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Dear Ms Rosol

Thank you for your constituent question asked on 26 November 2024 in Parliament, regarding the Pioneer Sand Quarry intensification development.

The development application for the Pioneer Sand Quarry intensification is a matter for the Dorset Council, who is responsible for issuing of land use permits under the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993. As the proposal is a Level 2 activity under the Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994, the Environment Protection Authority is responsible for assessing the proposal and recommending conditions for environmental approvals to the Dorset Council and ensuring any potential environmental impacts are appropriately considered. This includes statutory public consultation requirements.

The Minister for Business, Industry and Resources does not have a role in these processes. The applicant already holds a granted Mining Lease for the site and any proposed changes to the approved Mining Plan will be assessed and managed by Mineral Resources Tasmania (MRT), who will rely on the established regulatory processes to ensure all relevant concerns, including environmental, have been appropriately addressed. The Government stands by the integrity of this process to deliver balanced and well considered outcomes.

Thank you for raising these matters in Parliament, I trust this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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