

From: Jennifer Sage <jennifer.sage@dpie.nsw.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 19 January 2022 4:12 PM
To: Stephen and Amanda Albury <saorb@outlook.com>
Subject: Complaint - Hunter Quarries
Importance: High

Hello Amanda

Hello Jen,

Copy to James, this is part of my objection letter - Amanda Albury cumulative impacts for my submission against the proposed quarry wanting to destroy Deep Creek & surrounding areas.

Since both you Jen and Collin Phillips kept telling me over all these years that Hunter Quarries was closing. I thought I would again update you to say this is False. He continues to remove hundreds of metres in length of bushland/old growth trees and rainforests, headwaters of creek systems, clearly seen from our place as he is heading north, east and west in his digging.

I also want to know where the new pit, in a new bushland area, that Grugeon/Hunter Quarries, has been clearing this space as well is up to please. This pit would be 100 metres from The Branch Lane and we would be looking at this one as well.

On DPIE letterhead around 2019, Colin Phillips (James have you been able to find this document please?), Colin had staff measure from Hunter Quarries to our street, and us another 1.5 Km up the street means we are 11.4 Km away from the open cut pit, or less if we walk from our letterbox towards the quarry. The end of the street was 9.9km. I am advised by James that this proposed quarry of Hunter Quarries is not with DPIE or Council and is with this new formed (panel), so I am wondering where this is up too, and should not be approved, because he has 2 working companies with gravel to the centre of the earth and does not need to be given approval by any government department/council to remove further bushland and kill further wildlife species including Koala's.

I have been allocated your complaint about Hunter Quarries' activities, outlined in your email sent on Friday 14 January 2022 (below) to James McDonough. I have lodged the details of the complaint and photos to the Major Projects website (reference COM-35138125).

He is not stopping his explosions in this pit we look at, he has not stopped his excavations from this area either. As we are in January 2022 you have all told us for years he is closing this pit. We do not see this happening from our property.

He has contaminated our drinking water. He contaminates our house with his dust and our property. We can only open windows if it is raining and if we forget to close the window as I did in 2019 I then woke up with a nose that had bled through the night.

So the Government needs to STOP advising people he is stopping mining for rock in this area. He and others needs to stop putting false information out that he is closing. Like so many others including the Woodbury's and Hilton Grugeon, they tell the department they are running out of gravel, when in actual fact this is not true, and they are given further bushland areas, Martins Creek, Brandy Hill are also the same spieled stories.

Nothing has happened to Michael Kiely other than you saying you went out and told him not too, and no government department has got back to me at all on his illegal clearing/road building efforts. It is also still falsely down on Federal Government letterhead that this proposed quarry does not require "Conditions of Consent" for a "Controlled Action" as it's a housing development!!!

Clearly this is wrong obviously, yet they will NOT amend their obvious error and reissue me with a new letter without a housing development written on this documentation when again clearly it is an open cut pit, he changed the size. So the wrongfully awarded false approval that is wrong in the information contained in the government letter, should be thrown out and started again in 2022, or better still it should be rejected for Karuah South Quarry Michael Kielys proposed gravel quarry outright.

Hunter Quarries from this dirty water pit as others, discharges via the creek on the property that runs off the property down the gutter and into a pipe in the road. Where does this go. Yallimba Creek is down slope of the road, that's my guess. This water sediment is so thick, and they keep dumping their tailings down the slope which should also stop is downright putrid.

The photo is me standing on our driveway looking East at Hunter Quarries.

The noise document was one I found and as our hearing has been permanently damaged by 74 decibel chainsaws

If you wish to make any further complaints, report an issue or potential breach of a consent, please complete the form on the Major Projects website [here](#). Once you have lodged a complaint, an officer from the Department of Planning and Environment will contact you to seek further information or to provide you with a progress update.

Your website does not work for me at the best of times due to lack of internet speed or whatever. Emails are bad enough as most times the attachments do not go, and emails bounce back. As stated previously this is my form of raising concerns that Planning needs to address. Please kindly do so.

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/services/complaint-form>

I will look into the concerns you have raised in your email below and whether there has been a breach of any development consents issued by the Department of Planning and Environment.

Hunter Quarries covers us with dust 7 days a week unless its raining. They contaminating our drinking/tank water, blasting us with dust with explosions. His dust is NOT wanted on our property at all. It has killed the lichen, and air quality and impacting our health and wellbeing and we see pit and 2 cliffs, from inside our house and around our property, so the disgusting display of Government approvals allowing such a catastrophic environmental disaster and wildlife deaths is beyond government sense. We have requested a dust monitor automated this falls on deaf ears from DPIE, EPA, IPC & Council, not forgetting Hunter Quarries either.

As you would be aware, I do not have the legal authority to act on approvals given by other government authorities such as Local Land Services. I suggest that you contact LLS directly if you wish to lodge a complaint about the clearing of vegetation on your neighbours land which LLS has authorised.

We did lodge complaints with LLS with the property next door. They don't care about the environment, wildlife, why would they care about us, our hearing destroyed forever, our health and enjoyment on our property has been destroyed for over 7 months. I put a complaint in on their website and conveniently they did not get it.

The bushland clearing and road building on Michael Kielys place, just what happened here Jen? You said you contacted Government Departments to investigate after you had been there. So what department and WHO am I expecting to hear from, because clearly I have heard nothing from any

department on what they did, or what they said to Michael Kiely to read him the right act, even fine him would be great if it was found that he was NOT approved to do so, regardless of his property or not.

Likewise the same applies to Mark Woodbury he has also started road building on the property he is accessing for the haul road, trees are knocked down on this property and his. Council would not meet with the people being impacted by haul road and myself oh no. They went to meet (whoever is unknown) by (which council people who attended also unknown), then came back in an email to me saying "minor scrubbing" and nothing about the road, until last year 2021 when they said they approved a house and driveway. The whole process is ugly. The Council has been assisting this family of multiples of businesses for years, and recently speaking to Bruce Moore, I asked why Council handed us to be destroyed and has shot us all in the foot and he said that Council could not oppose it.

What a pathetic joke, if this was not so serious. All ugly, all orchestrated. If we had done any of the above, if we had built roads, knocked down trees, sold properties in a subdivision without Council approval as the Woodbury family previously did, we would be attacked, more than what Council already does to us behaving badly. 6 months they did not come out for the noise of bushland clearing next door to us. Then when they did come out, they were beyond rude to me and said "we are not here to answer any of your questions Amanda or be interrogated by you". That said it all, they were never intending to help us with the noise issues we were left with from 7am to 1am the following morning 7 days a week. It very easy for some scumbags as people to attack the victims. This is what happened here. Council remains silent to Stephen and my request to meet the Directors and GM. How convenient.

There are a number of agencies who are responsible for regulating noise, depending on the noise source, as outlined in the EPA brochure "Dealing with neighbourhood noise" (link provided below and attached). For noise from power tools and equipment, you can contact your local council or NSW Police. The EPA encourages speaking with your neighbour if you haven't already, as they may not be aware of the impact the noise is having on you.

EPA said they can't help us, as it's a council issue. Yet LLS are the ones that have put us in this pathetic situation via their disgraceful approval to annihilated bushland/old growth trees with the most amazing hollows, wildlife living in these hollows, creek systems with Riparian Vegetation/canopies intact (not any more) and creek billabongs of Stony Creek 15 metres wide and over 50+ metres each section in length. Always in water, Regent Bower Bird present on this property and its habitat is missing and gone in so many places the crimes on the environment keep happening and continue to go unpunished.

<https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/-/media/epa/corporate-site/resources/noise/21p3039-dealing-with-neighbourhood-noise.pdf>

As you are all very aware, Government employees push the general public around, bamboozle us with different departments, websites etc. and I should know, I have been run around in circles on so many issues over the last 18 years, I have lost count.

To assist me with my investigation into your complaint about the quarries at Karuah, can you please confirm the following -

- That the photo titled *202111211_140740.jpg* (attached), taken by you, is of one of Hunter Water's dams? Or did you mean Hunter Quarries? [Hunter Quarries Dirty Water Holding Dam](#). This is just one of many, though this one can be seen from the road. I walked from the road, up the rock bank, to the fence, put my lens through the wire hole and took

the photos. I have other photos if you want them. I also have photos of the creek I talk about, the roadside, the pipe of rocks and then it goes under the road. If they have approval for offsite discharge, then this is the pipe under the gutter/road that is there, and as said assuming it then discharges at the lowest point somewhere to the Yallimba Creek/Karuah River.

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- The location where you took the above photo. The dam is at the front in the street Blue Rock Close.

Can you advise the name of the road where you took this photo from, to assist me in identifying the development where the dam is located. Blue Rock Close.

- Whether you have contacted Hunter Quarries recently to try to resolve the issues you have raised in your email, and if so, the name of the person you contacted or spoke to.

Jen, what are you asking? I am confused. Hunter Quarries knows we get the dust in our home, tank water, as he sat there in the PAC hearing in 2014. Nothing happened. I have written to DPIE, EPA, Council about all this and more. I have asked for a dust monitor. I have requested that Hunter Quarries dust suppress, something he has NEVER done. I have requested that the crusher is put into a building like the EPA made him do for his north pit. This has not happened either, and so the dust and noise impacts people's homes.

Its not up to me to contact Hunter quarries that already knows they are discharging, that already knows their dirty and grit comes straight into our home, property and tank water, as they already know this from countless submission letters they have received from me and various other people and community groups. And nothing happens. We have to put 2 water under our sink each year at \$85.00 per canister, that us having to pay for this, we are not the ones contaminating our drinking water, Hilton Grugeon is/Hunter Quarries.

Thank you
Amanda Albury

Regards
Jen

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If you are submitting a compliance document or request as required under the conditions of consent or approval, please note that the Department is no longer accepting lodgement via compliance@planning.nsw.gov.au.

The Department has upgraded the Major Projects Website to improve the timeliness and transparency of its post approval and compliance functions. As part of this upgrade, proponents are now requested to submit all post approval and compliance documents online, via the Major Projects Website. To do this, please refer to the instructions available [here](#).

-----Original Message-----

From: Stephen and Amanda Albury <saorb@outlook.com>

Sent: Friday, 14 January 2022 5:52 PM

To: James McDonough <james.mcdonough@dpie.nsw.gov.au>

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Subject: James - photo of Hunter Quarries from me standing on driveway looking East

Importance: High

Hello James,

Photo 3720 - October 2021 looking at Hunter Quarries from our place standing on driveway looking East.

Our hearing has been permanently damage by LLS approval to bushland clearance next door to us. Chainsaws were 74 decibels for 2 chainsaws in our back door of our home. Our ears ring 24-7 screech. Why should people's health be destroyed through Government approvals?

Photo 14740 - one of Hunter Waters dirty water holding dams, pink thick water that flows off this property into a creek, then a pipe under the road (going to the creek and eventually Karuah River?). They also have other pits at the west, that are green or army green colour or yellow tinge.

Impacted by all their dust. Can't hear or feel it explode, or crusher noise, or vehicle noise, though they contaminate our drinking water and the air we breath and have stopped lichen growing on our property.

We can see the vehicles, excavators and people standing on the top while I stand on our driveway. I can often see them using their binoculars looking at our house. We should have a dust monitor (not a bottle in a pot plant) variety an automated one for 2.5microsiemens and smaller. This has been refused through silence, like me being on the CCC.

Why have they not been forced to enclose their crusher, something people have been requesting for 10 years, me included. Yet they were told to do their north pit.

You can clearly see that they are NOT running out of gravel and should not be moving north as they are still doing, removing bushland each day we can see from our property todote.

They are not closing down, they are moving north. This false documentation they are closing down. Then they have the other pit proposed 100 metres from The Branch Lane that you said the other panel is deciding, how do I get in contact with this panel of people made up of whom? They need to come to our place, because we don't want another open cut pit in this entire area.

Amanda

