

Cudgen Lakes Sand Quarry

Quarry Status Update

(Last Updated: 28 November 2025)

Operations at the Quarry were physically commenced on 13 September 2016, site establishment activities commenced on 26 June 2017 and the first extraction campaign commenced 30 October 2017 and ceased on 8 February 2018. During April 2020 extraction operations recommenced and processing operations and road transportation of Quarry products commenced for the first time. Dredging and processing continued throughout 2024/2025 on a campaign basis with total extraction during this period of approximately 178,044m³. Road transportation also continued with 267,066t of sand and soil products transported during 2024/2025.

The current active disturbance area during the reporting period 2024/2025 reporting period was approximately 23.9ha and includes around 12.8ha of ponded areas (~8.7ha southern lake and ~4.1ha northern pond), 0.6ha silt return pond area, and approximately 1.0ha of processing area.

An updated Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) was submitted in January 2025 and approved on 6 June 2025, and the updated Soil and Water Management Plan (SWMP), originally submitted in December 2023, was resubmitted in January 2025 and again in May 2025 to address agency comments, and was approved on 23 September 2025.

A full description of activities during each financial year can be accessed via the Annual Reviews, also available on the Gales-Kingscliff website. In accordance with Condition 5(14) of PA 05_0103, an Independent Environmental Audit is due and will be undertaken on the 3rd of December 2025.

