



# Walker Quarries

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Dear Katrina,

In response to the DPHI request for further information, dated 21<sup>st</sup> August in regard to Walker Quarries IEA Report 2024 and Walker Quarries Response to Recommendations as per the following schedule of the Development Consent DA344-11-2001.

Schedule 5, Condition 14.

Within 12 weeks of commencing this audit, or as otherwise agreed by the Secretary, the Applicant must submit a copy of the audit report to the Secretary and any other NSW agency that requests it, together with its response to any recommendations contained in the audit report, and a timetable for the implementation of these recommendations as required. The Applicant must implement these recommendations, to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

## IEA Recommendations

Ref	Recommendation Description
<b>Non-compliance Recommendations</b>	
<b>DA 344-11-2001</b>	
Schedule 3, Condition 11	<p>It is recommended that WQ continue to undertake air quality monitoring in accordance with the relevant standards required under DA 344-11-2001 and the AQMP.</p> <p>It is also recommended that WQ maintain an accurate record of correspondence with authorities regarding future compliance matters.</p>
Walker's Response	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p>(This 'compliance' issue was as a result of a faulty monitor) which was repaired</p> <p>This was reported and a File Note of this was recorded.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Completed</b></p>
Schedule 2, Condition 14	<p>It is recommended that WQ make the required Modification 3 contributions to LCC.</p>



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Walker's Response	<p>This \$11,000 payment was made to Lithgow Council on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2020, evidence of this payment was provided</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Completed</p>
Schedule 3, Condition 17	<p>It is recommended that WQ ensures that monthly water samples are taken during discharge at the locations identified in WQ EPL.</p>
Walker's Response	<p>Noted – Application (21<sup>st</sup> May 2024) to EPA over modifying Licence 13172 Conditions is currently underway to remove this requirement when it is unsafe in wet weather. This condition requires sampling of the Cox's River in flood conditions, this breaches NSW Occupation Health &amp; Safety Requirements. Samples were not (&amp; will not be) taken because it was/is unsafe to do so.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Ongoing/Outstanding</p>
Schedule 3, Condition 28A	<p>It is recommended that WQ liaise with Eco Planning and regulatory agencies regarding the process to source and retire the required ecosystem credits associated with Stages A and D.</p> <p>It is also recommended that the Biodiversity Management Plan is revised and updated to reflect the changes to biodiversity credit liabilities as soon as possible once the non-compliance has been resolved.</p>
Walker's Response	<p>The Wallerawang Biodiversity Management Plan is being revised (with input from ECO planning) together with (Walker) waiting on a response from DPHI regarding a solicitor's letter sent on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024. Walker is also waiting on a response from NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust sent on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2024.</p> <p>Additionally, Modification 4 to the Development Consent is being prepared to rectify this inconsistency of the Conditions of Consent.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Outstanding/ongoing</p>
Schedule 5, Condition 11	<p>It is recommended that future AR documents are lodged with DPHI by the end of September of each year.</p>
Walker's Response	<p>The Annual Review 2023 was submitted (by Umwelt) on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023 to Dep PHI. This evidence was submitted but has apparently been overlooked. An extension (of time) for the 2024 report was requested until 20<sup>th</sup> August 2024 and was granted by DPHI.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Completed</p>
Schedule 5, Condition 12	<p>It is recommended that completed AR documents are submitted to LCC each year.</p>
Walker's Response	<p>Noted</p> <p>Outstanding reports have been sent to Lithgow Council</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Completed</p>



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Schedule 5, Condition 17	It is recommended that WQ ensures that information required under Schedule 5, Condition 17 is kept up to date on the Walker Quarries website.
Walker's Response	Noted – The auditor noted that this Soil & Water Mgmt. Plan has been uploaded.  <b>Completed</b>
<b>General Improvement Recommendations</b>	
<b>DA 344-11-2001</b>	
Schedule 2, Condition 11	There are no dates recorded within the WQ training matrix of when the training modules have been completed. It is recommended that training completion dates are recorded within the WQ training matrix.
Walker's Response	It is noted that Training Dates are recorded within WQ Training Matrix of all training modules.  <b>Completed</b>
Schedule 3, Condition 1	It is recommended that WQ implement a process to record daily start times for quarrying operations.
Walker's Response	Timesheets were provided to the auditors detailing start & finish times of all operators. Maintenance (Prestart) Inspections (including time of inspections were also provided. It is also noted that there is no lighting plants on site that would facilitate out of hours working.  <b>Completed</b>
Schedule 3, Condition 4(b)	It is recommended that WQ record any operational changes in response to noise on daily shift reports.
Walker's Response	Noted Noise monitoring has been undertaken for the past 10 years of operation (with no non-compliances). It is also noted within the Mechanical Engineering Control Plan that a Risk Assessment be undertaken for any modification to the mobile equipment, inclusive of noise and operational limits for operators.  <b>Ongoing</b>
Schedule 3, Condition 4(d)	Daily weather observations and any subsequent modifications to activities are not formally recorded by Walker Quarries. It is recommended that daily weather observations and any subsequent modifications to project operations are recorded.



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Walker's Response	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p>The Quarry Manager regularly monitors the site weather conditions (mainly for dust and wet/icy roads etc) and these are recorded on the Mgr.'s Daily Record.</p> <p>Walker Quarries questions the validity of this recommendation with respect to noise(?)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Ongoing</b></p>
Schedule 3, Condition 9	It is recommended that the BMECP is reviewed and updated to have correct internal cross-references throughout the document.
Walker's Response	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p>Walker Quarries Blast Management Explosives Control Plan will be updated to fix this typographical error.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Will be completed by October 2024</b></p>
Schedule 3, Condition 20	It is recommended that the Truck Drivers Code of Conduct document is updated to include that appropriate signage is displayed on any WQ vehicles used to transport product from the development so they can be easily identified by road users.
Walker's Response\	<p><b>Noted – Code of Conduct has been updated</b></p> <p>It is also noted that Walker Quarries does not own/operate any product delivery vehicles, all product is delivered by either sub-contractors or customer supplied vehicles.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Completed</b></p>
Schedule 3, Condition 31	It is recommended that DPHI endorsement is sought for the individuals updating the RMP in preparation at the time of the IEA.
Walker's Response	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p>DPHI endorsements for individuals preparing the Rehabilitation Mgmt. Plan (RMP) were supplied at the time of the IEA(?)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Completed</b></p>
<b>ML 1633</b>	
Standard Condition 6	A copy of the forward program was not available on the WQ website at the time of the audit. It is recommended that the forward program for WQ is made available on the WQ website.
Walker's Response	<p>A copy of the Wallerawang Quarry Forward Program was uploaded onto Walker's Website on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022 and was available at the time of the audit(?)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Completed</b></p>



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Regards

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