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## **Karuah East Quarry**

### **Environmental Monitoring Report:**

**November 2021**



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# 1 INTRODUCTION

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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**

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

**Table 2 Project Approval 09\_0175 information**

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

A summary of the environmental monitoring data for November 2021 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/PM<sub>10</sub> 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 <sup>1</sup>	Maximum Total Deposited Dust Level <sup>1</sup>
Deposited dust	Annual	2 g/m <sup>2</sup> /month	4 g/m <sup>2</sup> /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 <sup>3</sup>
Particulate matter <10 µm (PM <sub>10</sub> )	Annual	30 µg/m <sup>3</sup>

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

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

**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 <sub>10</sub> )	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 November 2021 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
03/12/2020	04/01/2021	0.3	0.5	<0.1	0.4	1.5
04/01/2021	04/02/2021	1.5	0.9	0.7	0.3	1.2
04/02/2021	05/03/2021	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.2	1.6
05/03/2021	06/04/2021	0.8	1.3	0.5	0.7	0.7
06/04/2021	06/05/2021	0.7	1.4	2.2	3.7	1.9
06/05/2021	03/06/2021	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.6
03/06/2021	05/07/2021	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	- <sup>1</sup>
05/07/2021	05/08/2021	0.5	0.4	0.5	1.0	0.2
05/08/2021	06/09/2021	2.3	0.8	1.4	0.6	1.2
06/09/2021	06/10/2021	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4
06/10/2021	03/11/2021	3.6	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.5
03/11/2021	03/12/2021	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.5
<b>YTD average</b>		1.0	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.9

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

Monitoring results indicate that for the period 3 November 2021 to 3 December 2021 the insoluble solid levels recorded at DDG 1 to DDG 5 monitoring locations were below the project criterion of 4 g/m<sup>2</sup>/month over an annual averaging period.

## 2.2 HIGH VOLUME AIR SAMPLING

The TSP and PM<sub>10</sub> results for November 2021, 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/m<sup>3</sup>) results**

Run Date	HVAS TSP (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	HVAS PM <sub>10</sub> (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )
5/11/2021	25	9
11/11/2021	13	8
17/11/2021	15	9
23/11/2021	12	6
29/11/2021	24	15
<b>24hr Average Criteria<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Annual Average Criteria<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>90</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Progressive Annual Average<sup>2</sup></b>	17.9	10.4

**Note:** <sup>1</sup>. Criteria as specified in PA 09\_0175.

<sup>2</sup>. The progressive annual average is from 01/01/2020 to 29/11/2021, this is not a measure of compliance.

All HVAS monitoring results for the period to and including November 2021 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).

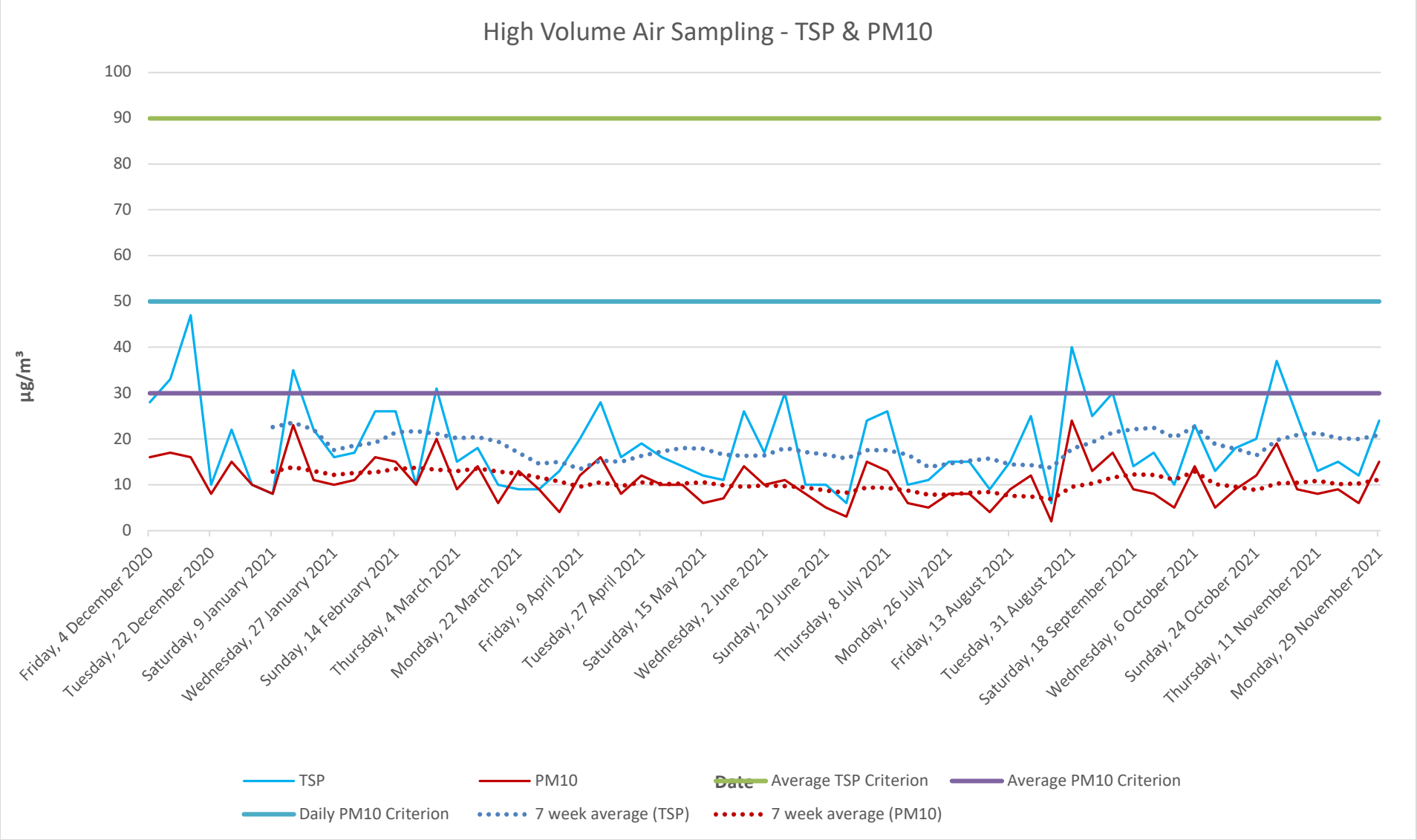


Figure 1 High Volume Air Sampling: Year-to-date results

### 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 EPL 20611 Condition M7.1 Blasting**

Parameter	Units of Measure	Frequency	Sampling Method
Airblast Overpressure	Decibels (Linear Peak)	All blasts	Australian Standard AS 2187.2-2006
Ground Vibration Peak Particle Velocity	Millimetres/second	All blasts	Australian Standard AS 2187.2-2006

There were two blasts conducted in November 2021, see Table 10 for monitoring results.

**Table 10 Blast monitoring results**

Date	Time	Overpressure (dB(L))	Vibration (mm/s)
Wednesday, 17 November 2020	12:30 PM	Nil Trigger	Nil Trigger
Wednesday, 24 November 2021	11:28 PM	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<sub>eq</sub>(15min))**

Location	Criteria (day <sup>1</sup> )
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 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)**

**Table 4.1 Karuah East Quarry attended noise monitoring results – Q4 2021**

Location	Date	Start time (Period)	Total noise levels, dB							Site contribution, dB	EPL / PA Limits, dB	Meteorological conditions <sup>2</sup> EPL limits apply (Y/N)	Exceedance, dB	Comments	
			L <sub>Amin</sub>	L <sub>A90</sub>	L <sub>Aeq</sub>	L <sub>A10</sub>	L <sub>A1</sub>	L <sub>Amax</sub>	L <sub>Ceq</sub>	LFN mod. Factor <sup>1</sup>	L <sub>Aeq</sub>				L <sub>Aeq</sub>
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 NPfI.
  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

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### 5.1 SURFACE WATER MONITORING PROGRAM

Monthly water monitoring was undertaken on 3 November 2021 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	6.84	7.15	7.31	6.45	-
Total suspended solids	Milligrams per litre	40	69	18	19	11	-
		<b>ANZECC Guidelines1</b>					
Conductivity	µS/cm	125 – 2200	739	4270	655	710	-
Total dissolved solids	mg/L	--	429	2840	452	432	-
Total phosphorus	mg/L	0.025	0.04	0.02	0.05	0.02	-
Ammonia	mg/L	0.2	0.02	0.06	0.04	0.01	-
Nitrogen (Nitrate)	mg/L	0.350	0.03	0.21	11.1	11.2	-
Total hardness (as CaCO3)	mg/L	--	80	1780	61	76	-
Arsenic	mg/L	0.024	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	-
Cadmium	mg/L	0.0002	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001	-
Calcium	mg/L	--	19	669	13	14	-
Chromium	mg/L	0.001	0.002	0.002	<0.001	<0.001	-
Copper	mg/L	0.0014	0.002	0.004	0.003	0.001	-
Lead	mg/L	0.0034	0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	-
Magnesium	mg/L	--	8	26	7	10	-
Manganese	mg/L	1.9	0.118	0.921	0.055	0.03	-

Nickel	mg/L	0.011	0.002	0.004	0.001	<0.001	-
Potassium	mg/L	--	2	9	2	2	-
Sodium	mg/L	--	112	73	103	108	-
Vanadium	mg/L	--	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	-
Zinc	mg/L	0.0312	0.021	0.008	0.015	0.007	-

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 CaCO<sup>3</sup>/L).

SW3 creek not flowing.

## 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 (LDP3)

Dam 1 had a total of two days discharging during the month of November (see Table 17).

**Table 17 Discharge monitoring – LDP3**

Date	pH	Total suspended solids	Oil and grease	Controlled
01/11/2021	7.4	14	None visible	Yes
02/11/2021	7.4	19	None visible	Yes

### 5.2.2 Dam 2 (LDP3)

Dam 2 had a total of one day discharging during the month of November (see Table 18).

**Table 18 Discharge monitoring – LDP3**

Date	pH	Total suspended solids	Oil and grease	Controlled
24/11/2021	7.9	<5	None visible	Yes

### 5.2.3 Dam 3 (LDP3)

Dam 3 had a total of one day discharging during the month of November (see Table 19).

**Table 19 Discharge monitoring – LDP3**

Date	pH	Total suspended solids	Oil and grease	Controlled
25/11/2021	7.9	23	None visible	Yes

## 6 WEATHER MONITORING

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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 November 2021..

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 November 2021.

## Monthly Weather Summary



Site: Karuah Quarry  
Month: November 2021

November 2021														
Date	Day	Temperature @ 2m			Temperature @ 10m			Winds			Solar Radiation		Rain <sup>1</sup> mm	
		Max <sup>1</sup>	Min <sup>2</sup>	Ave <sup>1</sup>	Max <sup>1</sup>	Min <sup>2</sup>	Ave <sup>1</sup>	Max Gust <sup>1</sup>	Ave Speed <sup>2</sup>	Dir Ave <sup>1</sup>	Max <sup>1</sup>	Ave <sup>1</sup>		
		°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	km/h	km/h	deg	W/m <sup>2</sup>	W/m <sup>2</sup>		
1	Mon	23.8	8.0	18.9	22.0	8.8	18.6	21.3	4.5	127	772.5	156.2		
2	Tue	26.8	13.2	19.3	24.1	14.2	19.0	34.3	5.5	128	1084.1	222.5		
3	Wed	27.3	13.1	20.6	24.3	14.0	20.0	28.4	6.1	128	1006.7	241.7		
4	Thu	26.4	16.1	19.2	24.2	16.4	19.0	18.9	2.8	160	554.9	106.5		
5	Fri	24.2	16.1	17.8	22.1	16.9	18.0	24.9	4.3	139	1055.0	156.9	2.4	
6	Sat	29.7	12.2	21.4	27.0	13.4	20.9	28.4	4.9	140	1032.5	240.9	1.2	
7	Sun	29.9	14.5	20.9	27.1	15.6	20.2	21.3	3.5	177	994.1	128.9		
8	Mon	25.5	17.5	19.4	22.8	17.4	18.9	26.0	4.0	188	1024.2	187.5	33.6	
9	Tue	28.8	15.2	21.6	24.9	15.6	20.8	26.0	6.1	145	1133.2	237.0	0.2	
10	Wed	27.6	17.9	20.6	25.7	18.3	20.2	55.6	4.4	188	690.8	101.2		
11	Thu	21.5	17.3	19.0	22.1	17.4	18.8	27.2	4.8	183	605.8	56.3	25.2	
12	Fri	31.5	16.8	21.5	29.4	16.7	21.1	46.1	10.4	265	1042.4	269.4	17.0	
13	Sat	22.4	13.9	17.0	20.7	14.5	16.8	50.9	15.1	275	1129.9	185.8	0.2	
14	Sun	24.3	13.3	16.6	22.6	13.8	16.5	50.9	10.1	243	1090.8	270.4		
15	Mon	24.7	8.6	17.1	23.0	9.3	17.2	56.8	8.9	241	940.0	306.2	0.4	
16	Tue	23.9	7.0	17.4	20.3	8.2	16.5	31.9	4.8	197	1255.8	247.5	0.2	
17	Wed	23.7	13.0	17.3	20.2	13.0	17.0	33.1	6.8	135	1217.5	212.4		
18	Thu	29.2	12.6	21.6	25.7	13.6	21.0	27.2	5.2	150	1058.3	273.3		
19	Fri	26.6	16.0	21.2	25.6	16.8	21.0	17.8	2.3	168	454.9	88.5		
20	Sat	25.4	17.6	19.3	24.5	17.7	19.0	23.7	3.8	179	730.0	74.7	0.4	
21	Sun	19.2	16.7	17.3	18.7	16.4	17.5	46.1	12.2	160	319.9	47.8	20.6	
22	Mon	20.8	16.1	17.7	19.7	16.5	17.7	40.2	7.3	153	619.9	97.2	20.0	
23	Tue	24.2	16.7	20.2	22.4	16.8	19.9	18.9	5.1	138	789.9	138.3	15.2	
24	Wed	28.8	17.5	22.8	27.0	18.0	22.5	33.1	6.5	107	1175.8	211.0	2.0	
25	Thu	29.0	19.7	22.8	27.4	19.8	22.5	29.6	5.0	148	1163.3	148.7	4.6	
26	Fri	18.8	18.0	17.2	18.7	17.9	17.2	36.7	9.2	184	238.3	33.8	23.6	
27	Sat	17.9	15.9	16.2	17.1	16.0	16.1	36.7	7.8	173	480.8	78.1	51.8	
28	Sun	22.8	15.2	17.6	20.4	15.3	17.2	28.4	5.6	180	1108.3	143.1	27.2	
29	Mon	23.0	14.8	19.6	20.6	14.7	19.0	17.8	3.9	140	799.1	120.1	1.2	
30	Tue	23.4	16.9	20.1	22.0	17.6	19.8	21.3	3.7	133	455.8	77.4	0.2	
Ave or Total		25.0	14.9	19.3	23.1	15.4	19.0	32.0	6.2	169.1	867.5	162.0	247.2	
High		31.5	19.7	22.8	29.4	19.8	22.5	56.8	15.1		1255.8	306.2	51.8	
Low		17.9	7.0	16.2	17.1	8.2	16.1	17.8	2.3		238.3	33.8		
Notes: 1. Values are for the 24 hour period from 9am to 9am next day.												No. rain days >1mm:		14

Figure 2 Weather Summary November 2021



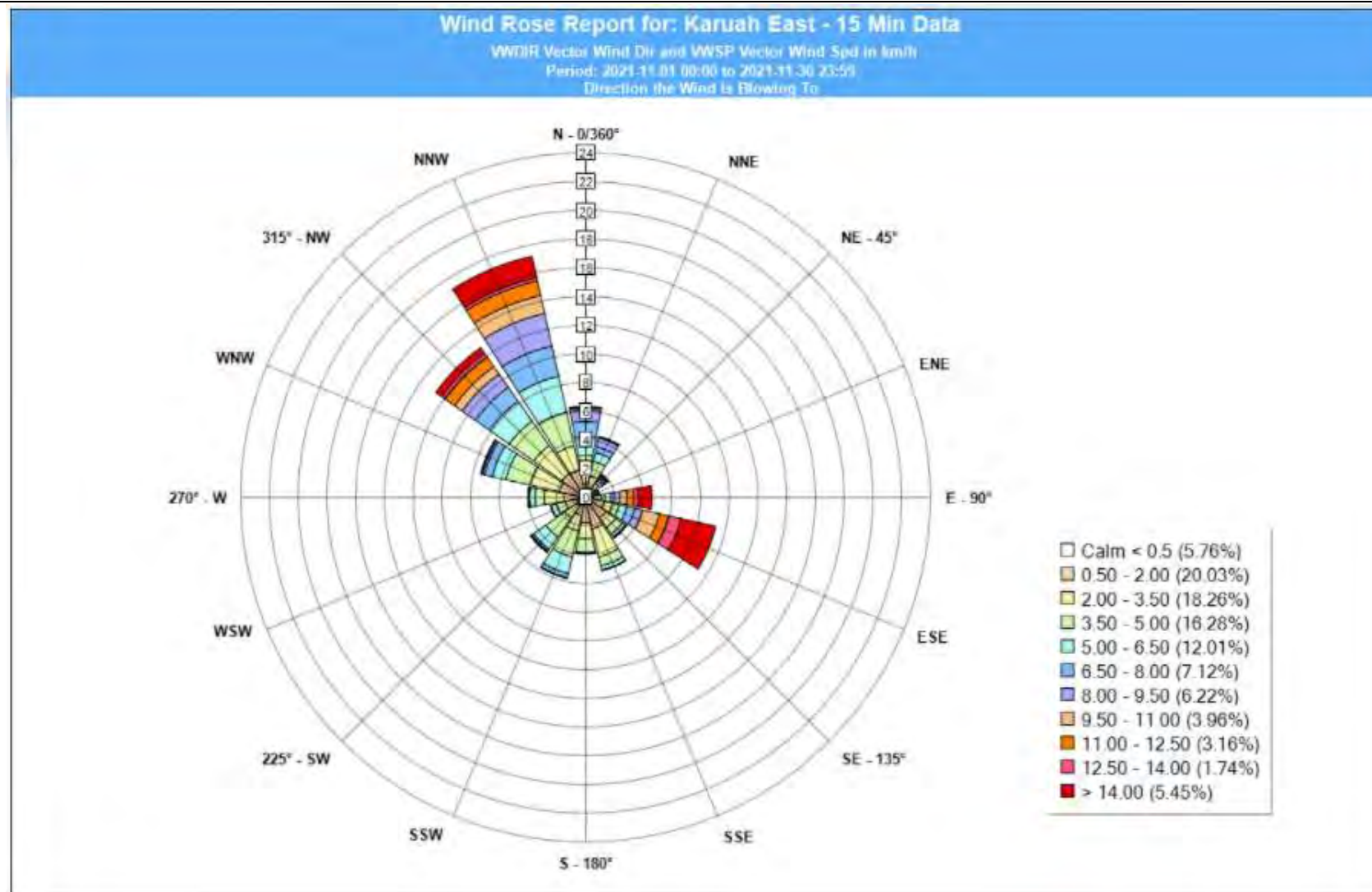


Figure 3 Wind rose November 2021

## 7 REPORTING

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### 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 of 2021 was held at the Quarry 29 March 2021 and included a site inspection.

An extraordinary meeting was held 5 July 2021 to discuss *Project Approval 09\_0175 Modification 9 (Extended operating hours)*.

The CCC meeting scheduled for September 2021 has been postponed due to the current COVID-19 pandemic.

### 7.2 PRODUCTION

For the month of November 82,543 tonnes of various quarry products were produced.

### 7.3 NON-COMPLIANCE

There were nil non-compliance events during November 2021 to report.

### 7.4 COMPLAINTS

There were nil complaints received during November 2021.

# Appendix 1 – Monitoring Locations

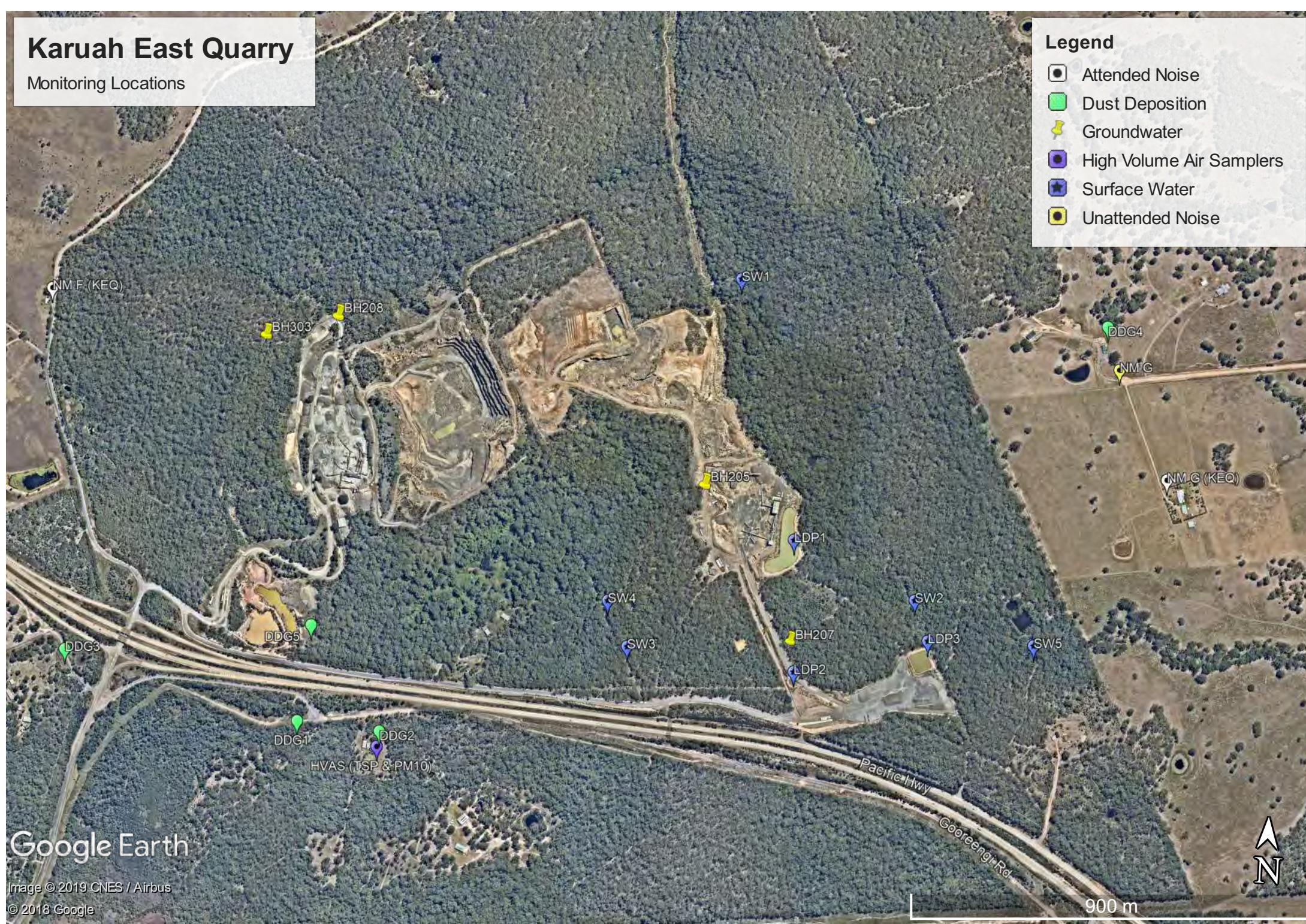


# Karuah East Quarry

Monitoring Locations

## Legend

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



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