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# Karuah East Quarry

# **Environmental Monitoring Report**

July 2025





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#### 1.0 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) and Project Approval MP09\_0175 (the Consent) for the Karuah East Quarry (the Quarry) as summarised by **Table 1** and **Table 2** respectively.

Table 1 Summary of Environment Protection Licence, EPL 20611

EPL Number:	EPL 20611			
Licensee's Name:	Karuah East Quarry Pty Limited			
	Karuah East Quarry			
Licensee's Address:	PO Box 3284, Thornton NSW 2322			
	Blue Rock Close, Karuah NSW 2324			
Link to Full Licence on the EPA website:	EPL 20611			

Table 2 Summary of Project Approval, MP09\_0175

Project Approval:	MP09_0175
Applicant:	Karuah East Quarry Pty Limited
Consent Authority:	NSW Planning Assessment Commission
Link to Full Project Approval on the NSW Planning website:	Project Approval MP09 0175

A summary of the environmental monitoring data for the July 2025 Reporting Period (the Reporting Period) is covered in this report. Tables throughout this report provide key monitoring information from the EPL and the Consent, including:

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

Monitoring locations are illustrated by the site plan provided by **Appendix 1**.



## 2.0 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 and summarised by **Table 3**, **Table 4** and **Table 5**.

Deposited dust and TSP/PM10 monitoring is undertaken at the locations listed in **Table 6**, in accordance with the Approved Methods of Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in NSW (EPA, 2022).

Table 3 Long-term Assessment Criteria for Deposited Dust (MP09-0175).

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/m²/month	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Deposited dust is assessed as insoluble solids as defined by AS 3580.10.1-2003.

Table 4 Long-term Assessment Criteria for Particulate Matter (MP09-0175).

Pollutant	Averaging Period	Criterion
Total Suspended Particulates	Annual	90 μg/m³
Particulate Matter < 10 μm (PM10)	Annual	30 μg/m³

Table 5 Short-term Assessment Criteria for Particulate Matter (MP09-0175).

Pollutant	Averaging Period	Criterion
Particulate Matter < 10 μm (PM10)	24-hour	50 μg/m³

Table 6 Air Quality Monitoring Locations (EPL 20611).

Site Monitoring Point ID	EPL Monitoring Point ID	Location	Address
DDG 1	12	South-West of	54 Mill Hill Close,
DDG 1	12	Karuah East Quarry	Karuah NSW 2324
DDG 2	12	South-West of	64 Mill Hill Close,
DDG 2	13	Karuah East Quarry	Karuah NSW 2324
DDC 3	14	South-West of	Lot 251 DP1092111,
DDG 3		Karuah East Quarry	Karuah NSW 2324
DDG 4	15	East of	21 Halloran Road,
DDG 4		Karuah East Quarry	North Arm Cove NSW 2324
DDC F	16	South-West of	Lot 21 DP1024341,
DDG 5	16	Karuah East Quarry	Karuah NSW 2324
LIVAC	0	South-West of	64 Mill Hill Close,
HVAS	9	Karuah East Quarry	Karuah NSW 2324

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#### 2.1 Deposited Dust Monitoring

Deposited dust results for the 12-months prior-to and including July 2025 are summarised by **Table 7**. Monitoring results for the Reporting Period at all five DDG monitoring sites are within the long-term annual deposited dust limit of  $4 \text{ g/m}^2/\text{month}$ .

Table 7 Deposited dust monitoring results.

Reporting Period	Start Date	End Date	Days	DDG 1 (EPL ID 4) EPL ID 12	DDG 2 (EPL ID 5) EPL ID 13	DDG 3 (EPL ID 6) EPL ID 14	DDG 4 (EPL ID 7) EPL ID 15	DDG 5 (EPL ID 8) EPL ID 16
Aug-24	30/07/2024	30/08/2024	31	(0.7)	(0.5)	(0.7)	(0.9)	(0.6)
Sep-24	30/08/2024	30/09/2024	31	(2.2)	(1.2)	(1.3)	(1.2)	(0.9)
Oct-24	30/09/2024	31/10/2024	31	(1.0)	(0.7)	(0.7)	(5.1)*	(0.4)
Nov-24	31/10/2024	29/11/2024	29	(1.4)	(1.1)	(1.1)	(1.7)	(0.9)
Dec-24	29/11/2024	30/12/2024	29	(0.6)	(1.4)	(1.3)	(3.1)	(1.1)
Jan-25	30/12/2024	31/01/2025	32	(3.8)	(1.7)	(1.9)	(1.3)	(1.3)
Feb-25	31/01/2025	03/03/2025	31	(1.2)	(0.9)	(1.1)	(1.2)	(2.1)
Mar-25	03/03/2025	03/04/2025	31	(0.7)	(1.0)	(1.4)		(28.2)^
IVIal-25	04/03/2025	03/04/2025	30				(1.1)	
Apr-25	03/04/2025	05/05/2025	32	1.2	3.2	0.4	(1.0)	1.1
May-25	05/05/2025	03/06/2025	29	2.0	3.9	0.2	(0.3)	0.6
Jun-25	03/06/2025	01/07/2025	28	2.9	1.0	0.6	0.4	2.1
Jul-25	01/07/2025	01/08/2025	31	10.1*	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.9
Progressive Annual Average			2.3	1.4	0.9	1.5	3.4	

Notes:

## 2.2 High Volume Air Sampling

TSP and PM10 results for the Reporting Period are summarised by **Table 8** and illustrated respectively by **Figure 1** and **Figure 2**.

Table 8 HVAS TSP and PM10 monitoring results for the Reporting Period.

Run Date	Total Suspended Particulates, TSP (μg/m³)	Particulate Matter < 10 μm, PM10 (μg/m³)
05/07/2025	5	4
11/07/2025	10	3
17/07/2025	9	5
23/07/2025	5	4
29/07/2025	15	7
Monthly Average	8.8	4.6

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<sup>\*</sup> Recorded anomalous exceedances which were reported to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing & Infrastructure (NSW Planning), the NSW EPA and surrounding landholders in accordance with the relevant conditions of the Consent and EPL.

<sup>^</sup> An exceedance was recorded at DDG5 during the March 2025 Monitoring Period, due to an elevated quantity of combustible matter being recorded (27.5 g). This is attributed to the development of a significant algal bloom on the collected rainwater surface within the dust gauge glassware. This event was reported to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing & Infrastructure (NSW Planning), the NSW EPA and surrounding landholders in accordance with the relevant conditions of the Consent and EPL.



Monitoring results for the five HVAS run days within the Reporting Period were compliant with the long-term limits for TSP and PM10 and short-term limits for PM10.

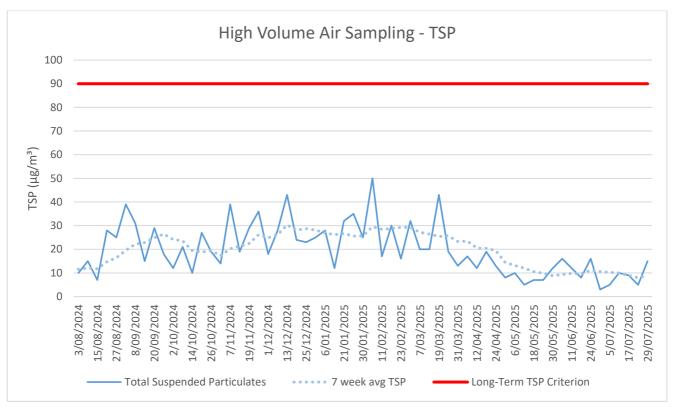


Figure 1 Long-term TSP monitoring trends.

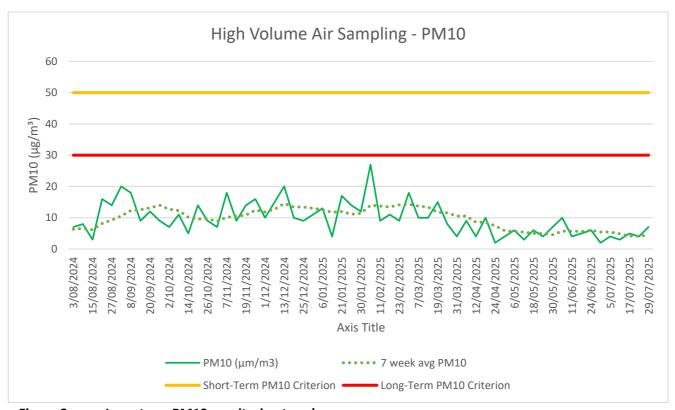


Figure 2 Long-term PM10 monitoring trends.

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## 3.0 Blast Monitoring

Blast monitoring is undertaken for all blasts at the Quarry at the nearest residential location (EPL Monitoring Point 11) to ensure that air blast overpressure and ground vibration remain within the compliance limits, as summarised by **Table 9**; with the monitoring results summarised by **Table 10**.

There were two blasts undertaken during the Reporting Period, which were observed to be within compliance limits, as summarised by **Table 10**.

Table 9 Blasting Airblast Overpressure and Ground Vibration Criteria (MP09-0175 & EPL 20611).

Location	Airblast Overpressure (dB(L))	Ground Vibration (mm/s)	Allowable Exceedance
Private Residence B	120	10	0%
EPL Monitoring Point ID 11	115	5	5% over 12-month reporting period.

Table 10 Blasting Monitoring Results.

Date	Time	Location	Airblast Overpressure (dB(L))	Ground Vibration (mm/s)
15/07/2025	12:32	RL120	114.1	0.96
30/07/2025	13:15	RL120	110.7	0.56

\*Not triggered = n/t Ground Vibration < 0.5 mm/s Overpressure < 108 dB(L)

## 4.0 Noise Monitoring

Noise monitoring is undertaken in accordance with the EPL and NSW Planning approved Noise Management Plan, which requires attended noise monitoring to be conducted on a quarterly basis.

No noise monitoring was undertaken during the Reporting Period.



## 5.0 Surface Water Monitoring

Water monitoring is undertaken in accordance with the EPL and NSW Planning approved Water Management Plan, with daily monitoring of surface water being discharged from the Quarry via the licenced discharge points in accordance with Condition L2 and M2 of the EPL.

Discharge events that occurred during the Reporting Period are summarised by Table 11.

Controlled discharge events were compliant with the limits provided by the Consent and EPL, including Total Suspended Solids (TSS) below 40 mg/L and pH within the range of 6.5 to 8.5.

However, a major rainfall event greater than the design storm event was experienced at the site over three days from 01 to 03 July 2025. The quarry received 120.4 mm of rainfall during this event resulting in uncontrolled discharges from all three sediment dams, exceeding the site's TSS limits. During the event the site's Pollution Incident Response Management Plan (PIRMP) was enacted.

Table 11 Discharge Water Monitoring Results.

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Date	рН	Turbidity (NTU)	Total Suspended Solids, TSS (mg/L)	Oil and Grease	Discharge Type				
LDP 1 – Dam 1									
01/07/2025	7.2	>1000	1200	Not Visible	Uncontrolled				
02/07/2025	7.5	>1000	1200	Not Visible	Uncontrolled				
03/07/2025	7.5	>1000	1300	Not Visible	Uncontrolled				
	LDP 2 – Dam 2								
01/07/2025	6.8	290	86	Not Visible	Uncontrolled				
02/07/2025	7.0	370	150	Not Visible	Uncontrolled				
03/07/2025	7.0	290	180	Not Visible	Uncontrolled				
05/07/2025	7.1	50	27	Not Visible	Controlled				
19/07/2025	7.5	13	5	Not Visible	Controlled				
29/07/2025	7.8	3	<5	Not Visible	Controlled				
	LDP 3 – Dam 3								
01/07/2025	7.0	200	120	Not Visible	Uncontrolled				
02/07/2025	6.9	120	47	Not Visible	Uncontrolled				
03/07/2025	6.9	120	76	Not Visible	Uncontrolled				
05/07/2025	6.9	60	25	Not Visible	Controlled				
06/07/2025	6.7	60	30	Not Visible	Controlled				
07/07/2025	6.8	60	34	Not Visible	Controlled				
18/07/2025	7.0	26	15	Not Visible	Controlled				
19/07/2025	7.1	29	14	Not Visible	Controlled				
20/07/2025	7.0	18	6	Not Visible	Controlled				
29/07/2025	7.1	8.4	6	Not Visible	Controlled				
30/07/2025	7.0	9	7	Not Visible	Controlled				
31/07/2025	7.1	15	12	Not Visible	Controlled				



## 6.0 Weather Station Monitoring

The Quarry operates and maintains a permanent meteorological monitoring station to record weather parameters including temperature, wind speed and direction, solar radiation, and rainfall. Figure 3 below outlines the weather records for the Reporting Period.

#### **Monthly Weather Summary**



Date Day	July 2025 Temperature @ 2m			Temperature @ 10m			Winds			Solar Radiation			
	Day	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>1</sup>	Dir Ave¹	Max <sup>1</sup>	Ave <sup>1</sup>	Rain <sup>2</sup>
		*c	*c	*c	*c	*c	*c	km/h	km/h	deg	W/m²	W/m²	mm
1	Tue	13.2	8.7	11.9	13.2	8.5	11.9	33.1	18.8	203	175.8	29.2	71.6
2	Wed	12.4	9.3	10.5	12.8	9.4	10.6	61.5	32.4	240	111.7	10.7	34.0
3	Thu	15.9	11.3	13.4	16.3	11.8	13.8	54.4	27.2	256	303.3	25.5	14.8
4	Fri	17.1	6.3	11.4	16.8	8.3	12.3	35.5	17.6	254	430.0	63.0	0.0
5	Sat	18.4	5.0	9.8	17.0	5.7	10.2	26.0	19.5	231	402.5	93.9	0.0
6	Sun	19.3	8.1	13.1	18.5	8.2	13.8	16.6	9.9	172	402.4	77.4	0.0
7	Mon	22.4	6.1	13.2	21.4	7.2	14.3	39.0	20.1	223	466.6	84.4	0.4
8	Tue	18.3	5.1	11.6	17.3	6.4	12.6	35.5	19.1	245	481.7	96.0	0.0
9	Wed	15.7	3.4	8.5	15.2	4.2	9.1	20.1	12.3	218	349.9	54.3	0.0
10	Thu	21.0	5.0	11.7	19.9	6.4	12.8	27.2	14.7	220	421.7	100.0	0.2
11	Fri	17.6	9.1	12.7	16.6	9.8	12.8	59.2	36.9	235	463.3	100.7	0.0
12	Sat	17.8	6.1	12.4	17.2	8.9	13.3	34.3	24.0	246	413.3	99.6	0.0
13	Sun	19.2	3.8	9.9	18.2	4.8	10.6	27.2	21.5	241	419.9	98.9	0.0
14	Mon	19.4	7.6	12.3	18.6	8.3	13.5	30.8	18.2	237	517.5	99.9	0.0
15	Tue	19.9	3.2	9.7	18.7	4.3	10.3	34.3	20.9	225	434.2	101.9	0.0
16	Wed	14.8	3.4	9.7	14.0	4.8	10.5	28.4	15.6	245	354.0	58.7	0.2
17	Thu	16.8	1.8	7.6	15.9	2.8	8.3	16.6	11.6	255	438.3	106.5	0.0
18	Fri	16.9	6.2	10.1	16.4	7.2	10.7	11.8	8.5	227	493.3	95.4	0.0
19	Sat	17.1	8.2	11.0	15.5	9.2	11.2	24.9	14.5	223	618.3	43.7	36.2
20	Sun	14.7	2.8	8.7	14.7	3.5	9.3	17.8	11.8	254	552.4	60.3	0.4
21	Mon	17.1	5.3	9.8	15.9	6.7	10.0	16.6	10.5	218	440.0	103.9	2.2
22	Tue	19.6	7.5	11.9	18.5	8.3	12.5	16.6	11.6	197	498.3	98.1	0.2
23	Wed	20.3	11.8	15.0	19.0	12.1	15.3	23.7	16.3	234	520.8	78.4	1.8
24	Thu	19.8	2.9	10.9	19.0	4.1	12.0	20.1	11.7	249	566.7	57.6	2.0
25	Fri	16.0	1.5	7.2	15.1	2.6	7.8	30.8	22.8	251	458.3	112.7	0.0
26	Sat	18.1	5.7	13.2	17.1	6.9	13.5	30.8	16.3	206	455.8	100.8	4.4
27	Sun	16.4	4.7	9.6	15.5	5.7	10.4	40.2	26.0	210	495.8	43.1	1.6
28	Mon	17.6	10.1	13.2	16.8	10.9	13.5	54.4	24.1	239	651.7	86.3	0.2
29	Tue	16.5	10.9	13.3	15.6	11.6	13.4	50.9	30.6	238	608.3	107.2	0.0
30	Wed	17.0	8.1	11.2	15.9	8.7	11.5	39.0	21.1	222	618.3	82.1	0.0
31	Thu	11.9	9.5	10.6	11.6	9.6	10.6	22.5	12.5	226	170.8	27.5	34.4
	r Total	17.4	6.4	11.1	16.6	7.3	11.7	31.6	18.7	230.3	443.1	77.3	204.
Hi	gh	22.4	11.8	15.0	21.4	12.1	15.3	61.5	36.9	_	651.7	112.7	71.6

2. Values are for the 24 hours to 9am.

Figure 3 Weather Records Summary during the Reporting Period.



#### 7.0 Production Data

Monthly monitoring of sales and truck movements are summarised by Table 12.

Table 12 Quarry Production Data.

Month	Truck Movements	Quarry Product Sales (t)
Jan-25	1,822	54,080
Feb-25	3,048	95,968
Mar-25	3,001	95,438
Apr-25	2,044	63,662
May-25	2,174	65,786
Jun-25	3,087	93,552
Jul-25	2,964	88,839
Progressive Annual Total	18,140	557,325

## 8.0 Reporting

#### 8.1 Reportable Environmental Incidents

During the Reporting Period, one reportable environmental incident occurred at the Quarry.

Uncontrolled discharge of sediment-laden water to Yalimbah and Bulga Creeks from Tuesday, 01 July to Thursday, 03 July 2025 following the receipt of 120.4 mm of rainfall over three days. This rainfall event exceeded the 95th percentile 5x day rainfall depth of 90.6 mm, which the site's sediment dams are designed to withstand in accordance with Landcom's Blue Book (Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction – Volume 2E, Mines and quarries).

During the event the site's PIRMP was enacted through reporting to relevant authorities, the KEQPL executive and the local community. Formal incident reports were subsequently submitted to NSW Planning and the NSW EPA.

## 8.2 Reportable Non-Compliances

During the Reporting Period, the Quarry had one reportable non-compliance in relation to air quality:

Anomalous exceedance of performance criteria at one Depositional Dust Gauge.

## 8.3 Community Complaints

During the Reporting Period, no community complaints were received by the Quarry.



# Appendix 1 – EPL 20611 Monitoring Locations

