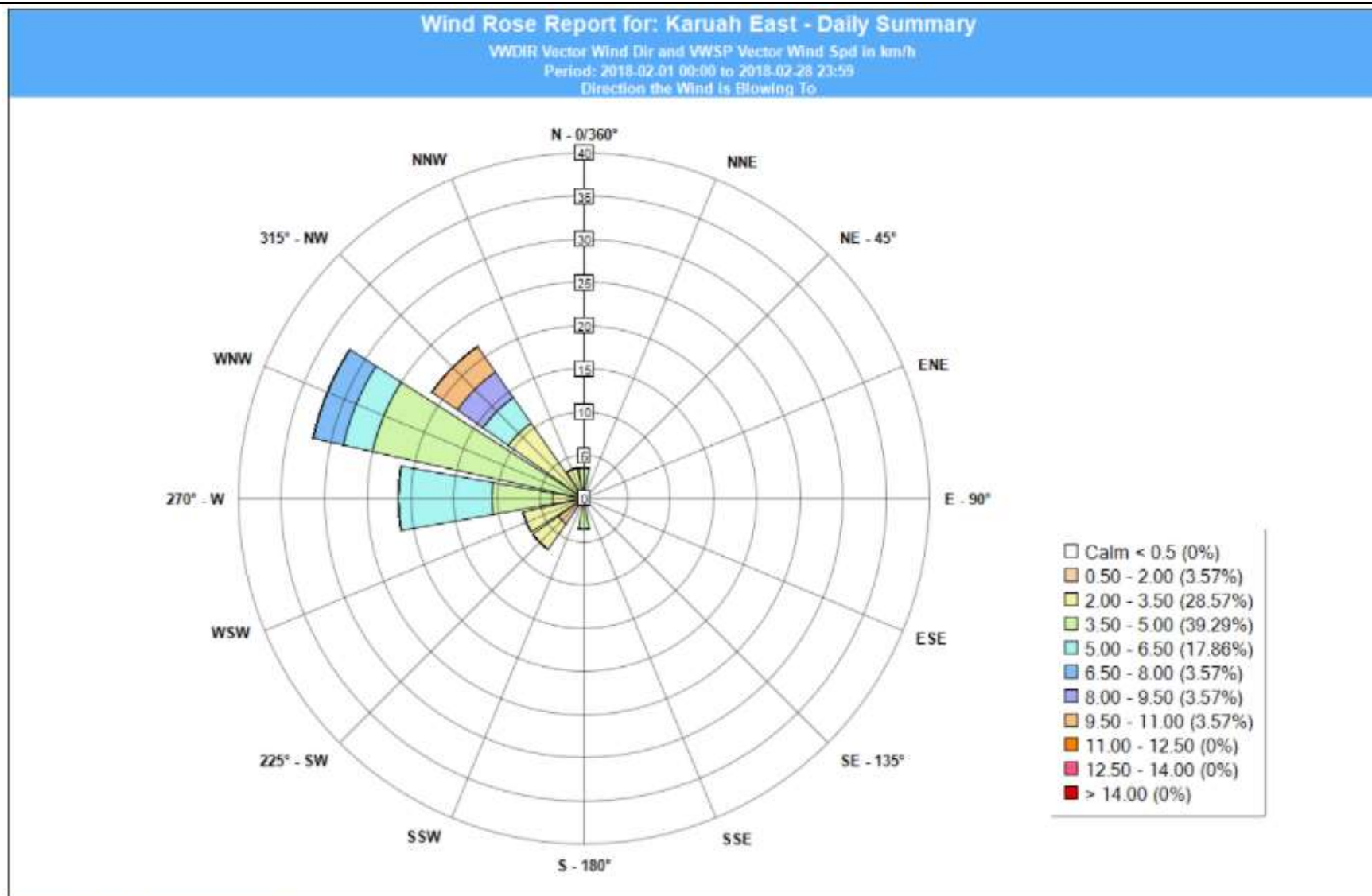


Figure 3 Wind rose report – February 2022

7 REPORTING

7.1 COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

The purpose of a Community Consultative Committee (CCC) is to provide a forum for discussion between a proponent (KEQPL) and representatives of the community, stakeholder groups and the local council on issues directly relating to a specific State Significant Project (KEQ).

The KEQ CCC generally meets biannually (twice a year). Meeting minutes can be found at Hunter Quarries website <<https://hunterquarries.com.au/>>.

The first meeting for 2022 is scheduled in March.

7.2 PRODUCTION

For the month of February 69,101 tonnes of various quarry products were produced.

7.3 NON-COMPLIANCE

There were nil non-compliance events during February 2022.

7.4 COMPLAINTS

There were nil complaints received during February 2022.

Appendix 1 – Monitoring Locations

Karuah East Quarry

Monitoring Locations

Legend

- Attended Noise
- Dust Deposition
- Groundwater
- High Volume Air Samplers
- Surface Water
- Unattended Noise



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900 m