

Notice of Public Exhibition Period

Proposed Bobs Farm Sand Quarry (SSD-99860959) 3631 Nelson Bay Road, Bobs Farm.

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) now on Public Display

Newcastle Sand thanks the Bobs Farm and Salt Ash communities for their ongoing engagement throughout early 2026. The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Bobs Farm Sand Quarry is now publicly available on the [NSW Planning Portal](https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/bobs-farm-sand-quarry) and open for submissions.

How to Participate

The EIS is now available for public review. You can lodge a submission through the NSW Planning Portal during the exhibition period. Submissions can be anonymous, but we hope that you keep us up to date with your concerns and let us know if you have any questions about the EIS.

Link: <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/bobs-farm-sand-quarry>

Contact: info@newcastlesand.com.au **Community Research Contact:** edm@keyinsights.com.au



Pre EIS Community Engagement

Throughout January–March 2026, Newcastle Sand undertook extensive engagement including:

- Community drop-in session
- Neighbour meetings
- Community perception survey
- Agency discussions
- Engagement with Port Stephens Council

Several improvements have been incorporated into the project design in response to community feedback.

Project Improvements based on Engagement

- Improvements to **boundary fencing** and site security.
- Guaranteeing **vegetation buffers** along Nelson Bay Road and lot boundaries; a 15m buffer along all boundaries.
- Confirming that **no dredging or excavation below groundwater level** will take place.

- **Exclusion of the area of Endangered Ecological Community (EEC) *Northern Paperbark-Swamp Mahogany Saw-sedge Forest*** from the proposed development footprint.
- **Moving the access intersection** further south than originally designed to avoid impacts on the existing right-of-carriageway and its users.
- Responding to concerns about acoustic impacts by **committing to implementing onsite acoustic monitoring** to inform specific mitigation measures for each stage of the quarry where it is identified that acoustic mitigations are needed.
- Making a commitment to ongoing engagement in accordance with industry standards.
- **Commitment to community newsletters** and fact sheets to answer questions and make project details and monitoring accessible.

These updates reflect the issues raised most frequently by local residents: traffic, groundwater, noise, biodiversity, and community character.

Thank You

Newcastle Sand acknowledges the constructive feedback provided by the Bobs Farm and Salt Ash communities. Your input continues to guide project refinement and supports our commitment to transparent engagement.

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