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**Re: Hanson Heidleberg Application for a New Quarry at Sancrox NSW 2446, SSD 9946**

We own land on Riverpark Sancrox Estate, Sancrox Road, NSW 2444. This is a 142 Lot Sub-division which is currently being constructed, the eastern boundary of which is only 600 metres from the edge of the proposed new quarry pit.

We believe that the Hanson Environmental Impact Statement (ERM Ref. 0418291) on exhibition until 26<sup>th</sup> November does not properly address the potential issues and in fact appears to ignore and/or omit many factors that should affect the application. In fact several statements within that EIS, I consider to be grossly inaccurate.

Instances of some of the inaccurate statements, mistruths, and omissions are listed below

- Hanson states that this application is for an extension of the existing quarry. In reality it is for a NEW quarry on adjacent land owned by Hanson.
- Hanson states that there are no supplies of similar rock in the area or a quarry within 200km. That is patently untrue and in fact Hanson owns land within 20km which contain adequate high quality rock which is adjacent to a recently approved new quarry. There are also many other competitors' quarries in the close vicinity
- Hanson states that the new quarry will not impact on any local existing and future land uses. This is a gross mistruth. Currently there are many houses situated within 300m to 1000m of the edge of the new quarry pit. In addition, no mention is made of the 142 Lot Riverpark Sancrox Estate, the eastern edge of which is only 600m from the edge of the proposed new quarry pit. No mention either is made of the proposed new residential sub-division proposed on Le Clos Sancrox, the edge of which will be only 300m away or the proposed need for expansion of residential development being proposed by the Port Macquarie Hastings Council in the Port Macquarie to Wauchope corridor of which Le Clos Sancrox is the first part.
- No mention is made of the fact that there is an Endangered biological corridor (identified in 2015) which runs right through the middle of the new quarry pit nor of the fact that the new pit will wipe out a "high and medium use" koala habitat as well as destroy significant swamp oak and eucalypt open forest areas which include several ecologically sensitive hollow bearing trees.

- No mention is made of the fact that the corridor for the proposed East Coast High Speed Rail line runs right through the middle of the new quarry pit.
- No real details have been included of mitigation measures – in fact no bund is proposed to be built to protect any development to the south (i.e. on Le Clos Sancrox). Will any proposed bund be sufficient anyway to mitigate the noise and dust?

It is proposed that this new quarry (which includes an asphalt plant) operate 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Hanson's previous record of adhering to good practice operating conditions (imposed as conditions of ongoing consent) with the existing quarry is not good so how, without some remarkable change in culture, can we all be sure that any local residences will not be subjected to serious noise, vibration and dust problems bearing in mind that the new quarry is situated to the east of our land and the general prevailing wind is from the east.

We wish to lodge a formal objection to this development.

Yours truly

 

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