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Dear Commission

When Andrew Brooks delivered his 2007 report, *A Fluvial Audit of the Upper Brisbane River: A Basis for Assessing Catchment Disturbance, Sediment Production and*

*Rehabilitation Potential* at Moore Town Hall on 19 December 2008, he stated that one (1) million cubic metres of sand to 'bed' the Western Corridor pipeline had been extracted from the Harlin site of the Karreman Brothers Quarry. Dick Karreman, the principal operator, had earlier stated at a local council meeting that approximately two and half (2.5) cubic metres was needed to extract one (1) cubic metre of sand.

As a consequence from this information, it follows that approximately two and half (2.5) million cubic metres must have been extracted from the extraction site within the channel at Harlin.

We don't know which permit allowed this to occur but it clearly indicates that no regard was given to the professional environmental studies that had been undertaken in this area since large scale extraction started in the early 1990's. The extraction of this material in such a short space of time (approx. 1 year), I believe, had a major impact in the recent flooding event.

**CITATION: Karreman Quarries Pty.Ltd. v Esk Shire Council included as Appendix for your perusal**

Thank you for considering my submission