
NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING BUSINESS PAPER – 8 OCTOBER 2025
QUESTION WITH NOTICE REPORT

The following Question with Notice has been received from Cr Howe: -

1. GRAVEL PITS, QUARRIES, BORROW PITS

Do all gravel pits, Quarries and Borrow pits pay levies (be registered or unregistered) pay levies be it compulsory or voluntary to NSC?

How much money has been collected in the last 5 years on a yearly basis?

What are the charges incurred by the owners of the quarries, borrow and quarries?

How are the fees calculated?

Where are the current and proposed quarries, gravel pits and borrow pits located in the Narromine Shire and who are their owners?

Response from Director Community and Economic Development

Development contributions are contributions made by those undertaking development approved under the Environmental Planning and Assessment (the Act). Section 7.11 of the Act provides Council the means to levy contributions towards the additional costs of road maintenance to meet the increased demand created by the development. Council's Section 7.11 Contributions Plan 2020 – Heavy Vehicles took effect on 19 February 2020. The Section 7.11 Contributions Plan provides for a number of alternative methods of settlement of Section 7.11 developer contributions being monetary contribution, dedication of land, material public benefit, or works in kind. The calculation for the period contribution relating to any heavy haulage development is determined by calculating the aggregate impact of the subject heavy vehicle movements on each road type and is determined by applying the following formula

$$\begin{aligned} \$C &= \frac{\$Reg \times ESA \times Reg \text{ Length}}{Reg. \text{ life}} + \frac{\$Local \text{ seal} \times ESA \times Local \text{ sealed Length}}{Local \text{ seal life}} \\ &+ \frac{\$Unseal \times ESA \times Unsealed Length}{Unsealed life} \end{aligned}$$

where:

- \$C is the monetary contribution payable by the development for the relevant period (e.g. preceding quarter) in dollars
- \$Reg is the standard cost of regional road per kilometre over the design life in dollars, being \$586,000
- \$Local sealed is the standard cost of local sealed road per kilometre over the design life in dollars, being \$589,000
- \$Unseal is the standard cost of local gravel road per kilometre over the design life in dollars, being \$85,000
- ESA is the total number of ESAs generated by the development in the preceding period
- Reg life is the standard life of a sealed regional road, which is 1,000,000 ESA
- Local sealed life is the standard life of a local sealed road, which is 1,000,000 ESA
- Unsealed life is the standard life of a local gravel road, which is 200,000 ESA
- Reg Length is the total length of regional sealed road travelled by the development's laden heavy vehicles estimated at the time of the development application, in kilometres
- Local seal Length is the total length of local sealed road travelled by the development's laden heavy vehicles, and
- Unsealed Length is the total length of local unsealed road travelled by the development's laden heavy vehicles estimated at the time of the development application, in kilometres.

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Section 7.11 contributions are accounted for in the financial statements. Fees received are detailed as follows.

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
s. 7.11	\$1,453	\$2,712	\$8,606	\$23,200	\$143,600

The location of known quarries, gravel pits and borrow pits is marked on the map below.

Location	Marker
305 Euromedah Road, Narromine	1
Lot 90 Euromedah Road	2
45 Euromedah Road	3
298 Eumungerie Road	4
1/298 Eumungerie Road	5
224 Warren Road	6
176 Wallaby Road	7
515 Tantitha Road	8
1185 Tantitha Road	9
2327 Tomingley Road	10
2327 Tomingley Road	11
1076 Pine Dene Road	12
784 Peak Hil Railway Road	13
520 Trangie Collie Road	14
3291 Dandaloo Road	18
992 Farrendale Road	19
1055 Cobboco Road	20
769 Gundong Road	21
763 Tantitha Road	22
Tantitha Road	15
Tomingley Road	16
Euromedah Road	17

Note that "borrow pits" for the Inland Rail project are not subject to payments under Council's 7.11 Contribution Plan.

No voluntary payments are received.

In accordance with the Plan, Council encourages the use of Planning Agreements, particularly for larger and/or more complex development, and could be 'instead of' payment of contributions under s7.11 of the Act.

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Information relating to owners is provided to Councillors under separate cover.

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The following Questions with Notice has been received from Cr Smith: -

2. PUBLIC AMENITIES

*When will the original large sign be erected above the public toilets alongside the Narromine Aquatic Centre? (It was stored in the toilets.)
When will all repairs be completed on these public toilets?*

Response from Director Infrastructure and Engineering Services

The sign has been installed.

The unisex disabled toilet is now operational, and the former female toilets have been reopened for use as unisex facilities. Further works are required before the male toilet can be opened, however these are outside the current budget. A business paper outlining options for future Narromine main street toilets, including consideration of the Aquatic Centre toilets, will be presented at the November meeting.

3. AIR QUALITY MONITORING TOWERS

Has Council received a response from the EPA in regards to Council's resolution to write and ask for the installation of air quality monitoring towers?

Response from Director Governance

Correspondence was sent to the NSW EPA on 14 July 2025. To date no written response has been received.