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Department of Planning, Planning Assessment 9946 and SSD7293

Dear Minister

Re: Hanson Heidelberg Application SSD 9946 for a New Quarry at Sancrox NSW or

See Website https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/majorprojects/project/9946

I am the owner of Lot 29 Le Clos Sancrox. My land is located proximate to the proposed new quarry. I am aware of the Hanson Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on exhibition until 26th November 2019 and I am quite concerned that the Statement fails to address issues under the categories I have listed below.

Myth

There is a 15-year supply of residential land in PMHC LGA. There is in fact 7 years, most likely less when the impact of 2017 Biodiversity Legislation is considered.

Inconvenient truth

A core koala habitat at" high use" level exists in the centre of the proposed new quarry.

Omissions from the EIS

No mention is made of the impact upon the Billabong Koala Sanctuary less than 1 km from the pit.

Considerations Not Given Enough Attention

Round the clock quarry operation, blasting vibration, showering from rock and

dust, noise and truck movements and the cost of dust removal over a long-haul period requires a very substantial and much more detailed / enhanced EIS than has been prepared in respect of the currant application.

All development in the growth corridor west of Port Macquarie and toward Wauchope is important both to the local area and to the state. The community need for good quality quarry material must be in balance with the social and economic costs of its extraction. It is important that the approval processes at every level of Government be rigorously applied to ensure right balance.

My land is part of an estate of some 51 Lots of approximately 2 Ha each. All Lot owners have combined to make an application to the Port Macquarie Hasting Council, at their request, to rezone the land from Rural to Residential. The standards we have experienced appropriately being applied at the Local level for approval of our application are rigorous indeed. Our expectation is that an even more rigorous process be applied in consideration of a State Significant Development application for a quarry in an area where there is an existing and rapidly growing residential community and, as well, a sensitive ecological zone.

My request is that you as a member of the Ministerial Collegiate within the Government of NSW make enquiries and take initiatives to ensure that the approval processes standards being applied at every level of government are rigorous, fair and balanced, and in particular that you look into the matter of Application SSD 9946 to validate that it meets these criteria.

I look forward to your response to my letter.

Yours Faithfully

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