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Hon Kyam Maher MLC
Parliament House
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Dear Mr Maher

I refer to your application pursuant to the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (the Act) received by the Office of the Minister for Environment and Water, on 17 July 2019, seeking access to:

Copies of any and all documents (including but not limited to physical, electronic, or handwritten correspondence, letters, emails, briefs, minutes, diary entries and any other correspondence) between the Minister and/or Minister's Office staff and Ms Georgina Downer and/or the Liberal for Mayo campaign.

DETERMINATION

Searches of documents held by the Office of the Minister for Environment and Water have found two (2) documents within scope of your request.

As the Accredited FOI Officer, I have considered the documents and determined to grant you partial access pursuant to clause 6(1) of the FOI Act with personal contact details redacted.

DISCLOSURE LOG

In accordance with [PC045 – Disclosure logs for Non-personal information](#) once a determination has been provided, the Office is required to make information and documents that have been disclosed available on the Department for Environment and Water website. Information will be publicised online at <https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/about-us/freedom-of-information/foi-disclosure-log/minister-disclosure-log>.

FEES AND CHARGES

There is no charge for processing this application.

YOUR APPEAL RIGHTS

If you are dissatisfied with this determination, you are entitled to exercise your rights to internal review and appeal as outlined in the attached documentation, by completing the attached Application for Review of Determination.

If you decide to apply to exercise your rights to review, the completed form must be returned within 30 days to:

Principal FOI Officer
Office for the Minister for Environment and Water
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If you have any queries in relation to the above please contact me on telephone (08) 8463 5680 or email Minister.Speirs@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Carly McNeill
ACCREDITED FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER
Office of the Minister for Environment and Water

9 October 2019

Encl: Document schedule
Release documents

Freedom of Information DOCUMENT SCHEDULE

Reference No: 19EW0005906

Office of the Minister for Environment and Water

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Doc No	Brief Description	Date of Doc	Full Access	Part Access or Refused Access
1	Email from Georgina Downer	20 February 2019	Full access	
1a	Attachment: Letter	19 February 2019		Partial access – Clause 6(1)
2	Letter response- Minister for Environment and Water	19 March 2019	Full access	

Notes:

1. Schedule should not include information that would make it an exempt document eg exempt personal information or other exempt data
2. Documents should be clearly numbered

McInnes, Sally (DEW)

From: Georgina Downer <georgina.downer@sa.liberal.org.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 February, 2019 9:44 AM
To: DEW:Minister Speirs
Subject: Southern Quarry
Attachments: Rep to Speirs - Southern Quarry.pdf

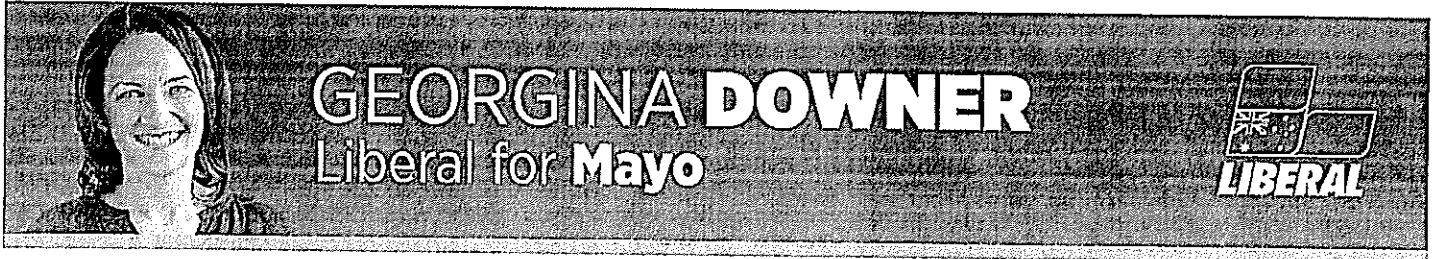
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Good afternoon Minister Speirs,

Please find attached a letter on behalf of the constituents of Sellicks Beach concerning the Southern Quarry.

Yours sincerely

Georgina Downer
Liberal for Mayo



19 February 2019

Hon David Speirs MP
Minister for Environment and Water
Via email: Minister.Speirs@sa.gov.au

Dear Minister Speirs,

I am writing on behalf of a number of constituents of Sellicks Beach who have raised concerns about how the Southern Quarry is impacting their properties.

Mr ^{6 - Documents affecting personal life} [redacted] and Mr ^{6 - Documents affecting} [redacted] of Sellicks Beach have both raised with me their concern over the significant amount of dust being blown into their properties from the quarry.

They have explained how it is difficult to maintain their homes and deal with the amount of dust building up in their back gardens. While they have tried to limit the amount of dust being blown into their houses independently, they have not been able to succeed.

I ask that you enquire into this matter and work with Southern Quarries to consider options that may reduce the amount of dust travelling through the neighbourhood.

I appreciate your attention and action on the matter.

Yours sincerely

GEORGINA DOWNER
Liberal for Mayo



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Ms Georgina Downer
Liberal for Mayo
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Dear Ms Downer

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Georgina", written in dark ink.

Thank you for your letter dated 12 February 2019 regarding dust management at the Sellicks Hill Quarry.

I am informed that the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) is aware and acting on the public concerns from the Sellicks Beach community relating to nuisance dust, which have been directed toward the quarry operations.

I am advised that the quarry at Sellicks Hill was established in the early 1970s under the *Mining Act 1971*, and has been licensed by the EPA since 1995. Air quality impacts from the quarry are collaboratively regulated by the Department for Energy and Mining (DEM) and the EPA.

During 2016, in response to local community concerns, the EPA undertook air quality monitoring of the Sellicks Beach residential area for over 12 months and showed that there were various sources of dust in the local area, including the quarry.

Since 2016, the EPA has added conditions to Southern Quarries' licence to develop and implement a dust management plan (DMP) to better manage dust control. Licence conditions require Southern Quarries to:

- Develop a targeted action response plan (TARP) as part of the DMP to consider and respond to dust sources arising from its activities.
- Report quarterly to the EPA, with scheduled annual reviews of the DMP.
- Install and operate sprinkler systems for conveyor systems and enclosure of conveyor transfer points.
- Install two additional screen covers at the central crushing plant.
- Purchase a second larger-sized watercart (30 kilolitres) to supplement the existing watercart, to dampen the roadways, stockpiles and also the floor of blasting area prior to blasting events.
- Install a triangulated monitoring network of dust monitors equipped with weather stations and an SMS alarm system to alert operators of dust events.
- Install a sprinkler system to the west of the operations to limit dust generation during the construction of the western screening mound.

- Progressively revegetate exposed areas including seeding with six tonnes of rye-corn grass and the planting of 2500 native trees over the last 12 months. Southern Quarries plan to continue to revegetate with native trees and sow rye-corn grass to stabilise loose soils.
- Sweep the site driveway and part of Main South Road regularly to reduce dragout.
- Undertake blasting events only when the prevailing winds are blowing away from the community.
- Develop a community engagement plan (CEP). As part of the CEP, Southern Quarries surveyed local residents and initiated a public notification process (email/SMS) for blasting events with a high visual impact to the local community, and organises an annual site tour.

In light of recent community concerns, the EPA has instigated a further review of Southern Quarries' operations, through the DMP, to improve dust control at the site. Following this Southern Quarries has committed to several key engineering upgrades to its site infrastructure as specific actions for inclusion in its DMP to be completed during 2019, those being:

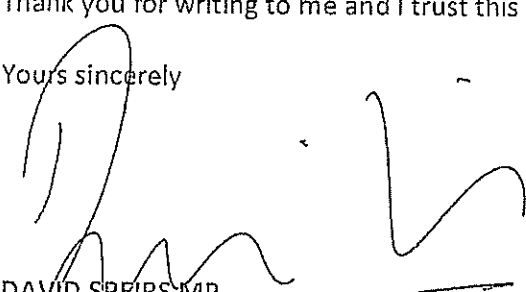
- Independent review of dust sources and existing controls,
- Installation of enclosures over key crushing and processing plant,
- Installation of bin storage for sand stockpile,
- Relocation of fuel storage tanks to asphalt seal a greater area at the weighbridge.

These additional works are scheduled for completion within the next nine months.

The EPA encourages industry to engage and involve its local communities. Southern Quarries has stated that it will continue to proactively engage directly with the local community and respond promptly to complaints. It can be contacted by telephone (8556 3007) or communityfeedback@southernquarries.com.au. The EPA can also be contacted on 8204 2004 or epainfo@sa.gov.au.

Thank you for writing to me and I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



DAVID SPEIRS MP
Minister for Environment and Water

Date: 13/03/2019