



# BORAL IN MARULAN SOUTH. Continuing a century-old tradition.

Since the 1870s, limestone mined at Marulan South has been used to help build NSW. More than 140 years later, that tradition continues and has grown to include the hard rock aggregates also needed to shape the skyline of our state.

In the coming months, Boral will be implementing plans to continue the important role its Marulan South operations play in the growth and development of NSW. As part of these plans, we'll be seeking your support for the operations which have supported the community for more than a century.

Boral has owned and operated the Marulan South Limestone site since 1987. Still known affectionately by locals as 'Blue Circle', the operations produce up to three million tonnes of limestone every year for use in cement manufacture, commercial industrial requirements, and agriculture.

The majority of the limestone is sent by train to the Boral Berrima Cement Works, where it becomes a key ingredient of the cement made at the facility. The Berrima Works provides around 60 percent of the NSW and ACT building and construction industry's need for cement.

This high proportion of supply has meant some of the most recognisable structures in NSW and Canberra include Marulan South limestone. Examples include the Sydney Opera House, Federal Parliament House, the Anzac Bridge and many more.

## Carrying the contribution forward

The beginnings of the Boral Marulan South Limestone operations can be traced as far back as 1871. The long-standing nature of the operation means that it is managed mainly to what are known as 'continuing use' rights.

Changes to both planning and mining legislation in recent years requires operations working on 'continuing use' rights to obtain an updated planning approval which conforms with modern-day standards and practices.

Marulan South Limestone must accordingly obtain this approval during 2016. Due to the scale of the limestone operations, Boral will apply for this approval through a State Significant Development (SSD) application, determined by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment.

## What's in the proposal?

Work has already commenced on compiling the information needed to submit the SSD. Boral recently completed a Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA) document which the Department is now reviewing ahead of the formal SSD application.

The final SSD application will propose to continue the current limestone operations for another 30 years, with the mine being broadened and deepened over this time. Up to 3.5 million tonnes of limestone per annum will be mined from the site.

The application will also include arrangements for the emplacement of 'overburden' produced by mining, the continued use and maintenance of Marulan South Road, and the filling and rehabilitation of the mine's 'south pit' which faces the Bungonia Gorge.

