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Northern JRPP approves a quarrying and recycling operation near Murwillumbah

The independent Northern Joint Regional Planning Panel (JRPP) has approved an application to increase extraction at an existing quarry near Murwillumbah and construct an on-site recycling operation.

GR & KD O'Keeffe Pty Ltd submitted a proposal with Tweed Shire Council to increase the extraction rate at its hard rock quarry in Eviron. The proposal also seeks to build a new resource recovery facility and waste or resource transfer station at the 28.85 hectare site.

The existing quarry, which has been in operation since the 1950's, will increase its limited extraction rate from 15,000 tonnes per annum (tpa) to 40,000tpa. It is estimated that the available quarry material will be exhausted in five years at the increased extraction rate.

Increased extraction will enable the proponent to create space to build a recycling operation, which has been deemed a suitable rehabilitation option for the quarried land.

The recycling facility will receive, stockpile and process up to 50,000tpa of construction and demolition waste, concrete, bricks, sand, soil, green waste and wood waste.

It will be built over four stages and includes construction of a waste processing and storage shed, a main site shed with staff amenities, office, car park, and weighbridge.

The panel Chair, Garry West said the proposal was exhibited twice for community feedback and received five submissions, all in favour of the project going ahead.

"The application has been revised five times to ensure all appropriate measures have been taken to protect the environment," Mr West said.

"The proponent will be required to adhere to approval from the Environment Protection Agency throughout construction and operation of the facility."



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The nearest house to the development is located approximately 300m to the west of the site.

Operation hours for the existing quarry are not limited by any development consent but the applicant has proposed to limit its expanded extractive operation from 6.00am to 6.00pm Monday to Saturday, with no work on public holidays. Blasting is not proposed.

The JRPP has approved the application, subject to recommended conditions of consent.

More information on the regional panels can be found at www.jrpp.nsw.gov.au

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