

**DS019 - Attachment - Proponent Request Letter - Proposed Variation to Extractive
Industry Annual Amount - Southgates - 26 September 2023**

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This year has been an exceptionally big year for lime sand sales. The years throughout the Covid Pandemic saw sales down and we applied for and had approval for a variation to rollover tonnages from the previous year,(2020). During this time, we predicted a larger quantity required as we came out the other side of the Pandemic. These predictions were correct, but the timing was a little off as farmers waited to see the fall out in the following years. The 2023 season has seen tonnages increase significantly and therefore we are close to our quota for the year ending December 31st 2023.

There a quite a few farmers who backload sand at harvest time, (grain in lime sand out), I sent an email out last week advising there would be no sales of lime sand this coming harvest period as we had reached our quota. Midwest Sand Supplies have received numerous calls since asking if there is any way we could get a variation to this quota.

This year has seen a very dry year for the marginal areas surrounding Geraldton and predictions for these outer areas are the worst season in many years. Farming close to coastal areas do look ok and haven't been affected as much. Being able to backload lime sand is a great advantage to these farmers as the freight cost is reduced considerably as truck is loaded both ways. There will also be reduced road movements of heavy vehicles by being loaded both ways.

Midwest Sand Supplies is applying for a variation to the existing conditions in the form of allowing us to take a quantity of up to 20 000tn of sand over our quota for this year and reducing our quota next year by the amount taken over our quota. Essentially just bringing forward the tonnages to support these farmers who are going to being doing it hard next year. This quantity is based on figures from last year as harvest is still a little way off and still a fair bit of uncertainty around how bad it will end up. Due to this uncertainty, I feel the quantity would be substantially less than the 20 000tn that we are applying for. The sand taken over the quota would be for the sole purpose of the agricultural industry.

I have attached quantities over the past years to show how the tonnages are aligning.

Midwest Sand Supplies and the farmers of our local area thank you for your consideration of this application and welcomes hearing the outcome.

Kind Regards



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TOTALS FOR PREVIOUS HARVEST PERIODS

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
September	1350.6	0	0	0	0	0	2005.25	1024.35	749.85	0
October	2377.1	220.4	0	0	41.8	4907.45	50	95.35	3179.3	0
November	2989.25	2946.75	0	0	1190.95	1520.66	0	1311.5	8470.5	0
December	454.24	9775.6	420.9	2010.6	2757.95	4150	8689.8	565.25	5168.25	0
Harvest Period	7171.19	12942.75	420.9	2010.6	3990.7	10578.11	10745.05	2996.45	17567.9	0

all quantities tabled are in tn's