

PO Box 221,
Marulan N S.W
2579

Re: Proposed Modification to Operations at Ardmore Park Quarry, Bungonia (Modification 3 to PA 07_0155)

To Whom it May Concern,

I wish to object to the proposed modification to operations at Ardmore Park Quarry in respect to the increase in hours of operation for product loading and transportation, the use of 50.3 tonne trucks, and increasing the daily averaging of truck movements as our family will be directly impacted as we front Jarrara Road and our house is close to this road.

The proposal to extend the transportation hours to 5AM to 10PM Monday to Friday and 5AM to 5PM on Saturday is completely unreasonable to ask over 70 families living on Jarrara road to have their lifestyle and amenity FURTHER eroded with only 7 hours per day during week days quarry truck noise free especially considering most people are sleeping between at 5AM and 7AM. The proponent claims that the extension in hours is to allow the company "flexibility" and "to avoid Lifestyle periods" for transportation. I understand that Mutiquip is in business to make money but it is not fair for them to do so at the expense of the local people who have lived here for many years. Many people living in this area do so for the quiet country lifestyle and moved or have lived here since way before any quarry development was applied for or approved. There is no one lifestyle period of time. The word "lifestyle" refers to the entire time. Multiquip has ample flexibility within the current approval.

As you know Jarrara Road is in the process of being upgraded in order to carry the currently approved truck sizes and movements so we are having a taste of what is to come once the quarry starts using the transport route as per their approval. So this objection is based on my actual experience of what is and has been happening. Please note that the works are taking much longer than promised and large sections are being relaid and repaired as requested by the Goulburn Mulwaree Council as the work has been substandard in many areas to date. I note in the submission that the proponent is saying "some minor repairs" are taking place. I can assure you that this is not the case. The repairs are major. It would behove the Department of Planning and Environment to check the claims being made by the company in the proposal for modification as it would appear that they certainly have not fulfilled their obligations regarding the road works. It is very interesting to note that on page 60 of the EA, table 7 details proximity of surrounding residences to the transport route – our property is not listed in that table and yet our house fronts Jarrara Road i.e. Lot 5 DP804796 on Forrest Close. This leads me to question how many other residences have been left off this table and why all properties are not listed. It is my belief that you are not being presented with all the information.

I am very concerned about the constant and increased truck noise which would result if the modification was approved not just due to the extension of the hours but also due to the proposed increase in production and resulting use of 50.3 tonne trucks to transport the products. You need to know that to date the upgrading work has caused extensive disruption to the local road users and excessive noise from the trucks being used to do the work. Our home is close to the road and just before an S bend which increases the already intrusive noise from the trucks as they slow down and break for the bend. These Multiquip quarry truck and dogs are of varying ages and most seem not to have any noise limiters as they are very noisy and I can hear every one that goes by at any time of

the day. They are especially noisy in the early morning when the air is more still. Of course a 50.3 tonne truck will be much noisier than a 30 tonne truck as per the current approval and the noise will travel much further at night and in the early morning. You need to note that on page 46 of the EA the proponent states that night time traffic noise has not been assessed and that road traffic noise criteria could be exceeded at residences along the route and yet the proponent claims that their traffic noise would still be compliant with noise criteria. They also admit that increased truck movements on any day from 88 to 124 could increase the noise level at residences along the route and therefore exceed road traffic noise criteria. The bottom line is that if these extended hours and increased sized trucks are approved then we will hear unacceptable intrusive truck noise for 17 hours per day interrupting our sleep as well as the enjoyment of our home. It is bad enough that we have to put up with the truck noise that has already been approved. Then there is the visual pollution that we will have to endure as much larger trucks than already approved run past our front door constantly. Our enjoyment of our property will be therefore greatly reduced. It is also ridiculous for the proponent to assert that by increasing truck sizes there will be no increased impact on the road surface which will then have to be repaired with public money.

I am also very concerned about the increase in the potential for accidents on Jarrara road due to both the number and size of quarry trucks being proposed and the increase in hours of operation particularly in the early morning and at night when vision is significantly reduced. This has also been identified as an issue by the proponent in section 4.2.4.2 of the EA. In addition as a wildlife rich area I am most concerned about the potential increase in animal injury and fatality due to the proposed extension to operation hours, when most of our native wildlife is most active.

The current approval is for a maximum of 88 truck movements per day. It is proposed to average these movements to allow for an increase from 88 to 124 movements on any one day. This is an extra 36 movements per day which is a 41% increase on any one day. This is unreasonable for the local community on Jarrara Road to have to dodge 41% more truck movements on our local road system. 88 truck movements per day is surely way enough for this company to make its money already at the expense of the wellbeing and happiness of the local community.

Please do not approve the request for extended hours, larger truck capacities, or increasing the daily averaging of truck movements.

Yours Faithfully,

Christopher and Jacqueline Neill