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Julie Burton  
Chief Executive Officer  
Shire of Boddington  
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Dear Mrs Burton

**Proposal: Application for Development Application - Gravel Pit – Lot 4 Castle Rock Way, Bannister**

I seek retrospective approval from the Shire for a gravel pit on the above property as shown on the attached plan, which has been operated from the property for decades.

The proposed pit has an area of approximately 4... hectares (east-west length of 200 metres and north-south width of 200 metres). The depth of gravel varies between 2 metres and 3.5 metres with an average depth of around 2.5 metres. The total amount of gravel is estimated to be around 150,000m<sup>3</sup>.

I am seeking Shire approval for a 10 year period. Generally, the pit is only expected to be used on limited occasions, mostly by the Shire of Boddington for sheeting of nearby roads.

The closest house to the gravel pit is located approximately 350 metres to the southeast. All other nearby homes are a substantial distance from the gravel pit.

It is expected that semi sized trucks will take gravel from the pit with the largest vehicles being 26m in length. Access to and from the pit will be via a driveway from Castle Rock Way.

The number of truck movements will overall be low and depend on the nature of the contracts but are expected to only be a few truck movements per month.

Operating hours are in daylight hours Mondays to Saturdays. There is likely to be limited or no activity at the pit for large parts of the year.



The gravel will be suitable for basic road and construction building material without the need for drilling and blasting and with only minimal amounts of processing. In terms of processing, it is proposed to use a loader on the property to push up the gravel and load trucks.

No clearing is proposed.

No fuel will be stored on site with a mobile service unit providing fuel and lubricants to all equipment on an as needed basis. Quick-fill snap on connections will be used preventing spillage.

Dust suppression will be undertaken as required, with the water source being from the dam on the property.

Fire risk is expected to be no greater than the risk from general farming operations.

All stockpiled materials, including topsoil overburden, awaiting transport or held for rehabilitation will be appropriately located upslope from the pit.

The pit will be excavated in stages, with the stages dependent on demand.

The pit will be progressively rehabilitated back to pasture and a rehabilitation plan will be prepared. When the gravel is extracted from an initial area, the land will be recontoured. Overburden and topsoil will then be spread over the recontoured land. This area is then deep contoured cross ripped to minimise water runoff and scouring.

Please contact me if you require additional information. I look forward to the Shire's approval

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Penny John

