
NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING BUSINESS PAPER – 16 JUNE 2021
QUESTIONS ON NOTICE REPORT

The following Question on Notice has been received by Cr Hamilton: -

1. Further to an explanation by the Director for Economic Development at the May meeting of Council during the Financial Report re. Consultant expenses, could staff provide a table of all expenditure incurred for approval processes for each & all individual quarries (both council operated & private) since January 2017?

Response from Director Community and Economic Development

The General Manager declared her interest in matters of Extractive Industry Development at the 11 September 2019 Council Meeting. In accordance with Clause 5.12 of the Code of Conduct the oversight of the planning department in relation to Quarries was allocated to the Director Community and Economic Development. In addition, the assessment of the General Manager's DA was to be made by an independent consultant with the determination of the application being made by the Joint Regional Planning Panel.

Dependent on Council resources, availability of experienced and skilled staff, complexity of each application, and management of potential conflicts of interest; assessment of Quarry DA's is often outsourced to independent consultants in accordance with budget provisions.

The financial resources required for all planning consultants is a line item within the Planning function of Council. Any adjustments to this budget are made during the quarterly budget review process.

The details of specific transactions remain confidential. Many matters regarding the assessment of Quarries are ongoing, subject to specific consideration and remain confidential until a notice of determination is published.