



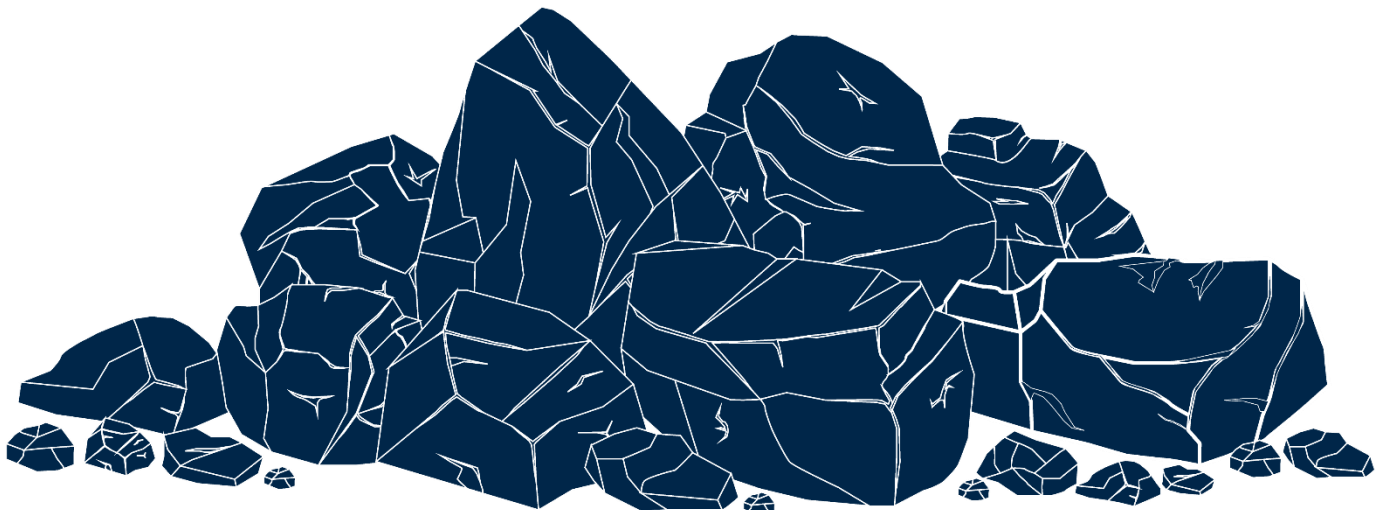
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Karuah East Quarry

Environmental Monitoring Report

January 2026



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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
Licensee's Address:	Karuah East Quarry 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 January 2026 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 ¹	Maximum Total Deposited Dust Level ¹
Deposited Dust	Annual	2 g/m ² /month	4 g/m ² /month

¹ 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/m ³
Particulate Matter < 10 µm (PM10)	Annual	30 µg/m ³

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

Pollutant	Averaging Period	Criterion
Particulate Matter < 10 µm (PM10)	24-hour	50 µg/m ³

Table 6 Air Quality Monitoring Locations (EPL 20611).

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

NOTE: * DDG 5 discontinued monitoring from August 2025 due to deletion from the EPL following acquisition of Lot 11 DP1024564 from Wedgerock Pty Ltd.

2.1 Deposited Dust Monitoring

Deposited dust results for the 12-months prior-to and including January 2026 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 g/m²/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
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)^
	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
Aug-25	01/08/2025	01/09/2025	31	0.9	2.3	0.5	0.8	–
Sep-25	01/09/2025	01/10/2025	30	1.7	1.3	1.0	0.7	–
Oct-25	01/10/2025	31/10/2025	30	1.1	1.7	1.7	1.2	–
Nov-25	31/10/2025	02/12/2025	32	1.0	2.5	2.1	1.1	–
Dec-25	02/12/2025	02/01/2026	31	1.8	1.6	1.3	1.5	–
Jan-26	02/01/2026	30/01/2026	28	1.1	1.2	0.9	0.5	–
Progressive Annual Average				2.1	1.8	1.0	0.8	–

Notes: * Recorded anomalous exceedance which 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.

^ 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 NSW Planning, the NSW EPA and surrounding landholders in accordance with the relevant conditions of the Consent and EPL.

** DDG 5 discontinued monitoring from August 2025 due to deletion from the EPL following acquisition of Lot 11 DP1024564 from Wedgerock Pty Ltd.

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**.

Monitoring results for the six HVAS run days within the Reporting Period were generally compliant with the long-term criteria for TSP and PM10, and short-term criteria for PM10.

On 31 January 2026, elevated results occurred as a result of bushfire smoke across the Lower Hunter Region from the combined effects of the Pacific Highway, Nerong and Oyster Cove Road, Oyster Cove bushfires. However, in this instance, the PM10 result was recorded at 48 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ which remained within the short-term criterion of 50 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$.

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

Run Date	Total Suspended Particulates, TSP ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	Particulate Matter < 10 μm , PM10 ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)
01/01/2026	17	10
07/01/2026	15	6
13/01/2026	14	8
19/01/2026	17	11
25/01/2026	19	11
31/01/2026	68	48

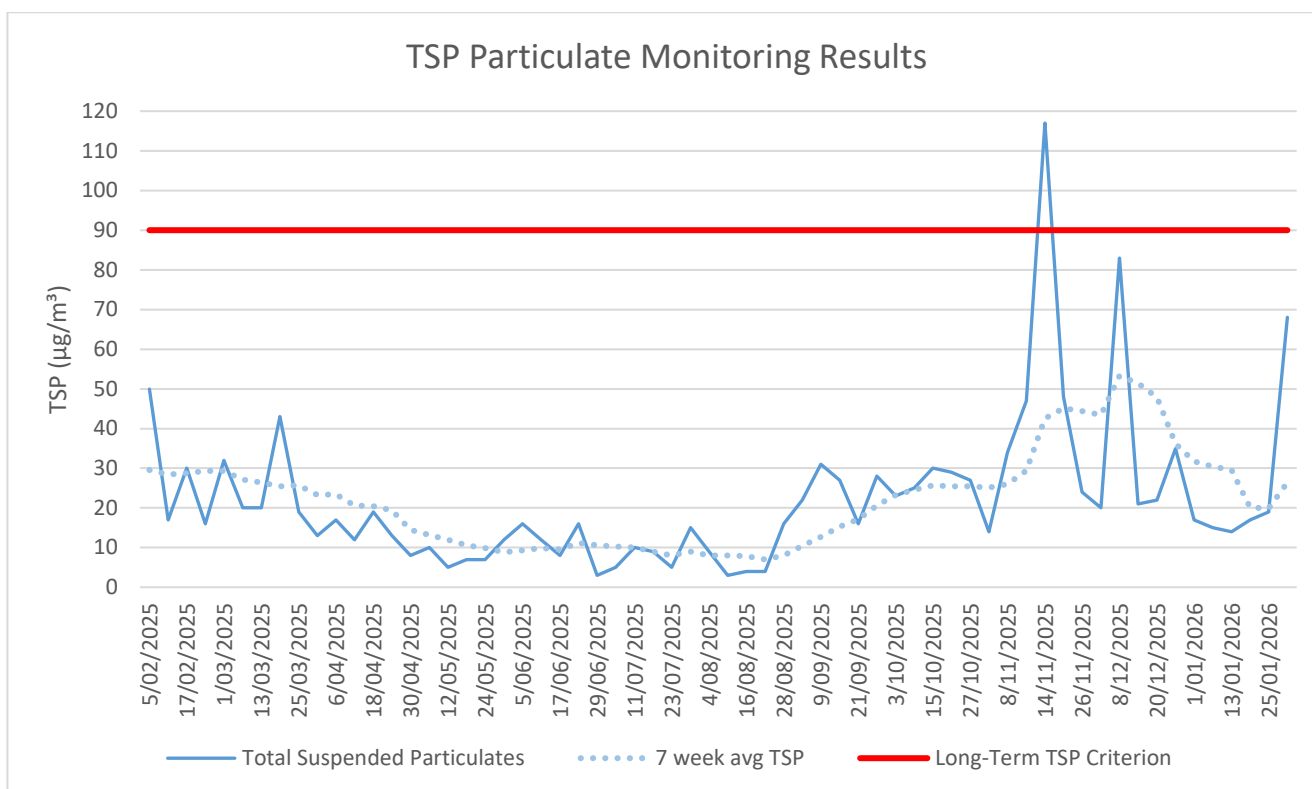


Figure 1 Long-term TSP monitoring trends.

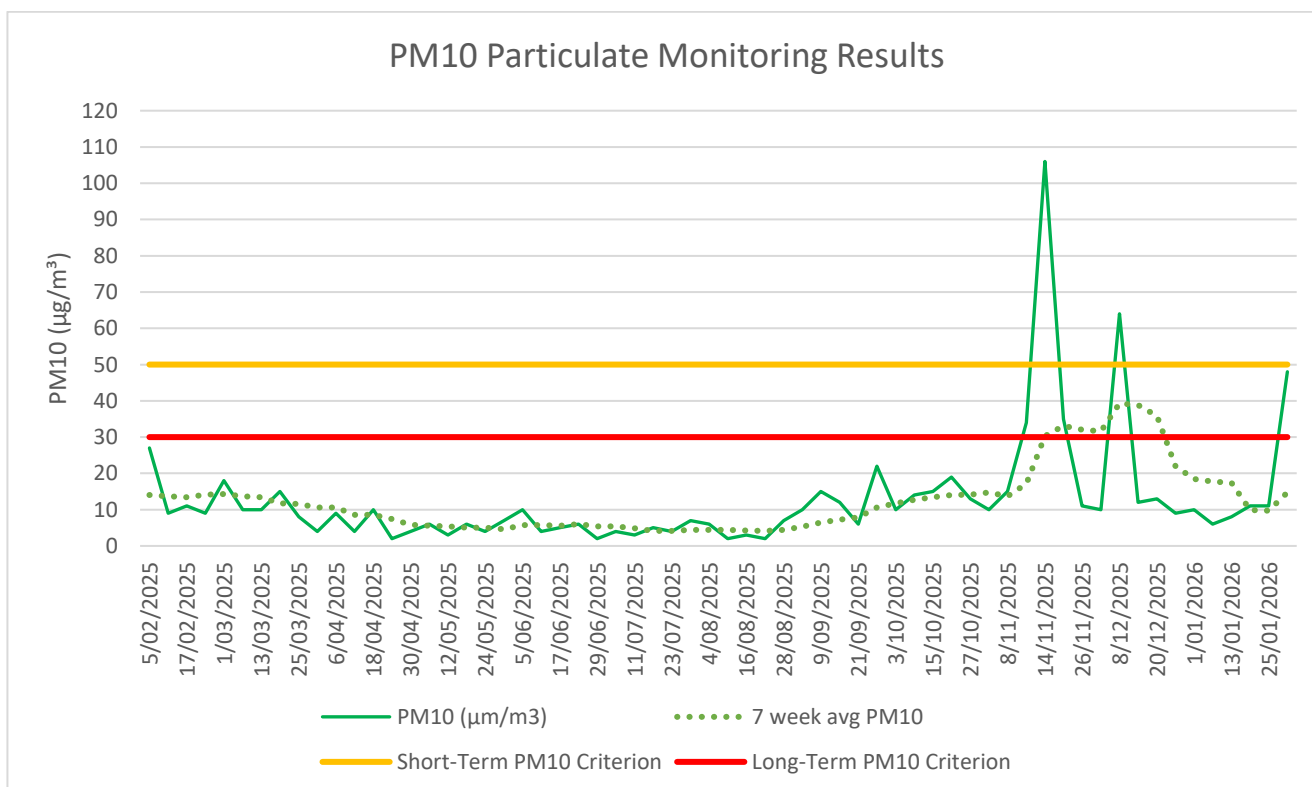


Figure 2 Long-term PM10 monitoring trends.

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 was one blast undertaken during the Reporting Period, which was observed to be within compliance limits.

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)
16/01/2026	14:09	RL 105	109.9	0.94

*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.

There was no noise monitoring 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.

There were two discharge events spread across four days during the Reporting Period are summarised by **Table 11**.

Table 11 *Discharge Water Monitoring Results.*

Date	pH	Turbidity (NTU)	Total Suspended Solids, TSS (mg/L)	Oil and Grease	Discharge Type
LDP 1 – Dam 1					
-	-	-	-	-	-
LDP 2 – Dam 2					
16/01/2026	7.1	15	8	Not Visible	Controlled
22/01/2026	7.1	29	15	Not Visible	Controlled
23/01/2026	7.2	13	9	Not Visible	Controlled
LDP 3 – Dam 3					
19/01/2026	7.1	7.2	8	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

Site: **Karuah Quarry Complex**
Month: **January 2026**

Date	Day	Temperature @ 2m			Temperature @ 10m			Winds			Solar Radiation		Rain ² mm
		Max ¹ °C	Min ² °C	Ave ¹ °C	Max ¹ °C	Min ² °C	Ave ¹ °C	Max Gust ¹ km/h	Ave Speed ¹ km/h	Dir Ave ¹ deg	Max ¹ W/m ²	Ave ¹ W/m ²	
1	Thu	26.9	14.7	20.7	24.2	15.4	20.1	20.4	5.2	149	888.3	173.7	0.0
2	Fri	27.6	16.4	20.0	24.8	16.3	19.3	22.8	5.3	161	1203.3	196.7	4.0
3	Sat	25.5	15.6	21.0	23.4	16.3	20.4	19.1	5.3	130	1169.2	171.5	0.0
4	Sun	29.5	19.7	23.4	27.1	19.7	22.7	21.7	6.2	179	1223.3	236.0	0.8
5	Mon	35.6	15.7	22.2	33.8	16.4	22.0	27.6	5.7	197	1092.5	198.4	6.6
6	Tue	29.2	20.6	24.1	26.6	20.5	23.0	20.1	5.6	140	942.5	288.4	0.0
7	Wed	31.5	19.2	24.5	28.4	19.0	23.4	19.4	5.9	119	1015.0	295.8	0.0
8	Thu	34.4	17.2	26.4	31.9	18.4	25.7	21.7	6.1	144	945.7	314.6	0.0
9	Fri	37.6	20.0	28.0	34.9	20.5	27.2	24.0	7.4	143	968.3	324.4	0.0
10	Sat	39.0	19.3	28.0	36.7	20.5	27.7	24.7	5.5	198	974.1	323.9	0.0
11	Sun	41.9	22.1	30.1	39.9	21.8	29.4	20.9	7.9	163	970.8	301.1	0.0
12	Mon	23.7	16.8	19.9	22.7	16.8	19.6	21.0	8.1	131	256.6	52.6	11.6
13	Tue	25.4	18.3	21.0	22.9	18.3	20.6	17.7	3.6	152	1338.2	141.6	0.6
14	Wed	29.3	18.9	23.6	26.7	19.4	22.9	24.7	5.7	111	1082.4	248.2	0.2
15	Thu	28.0	20.1	22.6	26.3	20.4	22.4	22.6	5.7	149	1004.2	124.3	1.2
16	Fri	32.1	19.5	23.8	30.0	19.7	23.4	21.4	6.4	195	1160.0	188.0	30.4
17	Sat	25.8	19.2	22.1	23.7	19.2	21.6	14.9	5.1	155	861.6	114.5	0.2
18	Sun	28.9	18.0	22.4	26.2	18.0	21.9	27.0	8.3	104	1188.3	163.6	27.2
19	Mon	24.7	15.8	19.4	23.4	16.1	19.4	31.8	6.1	147	1114.1	122.0	17.2
20	Tue	26.5	15.4	20.4	24.3	15.8	20.0	25.9	5.6	157	1233.3	204.0	0.2
21	Wed	27.9	15.8	21.0	24.6	16.1	20.2	21.5	5.3	165	1225.0	248.9	0.0
22	Thu	27.5	16.0	21.3	24.9	16.4	20.6	17.0	5.4	139	1070.0	291.6	0.0
23	Fri	30.1	20.1	22.8	27.4	20.0	22.0	25.1	8.5	114	932.5	234.2	0.0
24	Sat	24.8	14.4	20.1	23.0	15.3	20.0	15.5	3.8	134	636.7	111.7	0.0
25	Sun	32.2	17.6	24.5	29.1	18.0	23.7	20.9	4.8	158	963.3	288.3	0.0
26	Mon	38.3	21.8	28.0	35.8	20.8	27.4	17.6	6.7	150	919.2	275.1	0.0
27	Tue	29.1	18.2	22.9	26.3	18.0	22.1	21.2	6.0	159	1015.7	235.7	0.2
28	Wed	27.5	14.3	21.5	24.6	15.3	20.8	22.8	6.4	122	1044.1	298.3	0.0
29	Thu	32.7	17.5	24.1	29.8	18.1	23.5	22.7	5.6	119	942.5	295.8	0.0
30	Fri	29.6	16.9	23.1	26.8	17.4	22.5	23.9	5.6	123	945.0	266.3	0.0
31	Sat	31.5	19.5	25.4	29.5	19.8	24.6	21.6	6.2	137	992.4	259.1	0.0
Ave or Total		30.1	17.9	23.2	27.7	18.2	22.6	21.9	6.0	146.5	1010.3	225.4	100.4
High		41.9	22.1	30.1	39.9	21.8	29.4	31.8	8.5		1338.2	324.4	30.4
Low		23.7	14.3	19.4	22.7	15.3	19.3	14.9	3.6		256.6	52.6	

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

No. rain days >1mm: **7**

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-26	1,669	53,474
Progressive Annual Total	1,669	53,474

8.0 Reporting

8.1 Reportable Environmental Incidents

During the Reporting Period, no reportable environmental incidents occurred at the Quarry.

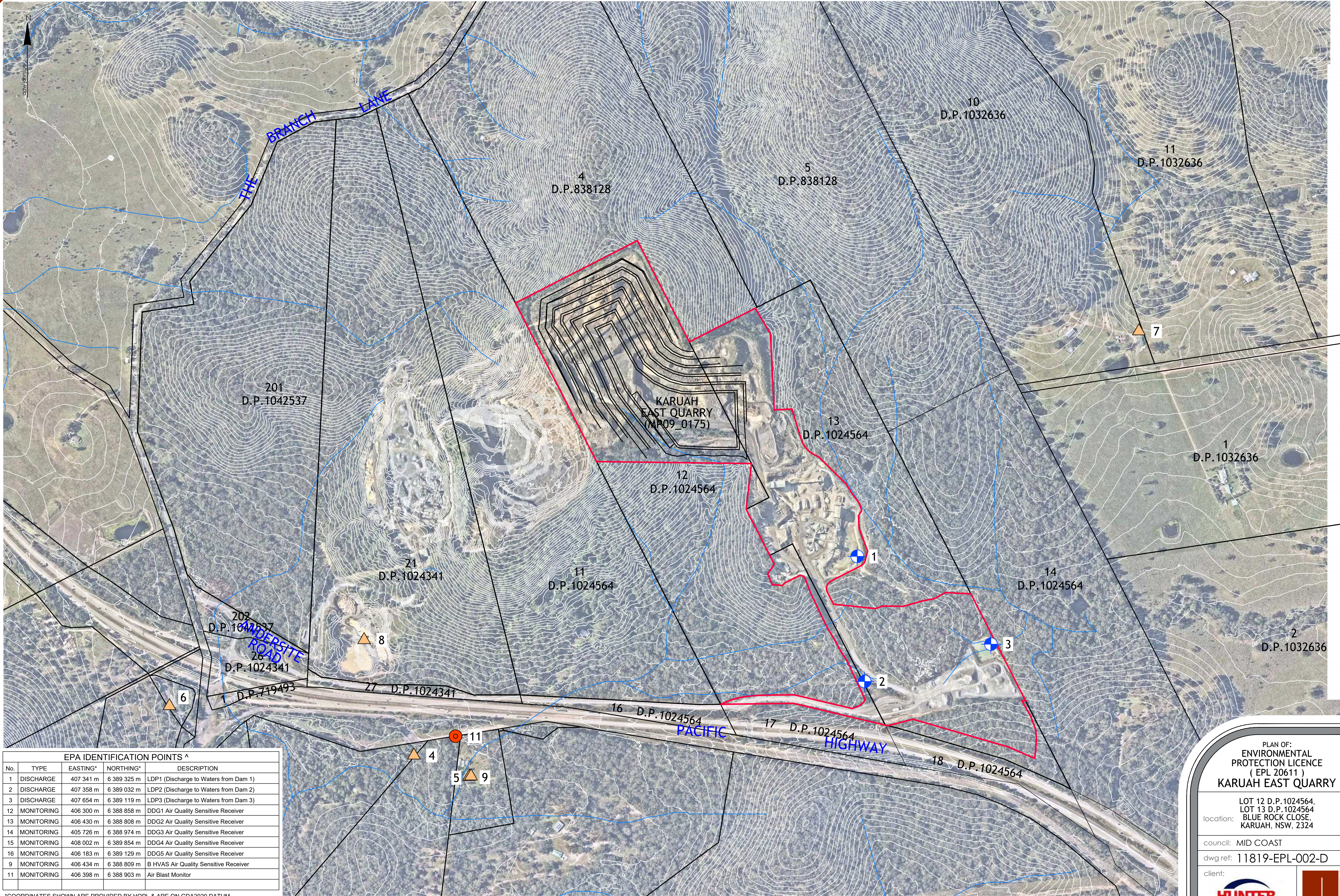
8.2 Reportable Non-Compliances

During the Reporting Period, no reportable non-compliances occurred at the Quarry.

8.3 Community Complaints

During the Reporting Period, no community complaints were reported to the Quarry.

Appendix 1 – EPL 20611 Monitoring Locations



EPA IDENTIFICATION POINTS ^				
No.	TYPE	EASTING*	NORTHING*	DESCRIPTION
1	DISCHARGE	407 341 m	6 389 325 m	LDP1 (Discharge to Waters from Dam 1)
2	DISCHARGE	407 358 m	6 389 032 m	LDP2 (Discharge to Waters from Dam 2)
3	DISCHARGE	407 654 m	6 389 119 m	LDP3 (Discharge to Waters from Dam 3)
12	MONITORING	406 300 m	6 388 858 m	DDG1 Air Quality Sensitive Receiver
13	MONITORING	406 430 m	6 388 808 m	DDG2 Air Quality Sensitive Receiver
14	MONITORING	405 726 m	6 388 974 m	DDG3 Air Quality Sensitive Receiver
15	MONITORING	408 002 m	6 389 854 m	DDG4 Air Quality Sensitive Receiver
16	MONITORING	406 183 m	6 389 129 m	DDG5 Air Quality Sensitive Receiver
9	MONITORING	406 434 m	6 388 809 m	B HVAS Air Quality Sensitive Receiver
11	MONITORING	406 398 m	6 388 903 m	Air Blast Monitor

*COORDINATES SHOWN ARE PROVIDED BY HQPL & ARE ON GDA2020 DATUM

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C	17.05.2024	UPDATED MONITORING LOCATIONS	HQPL	Z.J.	M.R.	M.R.				
D	20.05.2024	UPDATED LDP NAMING & POINTS	HQPL	Z.J.	M.R.	M.R.				

- project management
- civil engineering
- infrastructure
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- economic analysis
- social impact
- town planning
- surveying
- development feasibility
- visualisation
- urban design

^ MONITORING POINTS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY HUNTER QUARRIES PTY LTD.
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