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15A Samuels Lane
Kiama Downs 22533

**Re: Exhibition of Modification Request
Dunmore Lakes Sand Extraction Project
DA 195-8-2004 Mod 2**

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

I strongly object to this proposal for the reasons set out below.

1. These 2 pits are situated in very low lying areas close to Minnamurra River. Pitt 5B is on the flood plain of a large meander bend of the river.

Pit 5B is planned to be 27m deep over an area of almost 8 hectares. This will be left as an open body of water. The project will require the removal of trees and vegetation which provide habitat for 7 endangered species; the main vegetation is Bangalay forest on sand. **This forest is listed as an endangered community under State legislation and the mature trees cannot be replaced. This is the home of the White Bellied Sea Eagle, whose giant nest is right beside the sand mine – as shown on the map on page 100 of the Report.**

2. Pitt 5A is close to the old Minnamurra Tip where there is a very large toxic plume in the watertable. This is beside the Minnamurra River. Taking sand out and then filling the hole with rock will change the water table – **this could cause the pollution under the tip to move into the Minnamurra River.**
3. The plan to transport 235,000t of fill by truck to fill pit 5A will bring thousands of truck movements onto the main local road residents use to access the Motor way when travelling north. This would be a potential traffic risk.
4. This proposal is for a **new mine** to be opened-up which will be **in the Minnamurra River Catchment Area**. Boral's other pits are in the Rocklow Creek Catchment area. **This application should be assessed as a new proposal – NOT - part of the original 1999 approval.**
5. The area under threat of mining is on the flood plain of the Minnamurra River. If the mine is approved it will pave the way for Boral to seek continual future expansion of the mine until the very large reserves of sand are depleted; another relatively pristine area of Australian natural habitat is decimated and their infrastructure (kilometres of pipeline for sand removal etc) has been justified. It appears to be a case of 'The thin end of the wedge'. Is Council blind to this?

6. Also, in the event, would Boral be responsible for the demolition and trucking out of its infrastructure, for replanting, replenishing and restoring the bushland where possible, or would we be left with holes in the ground filled with water, surrounded by compacted, barren, ugly scars where once was a green and lovely, irreplaceable vista, which serves to softens the heavily (still expanding) urbanised coastal fringe? Great for Kiama Tourism.
7. Why has Boral applied to decimate these last vestiges of a 'Green Corridor' for Australian flora and fauna in an already severely urbanised area. There are other areas more suitable for mining.
8. No one has been able to visit the site because it is on private land.! Why the secrecy in such an environmentally sensitive area which is under many pieces of State environmental legislation.? The area should be cherished and conserved, the flora and fauna left undisturbed for future generations to enjoy. Why do we even consider the destruction of the 'green and clean' vistas surroundings Kiama which are so promoted by Kiama Tourism? What are the benefits to the residents, to the Council coffers, and what are the proposed profits for Bowral?

Finally, note that I have never made a political donation in my life let alone the past 2 years.

Sincerely

Pamela Wray (Mrs)

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