



# Seaham Quarry Project

## Information Factsheet

December 2023



## How to provide feedback

Key stakeholder and community feedback is important to receive, as part of:

- developing the Project design;
- undertaking the environmental, social and economic impact assessments; and
- developing the proposed impact mitigation and management measures.

Over the life the Project, there will be a number of ways the community can engage with the Project Team, including:

- in-person and online Project briefings and meetings;
- in-person and online community information sessions;
- social impact assessment surveys, interviews and workshops;
- traditional landowner consultations; and
- over the phone and email.

For more information or to provide feedback on the Project, contact the Project Team:

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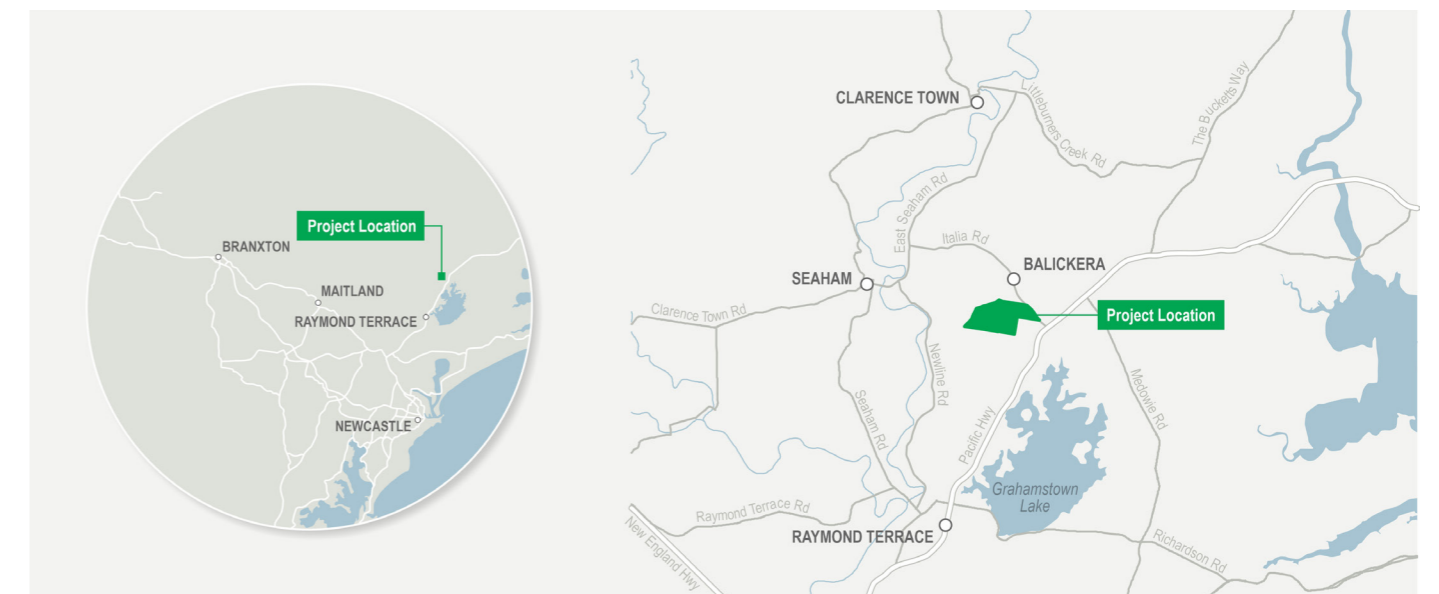
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## About the Project

The proposed Seaham Quarry Project (the Project) involves continuing operations at Boral's existing Seaham Quarry (the Quarry) for an additional 30 years. The Quarry located at 139 Italia Road in Balickera NSW, has a development consent to operate until 2035. The Project is being investigated because the approved hard rock reserves will be exhausted by approximately mid-2027.

Geological investigations indicate there are approximately 35-40 million tonnes of hard rock reserves to the immediate north, east and south of the existing pit, outside of the approved quarry extraction boundary.



## Proposed changes to the Quarry

Quarry Element	Existing quarry design and operations	Proposed quarry changes
Production rate	No consented limit. Production for 2023 is expected to be approximately 1.2 million tonnes per annum	1.5 million tonnes per annum
Extraction methods	Drill and blast methods	No change
Quarry life	Approved until 2035. Existing reserves will be exhausted by mid-2027	An additional 30 years
Blasting hours and frequency	Blasting hours: 9am to 5pm Frequency: 1 blast per month	Blasting hours: no change Frequency: 1 blast per week
Infrastructure	Material processing and wash plant facility, product stockpiles, site offices, primary and secondary crushing plant, weighbridge and truck parking and associated services.	No change
Employees	32 plus contractors on an as-needs basis	No change
Operating hours	Monday to Friday: 6am to 10pm Saturday: 6am to 5pm	Refer to table below

## Proposed operating hours

Activity	Monday-Friday	Saturday
Extraction and sales	6am – 10pm	6am – 5pm
Blasting	9am – 5pm	No work
Load and hauling, stockpiling and processing	6am – 12pm	6am – 5pm
Blending	5am – 12pm	5am – 5pm
Maintenance	24 hours, 7 days per week	

## Local and regional benefits

The quarry is an essential supplier of hard rock aggregate (i.e. crushed rock materials) used to make road base, concrete and asphalt. The materials are transported to building and construction customers in Newcastle, Central Coast and the Hunter Valley and Port Stephens regions of NSW.

The demand for construction materials within the Hunter region and NSW more broadly is high and predicted to increase as the population grows and new infrastructure projects are delivered.

Extending the life of the quarry will provide ongoing jobs for the existing workforce and contractors, and contribute to local and regional economic security.

Boral has proudly supported local community groups and activities in a range of ways, including the Seaham Public School and the Eagleton Ridge Respite Centre. Boral is committed to providing ongoing community support, as new opportunities arise.



NSW's population is expected to increase by 2.8 million to 10.6 million people over the next 20 years to 2041 (2019, DPIE).



The NSW Government forecast 143,400 to 161,300 new homes could be built in the Greater Sydney area, between 2022-2026 (2021, Sydney House Supply Forecast, DPE).



Around \$112.7 billion has been earmarked to be invested by the NSW Government in new infrastructure projects, over four years, as part of the 2022-23 State Government budget (2022-23 State Infrastructure Plan, Infrastructure NSW).

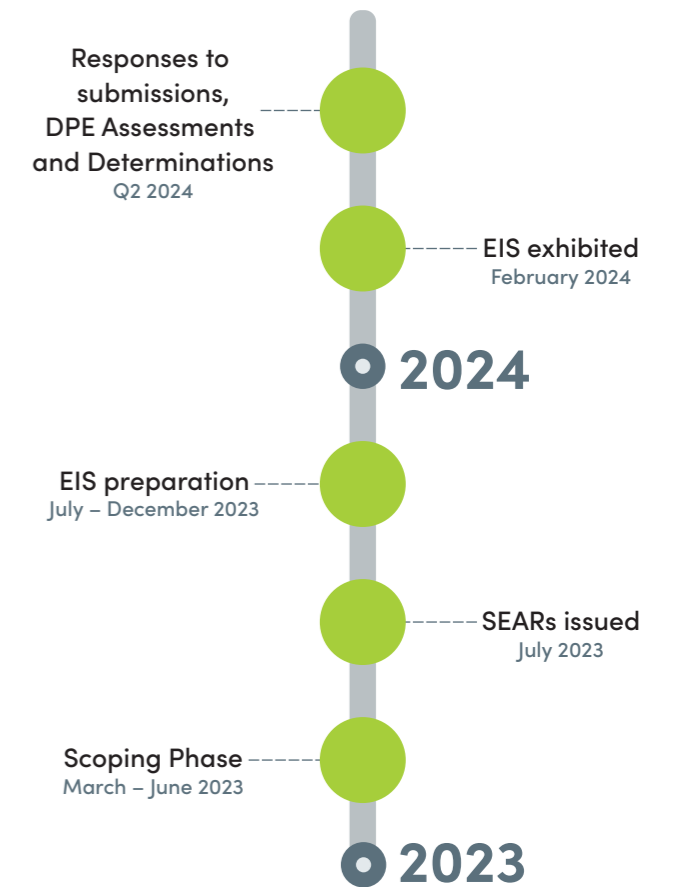
## Project Approvals

The project is being assessed as a State significant development (SSD) under Part 4 of the NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. SSDs are assessed by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE). SSD applications involve preparing a Scoping Report to obtain the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) which outline the specialist environmental and social impact studies to be undertaken, as part of preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Project. Boral have engaged EMM Consulting Pty Ltd (EMM), a leading Australian planning and environmental consultancy, to prepare the EIS for the Project.

The assessments identified in the SEARs for the Project include:



### Timeline



Timeframes are subject to change.

The project requires approval under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

