

Karuah East Quarry

Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report

December 2019

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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 (October 2013). This report summarises the required monitoring data under Environmental Protection Licence (EPL) 20611 for the Karuah East Quarry. This report also includes some monitoring requirements under Project Approval 09_0175 and the approved Statement of Commitments (SoC).

A summary of the environmental data for December 2019 is covered in this report.

A summary of the licence information is provided in **Table 1** below.

Table 1 Licence Information

Environmental Protection Licence Number	20611
Licensee's Name	Karuah East Quarry Pty Ltd
Licensee's Address	Postal Address: PO Box 3284 Thornton NSW 2322
	Quarry Location:
	Lot 13 DP1024564
	Pacific Highway
	Karuah NSW 2324
Link to full Licence on the EPA Website	EPL 20611

2. DUST MONITORING

There are no specific dust criteria listed in the EPL, but the dust criteria (Tables 2-4) are listed in Schedule 3 Condition 13 of Project Approval 09_0175.

Table 2 PA 09_0175 Long term impact assessment criteria for particulate matter

Pollutant	Averaging period	⁴ Criterion
Total suspended particulates (TSP)	Annual	¹ 90 μg/m³
Particulate matter < 10 μ m (PM ₁₀)	Annual	¹ 30 μg/m³

Table 3 PA 09 0175 Short term impact assessment criteria for particulate matter

Pollutant	Averaging period	⁴Criterion
Particulate matter < 10 μ m (PM ₁₀)	Daily	¹ 50 μg/m³

Table 4 PA 09_0175 Long term impact assessment criteria for Deposited Dust

Pollutant	Averaging period	Maximum increase in deposited dust level	Maximum total deposited dust level
³ Deposited dust	Annual	² 2 g/m ² /month	¹ 4 g/m ² /month

Notes to Tables 2-4:

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

Dust deposition and TSP/PM $_{10}$ monitoring is undertaken at Karuah East Quarry at the locations listed in **Table 5**.

Table 5 Air Quality Monitoring Locations for Karuah East Quarry

Site ID	EPL ID	Location	Address	GPS Coordinates
DDG 1	MP 4	South-East of Karuah	5760 Pacific Hwy,	32°38′04″S
ו פעע	IVIP 4	East Quarry	Karuah NSW 2324	151°59′58″E
DDG 2	MP 5	South-East of Karuah	5770 Pacific Hwy,	32°38′02″S
DDG Z	IVIP 5	East Quarry	Karuah NSW 2324	152°00′09′′E
DDG 3	MP 6	East of Karuah East	DD 1024244 - Kamada	32°37′57″S
טטט 3	IVIP 6	Quarry	DP 1024341, Karuah	151°59′41″E
DDG 4	MP 7	West of Karuah East	21 Halloran Rd, North	32° 37' 30.87"S
DDG 4	IVIP /	Quarry	Arm Cove NSW 2324	152°01'10.18"E
DDG 5	5 MP 8	West of Karuah East	Lot 21/DP 1024341	32° 37' 55.33"S
DDG 3		Quarry	Karuah NSW 2324	152°00'2.74"E
HVAS	MP 9	South-East of Karuah	5770 Pacific Hwy,	32°38′03″S
(TSP/PM10)	IVIP 9	East Quarry	Karuah NSW 2324	152°00′09′′E

2.1 Dust Deposition Results

Dust deposition results for December 2019 and the year to date are shown in Table 6.

Table 6 Insoluble Solids (g/m²/month) for the Year to Date

Date	DDG 1	DDG 2	DDG 3	DDG 4	DDG 5
08/01/2018 to 05/02/2018	1.5	0.8	1.3	1.0	0.7
05/02/2018 to 05/03/2018	1.6	1.0	1.5	1.5	2.0
05/03/2018 to 03/04/2018	0.6	0.6	1.1	2.6	0.9
03/04/2018 to 01/05/2018	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.7	0.7
01/05/2018 to 30/05/2018	0.9	0.5	0.7	1.1	0.3
30/05/2018 to 27/06/2018	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.9	0.5
27/06/2018 to 26/07/2018	0.7	0.6	0.6	1.2	0.6
26/07/2018 to 23/08/2018	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.3	0.8
23/08/2018 to 20/09/2018	1.6	1.0	0.6	0.7	0.9
20/09/2018 to 26/10/2018	1.2	0.9	0.6	1.0	1.0
26/10/2018 to 23/11/2018	1.5	3.4	1.1	1.1	2.1
23/11/2018 to 21/12/2018	1.3	0.6	0.1	3.0	1.2

¹ Total impact (ie incremental increase in concentrations due to the project plus background concentrations due to all other sources).

² Incremental impact (ie incremental increase in concentrations due to the project on its own).

³ **Deposited dust** is to be assessed as <u>insoluble solids</u> as defined by Standards Australia, AS/NZS 3580.10.1:2003: Methods for Sampling and Analysis of Ambient Air – Determination of Particulate Matter – Deposited Matter – Gravimetric Method.

⁴ Excludes extraordinary events such as bushfires, prescribed burning, dust storms, sea fog, fire, incidents, illegal activities or any other activity agreed by the Secretary in consultation with EPA.

21/12/2018 to 18/01/2019	0.8	0.4	2.2	0.2	0.9
18/01/2019 to 18/02/2019	1.7	2.7	1.2	1.0	2.5
18/02/2019 to 20/03/2019	2.4	2.5	1.7	1.7	3.7
20/03/2019 to 16/04/2019	2.1	4.0	0.9	1.0	1.8
16/04/2019 to 15/05/2019	0.8	1.2	0.5	4.8	1.1
15/05/2019 to 12/06/2019	0.4	0.6	0.3	<0.1	0.3
12/06/2019 to 15/07/2019	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.3
15/07/2019 to 14/08/2019	0.7	0.7	0.3	0.5	0.8
14/08/2019 to 12/09/2019	0.6	2.4	0.7	2.5	0.7
12/09/2019 to 16/10/2019	0.3	0.7	0.1	1.1	0.9
16/10/2019 to 14/11/2019	3.8	2.0	3.5	2.4	2.9
14/11/2019 to 12/12/2019	2.6	2.0	3.1	2.5	4.1
¹ Rolling Annual Average	1.4	1.6	1.2	1.5	1.7

Note ¹: Rolling Annual Average from the EPL 20611 anniversary date of 12 December.

2.2 High Volume Air Sampling Results

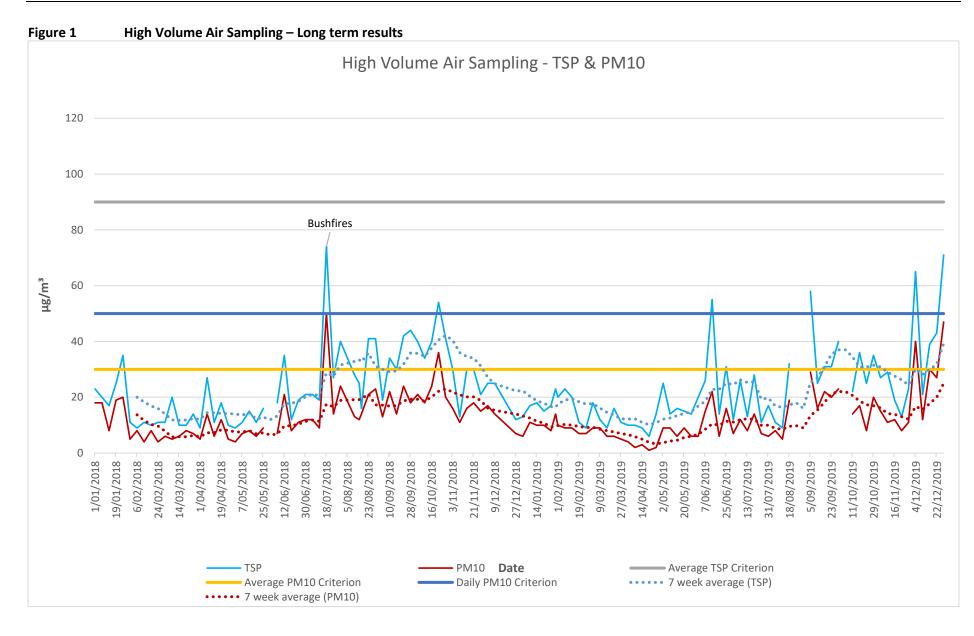
The TSP and PM10 results for December 2019 are shown in **Table 7** with the long term monitoring results displayed in **Figure 1**.

Table 7 High Volume Air Sampling (μg/m³) results

Date	HVAS TSP (µg/m³)	HVAS PM ₁₀ (μg/m³)
4/12/2019	63	37
10/12/2019	130	100
16/12/2019	61	29
22/12/2019	55	33
28/12/2019	30	18
¹ 24hr Max Criteria	N/A	50
Report Average	67.8	43.4
² Rolling Annual Average	35.7	17.0
¹ Annual Average Criteria	90	30

Note: 1. Maximum criteria as specified in PA 09_0175

- 2. Rolling Annual Average from the EPL 20611 anniversary date of 28 December.
- 3. Catch up run



2.3 Dust Monitoring Results Summary

Dust monitoring results for December were largely influenced by extraordinary events (extreme bushfires), resulting in exceedances of pollutant criteria detailed in Condition 13 of PA 09_0175. However, Note *d* of Condition 13 excludes monitoring results from extraordinary events; such as bushfires. Therefore, no non-compliances were recorded. The insoluble dust levels recorded at DDG1, DDG2, DDG3, DDG4 and DDG5 were complaint.

3. BLAST MONITORING RESULTS

The conditions stipulated for blasting is referred to in Condition L5 and M7 of EPL 20611 and Schedule 3, Condition 8 of PA 09_0175. Blast monitoring is undertaken at every blast. **Table 8** summarises the blast monitoring criteria.

Table 8 Blasting criteria

Location	Airblast overpressure (dB(Lin Peak)	Ground vibration (mm/s)	Allowable exceedance
Any residence on privately-owned land,	120	10	0%
or any public infrastructure	115	5	5% of the total number of blasts over a period of 12 months

Summary of blasting results are shown in Table 9.

Table 9 Blast Monitoring Results

Date and time	Date and time Overpressure and vibration	
6/12/2019	Overpressure dB(L)	104.8
1:04 PM	Vibration (mm/s)	0.75
19/12/2019	Overpressure dB(L)	101.9
11:36 AM	Vibration (mm/s)	0.68

4. NOISE MONITORING

Schedule 3 Condition 3 of the Project Approval and Condition L4.1 of the EPL requires Karuah East Quarry to ensure noise generated by Quarry operations does not exceed criteria outlined in **Table 10**.

Table 10 Operational Noise Criteria (dB(A) LA_{eq(15min)})

Location	Criteria (¹day)
Residence on Lot 11 DP 10244564	43
A	40
В	37
G	38

Location	Criteria (¹day)
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.

The noise criteria shown in **Table 10** is not indicative of the construction noise criteria for the Karuah East Quarry project. Construction noise criteria has been developed based on the *NSW EPA Interim Construction Noise Guideline* for each location and is set out in Table 9 of the approved *Noise Management Plan (SLR, 2015)*.

In accordance with Schedule 3 Condition 5 and Condition 7 of the Project Approval and the <u>Noise</u> <u>Management Plan (SLR, 2015)</u> a noise monitoring program has been implemented. Summary of this monitoring program is outlined in **Table 11**.

Table 11 Noise Monitoring Program

Construction Noise Monitoring									
Monitoring Method	¹ Location	Frequency	² Criteria (dB(A) LA _{eq(15min)})						
Attended noise monitoring	F	54							
Attended noise monitoring	G	At the commencement of new activities and a min of once per quarter.	44						
Operational Noise Mon	itoring								
Monitoring Method	¹ Location	Frequency	² Criteria						
Attended noise monitoring	F, G	Quarterly	As per Table 10, 12 and 13 Noise MP (SLR, 2015)						
Unattended noise monitoring	G	Quarterly	As per Table 10, 12 and 13 Noise MP (SLR, 2015)						

Note: 1. Monitoring locations are shown in Appendix 1.

2. Criteria is for daytime limits. Daytime is defined as the period from 7am to 6pm Monday to Saturday and 8am to 6pm Sunday and Public Holidays.

4.1 Operator Attended Monitoring Results

The results of the operator attended noise surveys are presented in **Table 12**. Ambient noise levels given in the tables include all noise sources such as traffic, insects, birds, adjacent quarry and Karuah East Quarry. The table provides the following information:

- a) Monitoring location and serial number of the noise logger;
- b) Date, start time, and Wind velocity (m/s) at the measurement location; and
- c) Typical maximum (LAmax) and contributed noise levels.

Quarry contributions listed in the tables are from Karuah East Quarry and are stated only when a contribution could be quantified.

Table 12 Operator Attended Noise Survey Results

Location	Date/Start Time/	Primary (dBA re 2		Description of Noise Emissions and			
	Weather	LAmax	LA1	LA10	LA90	LAeq	Typical Maximum Noise Levels (dBA)
F	03/12/2019	65	55	50	44	49	Pacific Highway 45
Lot 50 DP 1036893	12:35 pm W = 10 kph	Karuah E	ast Quar	Insects 40 Birds 45-50			
G	03/12/2019	78	57	51	45	49	Birds 40 – 45
Lot 3 DP 1032636	01:22 pm	Karuah E	ast Quar	ry inaudik	ole		Pacific Highway 40

4.2 Unattended Continuous Monitoring Results

Table 13 Unattended Continuous Noise Monitoring Results

INP Period	Units	LA1	LA10	LA90	LAeq
Daytime	dBA	56	49	41	48
Evening	dBA	55	49	40	47
Night ³	dBA	53	49	39	46

4.3 Noise Monitoring Summary

The attended noise monitoring conducted during December 2019 identified that Karuah East Quarry was not audible at location F and G.

5. SURFACE WATER MONITORING

Condition M2 of the EPL outlines the requirement to monitor surface water discharges from Karuah East Quarry via the three licensed discharge points (LDP001, LDP002, LDP003). The *Statement of Commitments* (Appendix 6, PA 09_0175) requires additional surface water monitoring to be undertaken for the first twelve months of operations. This additional water monitoring requires monthly sampling to be undertaken at the three licensed discharge points and at four locations on Yalimbah and Bulga Creeks when in flow.

All discharged water from the three licensed discharge points are required to meet the water quality concentration limits as stipulated in Condition L2.4 of the EPL. This criterion is shown in **Table 14** below.

Table 14 Surface Water Discharge Monitoring Criteria

Sampling Points	Pollutant	Unit	EPL Limit
LDP001 (Dam 1)	рН	pH units	6.5 – 8.5
LDP002 (Dam 2)	TSS	mg/L	40
LDP003 (Dam 3)	Oil & Grease	mg/L	5 and/or none visible

5.1 Discharge Monitoring Results

There were no discharges during the month of December 2019.

5.2 Monthly Monitoring Results

Monthly water sampling was undertaken on the 12 December 2019.

Summary of monthly monitoring results is shown in **Table 15** and **Table 16**.

Table 15 Surface Water Monthly Monitoring Results – Sediment Dams

LDP001 (Dam					LDP00)2 (Dai			LDP003 (Dam 3)			
Date	рН	TSS	Oil &	EC	pН	TSS	Oil &	EC	pН	TSS	Oil &	EC
	(Lab)		Grease		(Lab)		Grease		(Lab)		Grease	
19/01/2018	7.29	9	<5	665	7.29	37	<5	434	7.08	10	6	925
16/02/2018	7.71	9	<5	662	6.48	22	<5	548	7.21	16	<5	1075
20/03/2018	6.95	19	<5	574	6.81	6	<5	535	7.37	27	<5	788
18/04/2018	6.40	5	<5	529	7.70	17	<5	490	7.10	17	<5	830
18/05/2018	5.86	12	<5	555	5.80	4	<5	345	6.48	21	<5	654
19/06/2018	7.33	76	<5	496	7.51	828	<5	171	7.28	418	<5	347
20/07/2018	6.50	12	<5	600	6.80	5	<5	540	7.40	63	<5	570
17/08/2018	6.71	12	<5	553	6.64	5	<5	604	7.16	14	<5	622
14/09/2018	7.09	33	<5	508	6.37	7	<5	405	6.94	6	<5	520
19/10/2018	6.78	81	<5	593	6.77	191	<5	268	8.07	38	<5	688
15/11/2018	7.42	76	<5	1035	6.76	14	<5	470	8.01	23	<5	833
18/12/2018	7.20	98	<5	430	4.62	162	<5	193	7.57	341	<5	758
18/01/2019	7.13	10	<5	975	6.55	17	<5	533	8.15	43	<5	975
18/02/2019	7.12	19	<5	616	6.53	19	<5	563	8.35	23	<5	1140
20/03/2019	6.89	44	<5	494	5.29	185	<5	182	7.57	30	<5	915
16/04/2019	8.03	415	<5	538	7.30	109	<5	265	7.49	164	<5	998
15/05/2019	6.78	406	<5	520	6.71	135	<5	327	7.69	19	<5	1049
12/06/2019	6.5	13	<5	631	6.37	25	<5	288	7.63	12	<5	846
15/07/2019	6.79	19	<5	524	6.37	9	<5	468	6.96	6	<5	1036
14/08/2019	6.8	17	<5	780	6.67	21	<5	472	7.97	<5	<5	1230
12/09/2019	6.47	15	<5	706	6.56	56	<5	414	8.03	15	<5	1144
16/10/2019	7.11	187	<5	561	6.73	13	<5	1074	6.98	25	<5	993
14/11/2019	6.95	164	<5	616	6.72	9	<5	1235	8.58	10	<5	1172
12/12/2019					7.2	26	<5	1417	7.51	25	<5	1309

 $\textbf{Units:} \ pH \ in \ pH \ units, \ Total \ Suspended \ Solids \ (TSS) \ in \ mg/L, \ Oil \ \& \ Grease \ in \ mg/L, \ Electrical \ Conductivity \ (EC) \ in \ \muS/cm$

Table 16 Surface Water Monthly Monitoring Results – Drain lines

	SW1 (Bulga Creek)				SW2 (SW2 (Bulga Creek)				SW4 (Yalimbah Creek)			
Date	pH (Lab)	TSS	Oil & Grease	EC	pH (Lab)	TSS	Oil & Grease	EC	pH (Lab)	TSS	Oil & Grease	EC	
19/01/2018	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
16/02/2018	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
20/03/2018	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
18/04/2018	-	-	-	-	6.60	9	<5	550	-	-	-	-	
18/05/2018	-	-	-	-	5.75	5	<5	536	-	-	-	-	
19/06/2018	-	-	-	-	7.10	72	<5	255	6.55	61	<5	259	
20/07/2018	-	-	-	-	6.50	14	<5	410	-	-	-	-	
17/08/2018	-	-	-	-	6.52	16	<5	385	-	-	-	-	
14/09/2018	-	-	-	-	6.72	10	<5	304	-	-	-	-	
19/10/2018	-	-	-	-	6.34	20	<5	533	-	-	-	-	
15/11/2018	-	-	-	-	6.57	19	<5	426	-	-	-	-	
18/12/2018	-	-	-	-	6.45	63	<5	520	-	-	-	-	
18/01/2019	-	-	-	-	6.86	24	<5	533	-	-	-	-	
1/06/2019	-	-	-	-	6.17	11	<5	531	-	-	-	-	
15/07/2019	-	-	-	-	6.99	<5	<5	526	-	-	-	-	
14/08/2019	-	-	-	-	6.45	8	<5	501	-	-	-	-	
12/09/2019	-	-		-	6.86	18	<5	563	-	-	-	-	
16/10/2019	-	-	-	-	6.7	26	<5	570	-	-	-	-	
14/11/2019	-	-	-	-	6.92	22	<5	562	-	-	-	-	
12/12/2019	-		-	-	7.24	21	<5	584	-	-	-	-	

Units: pH in pH units, Total Suspended Solids (TSS) in mg/L, Oil & Grease in mg/L, Electrical Conductivity (EC) in μ S/cm

5.3 Surface Water Results Summary

There were no discharges during the month of December 2019.

The monthly water monitoring was conducted on the 12 December. Monitoring of Dam 1 was not undertaken as the water level was too low which presented a safety hazard for the field officer.

6. GROUNDWATER MONITORING

Groundwater monitoring is undertaken to meet the *EA Statement of Commitments* (Appendix 6, PA 09_0175) and Section 8.2 <u>Water Management Plan (SLR, 2015)</u>. Groundwater levels are monitored quarterly and water quality biannually at four groundwater monitoring bores (piezometers). Details of this monitoring program is shown in **Table 17**. Refer to Appendix 1 for piezometer locations.

Table 17 Groundwater Monitoring Program

Piezometer	Location	Water Level	Water Quality
		monitoring frequency	monitoring frequency
¹ BH205	Lot 13/DP1024564	Quarterly	Biannually
² BH207	Lot 13/DP1024564	Quarterly	Biannually
BH208	Lot 21/DP1024341	Quarterly	Biannually
BH303	Lot 21/DP1024341	Quarterly	Biannually

Note: 1. Piezometer BH205 was relocated approximately 30m to the west on 13 March 2017

2. Piezometer BH207 was relocated approximately 60m to the north on 26 September 2016.

6.1 Groundwater Levels

Table 18 Groundwater Levels

Date	Unit	² BH205	³ BH207	BH208	BH303
17/01/2018	¹ metres	21.98	9.12	20.27	30.67
18/04/2018	¹ metres	21.69	9.20	20.47	30.80
26/07/2018	¹ metres	20.46	8.89	20.49	30.86
31/10/2018	¹ metres	20.40	9.30	19.98	30.80
18/01/2019	¹ metres	20.11	9.21	20.44	30.96
30/04/2019	¹ metres	20.30	9.20	20.45	30.61
23/07/2019	¹ metres	19.68	9.08	20.57	31.09
30/10/2019	¹ metres	18.6	8.23	20.55	30.70

Note: 1. Groundwater levels are measured in metres below ground level.

APPENDIX 1

Monitoring Locations

