

1.0 CITATION

This is a Local Planning Policy prepared under Schedule 2 of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015*. This policy may be cited as Local Planning Policy 2.1 – Extractive Industry.

2.0 INTRODUCTION

The local government may prepare a local planning policy in respect of any matter related to the planning and development of the Scheme area.

In making a determination under this Scheme the local government must have regard to each relevant local planning policy to the extent that the policy is consistent with this Scheme.

3.0 OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 To detail the specific requirements and minimum standards for the establishment of an Extractive Industry.
- 3.2 To set out matters which may be taken into account when considering applications for Extractive Industry.
- 3.3 To ensure extractive industry occurs with minimal detriment to the local amenity and environment, and in a manner which allows for future use and development consistent with the long term planning intentions for the area.

4.0 APPLICATIONS SUBJECT OF THIS POLICY

- 4.1 This policy applies to applications for the extraction of basic raw materials i.e. Industry - Extractive (more commonly referred to as 'Extractive Industries').
- 4.2 The extraction of basic raw materials to a depth of 1m or less to be used for improvements upon the same farming property or for local government purposes within the local government area that the extraction takes place, including the building of roads, is exempt from obtaining planning consent.
- 4.3 The extraction of materials other than basic raw materials (e.g. minerals) are addressed separately under the *Mining Act 1978* which is administered by the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation & Safety.

5.0 APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- 5.1 Applications shall include the following information:
 - 5.1.a Planning application form duly signed by the owner(s) of the property and payment of the relevant fee.
 - 5.1.b Plans that have been drawn to scale and include:
 - site plan with existing and proposed land contours and areas of remnant vegetation relevant to the proposed excavation area illustrating the location and depth of the proposed excavation of the land and setback distances from property boundaries.
 - cross section of the proposed extraction area showing the depth of extraction, height and battering of the pit walls and face, and access ramp/area.
 - rehabilitation plan for the area of extraction illustrating the re-contouring of the land and areas of re-planting.

- location of existing and proposed internal access roads or other means of vehicle access to and egress from the extraction area and to public thoroughfares in the vicinity of the land.
- location of buildings, treatment plant, tanks and other improvements and developments existing on, approved for or proposed in respect of the land.
- location of existing power lines, telephone cables and any associated poles or pylons, sewers, pipelines, reserves, bridges, railway lines and registered easement or other encumbrances over or in the vicinity of the land.
- location of all existing dams, watercourses, drains or sumps on or adjacent to the land.
- location and description of existing and proposed fences, gates and warning signs around the land.
- location of the areas proposed to be used for stockpiling excavated material, treated material, overburden and soil storage on the land and elsewhere.

5.1.c Management Plan containing:

- the type and quantity of material to be extracted.
- the nature and estimated duration of the proposed excavation.
- the stages and the timing of the stages in which it is proposed to carry out the excavation.
- details of the methods to be employed in the proposed excavation and a description of any on-site processing works.
- hours of operation.
- details of the depth and extent of the existing and proposed excavation of the site.
- estimate of the depth of and description of the nature and quantity of the overburden to be removed.
- description of the methods by which existing vegetation is to be cleared and topsoil and overburden removed or stockpiled.
- description of the means of access to the excavation site and the types of thoroughfares to be constructed.
- details of the proposed number and size of trucks entering and leaving the site each day and the route or routes to be taken by those vehicles (the Local Government may require contributions towards the upgrade of roads).
- description of any proposed buildings, water supply, treatment plant, tanks and other improvements.
- details of drainage conditions applicable to the land and methods by which the excavation site is to be kept drained.
- description of the measures to be taken to minimise sand drift, dust nuisance, erosion, watercourse siltation and dangers to the general public.
- source, timing, duration and frequency of noise, and description of the measures to be taken to comply with the *Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997*.
- storage of fuel and/or other potential contaminants.
- maintenance of equipment and machinery.
- management of waste.
- description of the existing site environment and a report on the anticipated effect that the proposed excavation will have on the environment in the vicinity of the land.
- details of the nature of existing vegetation, shrubs and trees and a description of measures to be taken to minimise the clearing of existing vegetation.
- description of the measures to be taken in screening the excavation site, or otherwise minimising adverse visual impacts, from nearby thoroughfares or other areas.

5.1.d Rehabilitation and decommissioning plan indicating:

- the objectives of the program, having due regard to the nature of the surrounding area and the proposed end-use of the excavation site.
- whether restoration and reinstatement of the excavation site is to be undertaken progressively or upon completion of excavation operations.
- how any face is to be made safe and batters sloped.
- the method by which topsoil is to be replaced and revegetated.
- the numbers and types of trees and shrubs to be planted and other landscaping features to be developed.
- how rehabilitated areas are to be maintained.
- the program for the removal of buildings, plant, waste and final site clean-up.

5.1.e Applications for Extractive Industry proposed within the Moresby Range as defined by the Moresby Range Management Strategy (WAPC, 2009) are expected to demonstrate due regard for the recommendations of that Strategy and the Moresby Range Management Plan (2010).

5.2 Additional information that may be required

Should the Local Government determine that the proposed extractive industry has the potential to, or is likely to, create adjoining landowner impacts, such as noise, dust, vibration, lightspill, odour or environmental impacts, then further information may be required to support the development application, including but not limited to the following:

5.2.a Baseline data to be provided for wind, noise, dust and/or environmental data at specified locations.

5.2.b Vibration abatement and control measure details.

5.2.c Timing, frequency and duration of blasting/crushing/excavation activities.

5.2.d A Visual Impact Assessment where the proposed extractive industry has the potential to, or is likely to, create visual intrusion impacts upon adjacent landholdings, major roads or places of heritage, cultural or landscape significance.

6.0 POLICY STATEMENT

6.1 Extractive Industry will only be supported where the Local Government is satisfied that the proposal will not result in unacceptable environmental or amenity impacts as a result of noise, dust, light spill, odour, vibration, traffic movement, visual intrusion or contamination on the nearby residents or environment.

6.2 Depending on the nature of the proposed Extractive Industry, local wind, topography and vegetation conditions, setback distances from site boundaries and existing watercourse or bodies may need to be increased. When determining such setbacks the Local Government shall consider existing and potential land-uses on adjoining and nearby properties.

6.3 The Local Government may require the preservation and/or planting of a vegetated buffer strip ensuring that the extraction activities are adequately screened from the road and adjoining properties.

6.4 Where an Extractive Industry has direct access to a sealed road and the projected number of vehicle movements from the site would justify such a requirement (as determined by the Local Government), the Local Government may require crossover and vehicle access areas within 50m of the road to be constructed with a stable, impervious surface, with stormwater runoff being controlled. In this regard the construction of a crossover shall be in accordance with the Local Government's existing Crossover Policy.

- 6.5 Where an Extractive Industry is being developed with or without direct access to a sealed road, the Local Government may require assistance to upgrade and maintain the road/s that will be affected by heavy vehicle movements associated with the Extractive Industry. Such upgrading contributions may be financial or in-kind and shall be calculated on a case-by-case basis.
- 6.6 The Local Government will not support the operation of Extractive Industry outside of the following hours, unless it can be demonstrated the proposed extraction area/activity is at least 1km from the closest neighbouring residence upon which the Local Government may entertain extended operating times:
- Monday to Saturday – 7:00am to 6:00pm; &
 - Sundays and Public Holidays - no operations
- 6.7 Applications for Extractive Industry that are supported will generally be approved for a one (1) year period from the date of issue, upon which application for renewal of the approval is required. This is the responsibility of the applicant and the Local Government will not automatically re-issue approvals. Operations that seek to continue beyond one (1) year's duration will be subject to a renewed application for planning consent that may be approved on a recurring basis (with subsequent approval periods to generally not exceed five (5) years without requirement for renewed application for planning consent to be lodged).

7.0 CONSULTATION

Applications for Extractive Industry are required by the Local Planning Scheme to be advertised within the 'Rural', 'Rural Smallholdings', 'Light Industry' and 'General Industry' zones. In the event that at the conclusion of the advertising period no written, author-identified objections have been received then the application may be determined by Shire staff under delegated authority (However, should the application not be considered to meet the requirements of the Policy or in the opinion of Shire staff require further consideration, the matter may be placed before a meeting of Council for determination). In the event that a written, author-identified objection is received then the application and the received submission(s) will be placed before a meeting of Council for consideration.

Should applications for Extractive Industry within the 'Strategic Industry' zones be considered to meet the requirements of this Policy the application may be dealt with under delegated authority by Shire staff. However should the application not be considered to meet the requirements of the Policy or in the opinion of Shire staff require further consideration, the matter may be advertised in accordance with the Local Planning Scheme before being placed before a meeting of Council for determination.

Extractive Industry is listed as a use that is not permitted by the Local Planning Scheme within all other zones.

8.0 DEFINITION

- 8.1 For the purposes of this policy Industry - Extractive shall be as defined by the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015*.
- 8.2 Basic Raw Materials are considered to be materials that are used in the construction industry for both private and public works such as housing, site preparation, concrete and cement manufacturing, railway and road construction. These materials include sand, limestone, limesand, clay, hard-rock and gravel aggregate (limestone and limesand also have important uses in agriculture).

Responsible Business Unit	Planning
LPP Category	2 – Commercial & Industrial
Public Consultation	As required
Adoption Date	20/5/20
Next Review Date	-
Reference Number (Internal purposes)	SoCVLPP2.1