



Attn: Mr. Chris Ritchie  
Department of Planning & Environment  
23-33 Bridge Street  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

April 2025

## RE: Galong Limestone Mine Environmental Enhancement Strategy – 2025/26

Dear Mr. Ritchie,

We have reviewed and revised the Galong Limestone Mine Environmental Enhancement Strategy (EES) and submit the attached for the approval of the Director-General, Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, in accordance with condition 6.6 of DA 317-7-2003-i MOD6.

Graymont's EES has been designed to enhance the local community in which we operate. The community-based projects are determined in consultation with the Community Liaison Group (CLG), which meets on a quarterly basis.



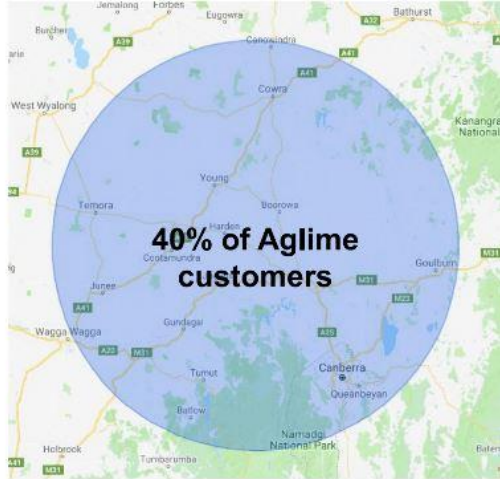
If you require any further information regarding this EES submission, please contact me on the details provided below.

Regards,

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## Galong Limestone Mine – Environmental Enhancement Strategy 2025-26

Ongoing 2025-2026 EES Projects	Expected Enhancement / Impact Offset	Status	Project Completion Date
Development and Implementation of a Weed Management Plan	 <p>Management of weeds within the boundary of the mining lease with benefits of reducing possible impacts on neighbouring properties</p> <p> 2025 – 2026 spraying/slashing</p>	Ongoing	<p>Annual spray program Winter Spring</p> <p>Spraying and general weed management at the site entrance, including the rebuilding of Bunds at the Truck Parking area</p> <p>Weed Management along access road</p>
<p>DA 317-7-2003-i Condition 6.6(a)</p> <p>Provision of agricultural lime to the local market (local meaning Galong and surrounds);</p>	<p>Provision of agricultural lime to the local market assisting in enhancing physical and chemical properties of the soil assisting in agricultural productivity and correction of soil acidity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aglime is the primary product (by volume) produced at Galong</li> <li>Used extensively to combat soil acidity</li> <li>Over 70% of aglime customers are local and regional suppliers and farmers</li> <li>40% of these customers are within a 120km radius of the site</li> </ul> 	Ongoing	Annually

Current 2024-2025 EES Projects	Expected Enhancement / Impact Offset	Status	Project Completion Date
Groundwater Monitoring Program	<p>Improved understanding of groundwater quality and levels in relation to potential impacts on neighbouring properties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ground water levels studied over 2025-2026 license year.</li> <li>Ongoing water levels surveys over 2025-2026 license year</li> </ul>	Ongoing	<p>Annually</p> <p>Reported via ARR</p>
Voluntary Planning Agreement	<p>Graymont has entered into a Voluntary Planning Agreement with Hilltops Council, and a VPA Committee has been established to “consider and recommend projects to be implemented by the Council and funded from the Development Contributions”</p> <p>Under this agreement, these levies are to fund Council projects to maintain and manage haulage routes, improve traffic safety, and deliver community and amenity related improvements.</p> <p>The VPA committee discuss proposals from community stakeholders relating to community and amenity related improvements and make recommendations to Hilltops Council.</p>	Ongoing	Quarterly payment of levies
Harden District Education Foundation Support	<p>Sponsorship for the 2025-2026 year</p> <p>Improved access to scholarships for education purposes for local students</p> <p>Includes “Outward Bound” outdoor education program courses.</p>	Ongoing	2025
Galong township improvements	Enhancement to various Galong village community facilities, including Limestone Park, as determined under the Voluntary Planning Agreement and with input from the Galong Progress Association and Community Liaison Committee	Ongoing	Annually
Other Local District support	Support to local Groups either through materials (e.g. road base, gravel, or lime) or sponsorship for projects that support the enhancement of the local community. Groups include Meals on Wheels, Harden Community Garden, Men’s Shed	Ongoing	Annually
Household Noise Monitoring / Attenuation	<p>Reduction of household noise impacts from logistic activities. There are two dwellings where the noise remediation has not yet been fully completed.</p> <p>An ongoing effort will be made to contact the remaining owner/s (no mobile, no email and no response to door knocking). Graymont remains ready and committed to completing the remaining works as soon as the owner/s give access to their properties.</p> <p>Community Noise Monitoring – February, 2025</p>	Ongoing	2026
Graymont Carbon Reduction Fund – initiated 08/11/2023	<p>Aligned with Graymont’s efforts to decarbonize, the Graymont Carbon Reduction Fund continues to provide support for the development of carbon-reduction initiatives in the local areas within which we operate. Applications are open to the local community, and projects will be evaluated and awarded annually.</p> <p>Harden Murrumburrah Landcare Group is in receipt of funding for Carbon Reduction Implementation Projects, including the ordering and provision of 10000+ plants (native trees and shrubs) for farmers to plant during winter season.</p>	Ongoing	Annually