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**Subject:** FW: please send me a copy of my submission objecting to Hunter Quarries.

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**From:** Amanda Albury <icag.inc@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, 5 August 2022 1:24 PM  
**To:** James McDonough <james.mcdonough@dpie.nsw.gov.au>  
**Cc:** icag.inc <icag.inc@gmail.com>; Amanda Albury <aaorb@outlook.com>  
**Subject:** Re: please send me a copy of my submission objecting to Hunter Quarries.

Hello James, thank you for sending me a copy of my email letter from the RMS (Service NSW) computer, not sms as I wrongly typed in previous email to you.

Please help with the following points numbered below:-

1) Please explain what you mean by that sentence (highlighted in red) and please forward a hard copy of this document C/- ICAG Inc. Secretary 151 Forest Glen Road Limeburners Creek NSW 2324 (via Raymond Terrace Post Office), or a direct link to this document you reference below sent to both emails: [icag.inc@gmail.com](mailto:icag.inc@gmail.com) & [aaorb@outlook.com](mailto:aaorb@outlook.com)

2) This is new legislation written in 2021. What date and by whom? **Please be aware that the landowner notification and exhibition process for this project has been undertaken in accordance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*.**

Once again the general public/community/property owners, community groups such as ICAG Inc. Committee, do not know what this Regulation is about. Yet this continues to discriminate against the very people already impacted by mining companies, rock/mine/gravel quarries and Hilton Grugeon's Hunter Quarries. Whether its companies seeking to be approved as a new mine area, or ones seeking modifications/extensions in new bushland areas and also seeking (to have offset areas set down as their operating conditions removed) such as Hunter Quarries, other companies including Kyllies/Karuah South Quarry are all operating, or wanting approval to operate in the same area removing and isolating bushland pockets for wildlife if any of this is approved.

All references to north, south, east are MOST confusing and adds to people's confusion (including mine), as they are all located in the last remaining remnant old growth forest/bushland on the north side of the Pacific Highway, in the Karuah Shire, from The Branch Lane to Halloran/Hillview Roads North Arm Cove. Aerial photographs and on the ground viewing show how important this bushland is to retain for the wildlife, for the creek systems on these properties, the rainforests on these properties. To allow Hilton Grugeon the ability to wreck/destroy further areas of bushland outside of the multiples of areas he is already destroying/operating, and he is seeking to modify/have revoked the actual offset areas (as part of his approval to operate his east area's), should NOT be changed, regardless of him seeking further land for overburden dump in new bushland areas/offset areas, that must be preserved, protected and put in offset in perpetuity". This entire modification must be overturned and not approved in any format. He must remain in his current area we see from our property, and must also have his East pit area in new bushland area 100 metres from The Branch Lane revoked!

On the notification letter from DPIE, posted to people that had previously lodged objections in that submission period of DPIE's against Hilton Grugeon's proposed application in 2014 (if I am not mistaken?), I and others therefore received this DPIE letter dated 18th July 2022 signed by Jessie Evans, which I received on the first day of the submission period 21st July 2022, advising us late of the pending submission period for (MOD 10 MP09\_0175-Mod10), through to last day of submission period Wednesday 17th August 2022. **No where has the Planning Department (DPIE), written in this letter that this is for Hunter Quarries.** Hunter Quarries is the parent company for both north and south driveway entrances. This bushland area is the last remaining remnant old growth

forest/bushland areas on the north side of the Pacific Highway in the Karuah Shire. If DPIE had written Hunter Quarries, this would have stopped me or anyone else being confused. With so many areas in this particular remaining natural remanent bushland being destroyed all at once, with two separate companies of Hunter Quarries and then the 2nd company also seeking approval to operate and continue to destroy the entire remaining area of bushland along the north side of the Pacific Highway north, south, east and west, in a known Koala, Quoll, other wildlife species on all Government protection lists including flora species in this entire bushland area, therefore must be protected.

3) The DPIE has failed the very people already impacted by Hunter Quarries and your letter is not clear at all what company this is actually for. That is an oversight of Planning Dept., done either in error or on purpose. Considering the current Planning Staff like your previous staff of Colin Phillips and Howard Reed know very well through receiving all our letters over all of this time even from 2012 onwards concerning Hilton Grugeon/Hunter Quarries impacts, that we do actually exist. Yet todate no DPIE staff have actually made themselves available to meet us on our property at Forest Glen Road Limeburners Creek and see the impacts we are suffering (dust inside our home and contaminated drinking water needing 2 filters at \$85.00+ per cartridge that we bore the expense of this, and 2 is not enough each year to take out the taste of dirt in the water that Hilton Grugeon is responsible for, we have asked for a dust monitor (automated PM2.5 etc) between our home and the rock mine pit/cliffs we look at. I have also asked to be notified before hand of any blasts and this has also not happened. We and others are already impacted by Hunter Quarries various pits, workings, cliffs, blasting, noise, trucks, movements, crusher noise shuddering/shaking people's homes in Tarean Road Karuah etc. and now the DPIE extended their operating times 5am until 10pm without any of us being able to at least write an objection to that, as the Minister/DPIE whoever felt that the Community was not entitled to be advised of this massive change in operating times, considering it was around 4pm finish time (Monday to Friday) and only maintenance up to 12pm on Saturdays originally (if I am not mistaken). It is sickly obvious that the Department employees/Ministers whoever, are assisting Hilton Grugon to have given to him whatever he wants, if not, then the DPIE would have at least held submission periods for each modification/extension Hilton Grugeon wanted to do, and being able to lodge objections to a said project is a democratic Australia, to withhold this process shows how ugly the planning process is and how they help mining companies/rock mine quarries, at the expense of the environment, the people impacted is an outrage! In a Democracy, people must be given the opportunity to lodge objections against these companies for every application/modification/extension etc.

4) It is only looking at this documentation, that it shows what the DPIE has done with other modifications being given approval in 2019, 2020, 2021 etc, that we (the general public), were NOT aware of at all until this submission period showed these documents. The arrogance of people/government workers, ministers, other Government Departments to think that modifications, extensions (new bushland areas and/or change of operating times), is minor and/'or insignificant and therefore does not warrant advising the very people already impacted by this company or other companies, shows the lack of consideration all around from Government Departments to the general public and those of us already impacted in our homes and on our properties.

We as people, individuals, council employees, state and fed/comm government employees/ministers, all have the opportunity as people to write the narrative of any situation we are in; however it maynot and often is not the truth. I kept asking over the phone and in writing to DPIE staff, where Hunter Quarries East pit was up too and Hunter Quarries etc. and I feel now I was fobbed off by planning staff, actually I feel I have been deflected and lied too.

**Objection:** We were also not notified of the various modifications that Hilton Grugeon/Hunter Quarries has been given approval without the general public/community, property owners already impacted by his bushland/rock mine quarry works and this in itself shows the ugliness of the Government Departments towards the community already impacted by him and his various companies in the entire area of bushland remaining from The Branch Lane/Blue Rock Close and North works area North side of the Pacific Highway, wildlife will continue to be slaughtered in numbers of species unknown.

**5) The DPIE letter also has other errors on this document, the phone number is the wrong number for the DPIE/Planning Department, and wrongly took me to the Service NSW Department. This phone number needs to be changed on any further documentation that the NSW Planning Department puts out to the general public. The correct number is: 1300420596 (Planning & Environment number). The Information Access phone number at Parramatta is (02) 9860-1440. Please see that any further documentation to the public has these numbers.**

I object to the Planning Department/Ministers etc. believing that it makes sense for people not on a good connection of internet, people like me that have lack of internet connection or at times very bad internet connections to no internet connection. We are expected to upload, download, read thousands and thousands of pages of documentation to write objection submissions. Yet the DPIE will not continue to provide hard copies for Community Groups and EIS on USB sticks for those that ask for them. EIS documentation should remain accessible to everyone and this should be done by the companies/consultants who produce this documentation.

Then the new one for this year August 2022 brought to my attention during a current submission period for Hilton Grugeon Hunter Quarries, that people are expected to go to an RMS building who can't access the internet to use their computers and the DPIE expects us to stand as I did in the RMS at Raymond Terrace for hours, hours and hours, at a time reading the documentation and trying to absorb it, to then write our objection submissions, if this was not so serious for the natural environment and us and the impacts we will all suffer if this is approved in any such format, I would be in fits of laughter at the stupidity of people in Government Departments who think this all makes sense! The very people to be impacted by the proposed quarries are not given the documentation to access more easily on a USB stick, should be the bare minimum that Government Departments and the said mining/rock quarry company is striving for, this would show the Community that this is all not being done at a rapid rate to assist the mining company at the expense of the community. Providing hard copies to Community Groups and USB EIS sticks provides an easier accessibility of documentation, which would therefore generate objections through scrutiny and accountability about what has been written in this documentation. Yet the Planning Department I believe is continuing to make it harder for people to lodge objections to proposed projects, that they know are contraversial and people that are already or will be impacted would lodge objections. To not provide EIS/USB sticks is being done underhandedly, deceitfully, to make things more difficult to access the documentation, to be able to read it in our homes to generate people's questions, their concerns and objections against the said development application in with the DPIE regardless of the words used such as modification, extensions inclusive. Currently someone in Government singularly or collectively has changed the goal posts on 2021 and believes that people that do not have computers or do not have internet connections should attend the Roads Maritime Services Office to use their computers is alarming, and offensive to expect already stressed, vulnerable people that are or will be impacted by the said companies to do this, shows me the lack of integrity, transparency and honesty, the Government Departments personnel have towards the general public, who are already or will be catastrophically impacted by these people operating their mining operations, rock mine quarries etc.

For me having my computer continually hacked by faceless thugs who have caused me grief on our computers of many for over 17 years now shows us they don't want objections submitted, as it always accelerates when I am involved in submission periods, where they take control of the mouse, open windows at speed, take photos, film, documents and emails off my computer and stop me closing down my computer, all being done without my approval to access my computer and continue to remain the faceless and nameless thugs they are. If you are all so proud to approve developments have the decency to notify the community in advance so that we can hold you all accountable to your approvals.

Again the fact ICAG Inc. has not been given a hard copy of the documentation in advance for Hunter Quarries MOD10 and I requested a hard copy and EIS USB sticks, in the email sent on the day I received the DPIE letter of notification of submission period (first day of submission period) and left various phone messages without any response, again this week sending an email that James responded too.

**Objection;** to the community was withheld from knowing about the previous modifications and ones that were approved in 2014 onwards to 2020 and 2021 I can not find enough descriptive words to describe how heinous that all is and how planned, orchestrated, ugly that is. The DPIE staff and various other Government Departments including the Council, already knowing people are impacted by all of Hunter Quarries workings in this area of natural bushland surrounded by people's properties with us at 11.4 km away impacted by his dust trespassing and contaminating our air supply, our tank water, inside our home and the blasting dust that comes across in waves of dirt and rock from the ground up hundreds of metres high in the air is beyond offensive. Yet our requests of being notified before blasts have not been addressed by Government employees OR our requests to address contaminated drinking tank water and Hilton Grugeon is the one that should be buying our tank water filtration systems at \$85.00 plus per cartridge, needing more than 2 per year with the more bushland mountain he destroys parrallel to our home/property as we look EAST.

6) While the community was busy defending the new bushland area proposed north pit of Hunter Quarries, he had hidden in documentation his proposed East pit and was clear after the fact. So what companies hide in their documentation, they get all of it. Even if its in a completely different area, to what the submission period was actually about. Likewise just like Mark Woodbury and family, written in documentation that they are proposing on Iron Mountain, yet have also mentioned in documentation about Ironstone Mountain mine (proposed magnetite mine in both locations I feel including rare earth minerals), with the word gravel in documents as well. If this is actually the case I continue to be alarmed that the Woodbury's documentation listing various locations, will be identical to what Hilton Grugeon did in 2014 and was approved underhandedly I believe as the proposed EAST pit (approved when as I kept asking staff of DPIE on phone and via email where this one was up to and being deflected I continue to believe is now approved when?), should have had its own submission period.

As the Planning Dept. is acutely aware, hard copy for ICAG Inc. is used for people that don't have a computer and the USB sticks with the EIS are for people to access the documentation more easily on their computer. This cost should be paid for by Hilton Grugeon/Hunter Quarries and not the tax payers of NSW/Australia. One of my jobs as the Secretary of ICAG Inc. is to also make sure that people have the information to write their objection letters to a particular project and the Planning Department discriminates against us all.

The change of the goal posts from Planning Dept. etc. stopping people from accessing this documentation you already know are or will be further impacted through to Karuah, in our valley and further down river to Port Stephens, continues to show the Community how low the major projects department is sinking, this is as I say at the expense of the community, property owners, individuals already being impacted or would be impacted, and are being discriminated against by the Planning Department and the Ministers/other Government Departments, who think that withholding information from the very people that will be catastrophically impacted if any of these projects proceed, extend or are approved makes sense to someone in Government Departments, yet where is this being transparent, honest and respectful to the community to be impacted by the proposed development, if DPIE/Minister/Council's/Departments approves these developments behind the Communities backs as they have already done with Hunter Quarries. These false and underhanded approvals previously where the public was kept out of knowing what Hunter Quarries was doing must be revoked! DPIE/Council is already aware of this company already impacting people. There has been lack of honesty, transparency, and advising the property owners already impacted by Hunter Quarries/Hilton Grugeon, the community and community groups all being unaware of Hunter Quarries previous modifications. I am a person that is down as an objector, and he impacts us and our property and I would expect that we are notified for everything that he is seeking to do or intends to do, as others would. It is an extremely offensive and ugly decision that has happened by DPIE/Minister's responsible, and those previous approvals should be revoked effective immediately. If you are all so proud about your approvals, then do it with the general public's knowledge and democratic process to object.

**7) As requested, please send a copy of the document you speak of written in 2021, or a direct active link that I can access the document directly without having to plough through an already exhaustive planning departments website. I will then make this available to anyone that wants to read the change of goal posts from now on, in removing notification of submission periods that the DPIE is as I said accutely aware these companies are already or will catastrophically impact people while they destroy the natural environment and slaughter wildlife in numbers infinity.**

Amanda Albury  
& ICAG Inc. Secretary

On Thu, Aug 4, 2022 at 11:55 AM Amanda Albury <[icag.inc@gmail.com](mailto:icag.inc@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hello James,

I object to MOD 10 Hunter Quarries/Hilton Grugeon being given any form of extension or approval!

I have not been successful in you James returning my phone calls or emails, please contact me as you are James, the public contact for this proposed extension submission period we again find ourselves dragged into by this NSW Planning Department's major projects ugliness.

You can contact me on (M) 0403 645 521.

I am requesting a copy of my letter sent via computer from SMS building last week for objecting to Hunter Quarries Hilton Grugeons modification 10. Your website has stopped working, I printed off the ICAG Inc. objection letter just now (4.8.22 at 11.15am). I was about to go into the other letter and print off my objection and your website will not let me access it at all.

As I have no way of accessing my letter, please email it to me directly to: [aaorb@outlook.com](mailto:aaorb@outlook.com) and a copy to:- [icag.inc@gmail.com](mailto:icag.inc@gmail.com).

I have also left messages for Jessie to contact me, as well with no response. You signed the letter Jessie, we got the letter advising us about the submission period on the first day the submission had started. Again a thuggery tactic, to prevent the very people already impacted by Hilton Grugeon/Hunter Quarries to not be notified in advance of ANY proposed development applications, modifications, applications regardless of what words are used, or the sick fact, that someone deems it to be insignificant or minor, again shows the level of thuggery within the NSW Planning Department/Government Departments of many towards the general public. Shameful is not a big enough word to describe how heinous to the environment all modifications actually are.

You all have been working very busily to approve Hunter Quarries modifications without the community knowing anything about it, what a shameful thing to do! And then here we are MOD 10, and you have had so many others approved without the community or individual property owners already impacted with his (Hilton Grugeons/Hunter Quarries) heinous crimes on the environment and our properties, our health and wellbeing!

Extending the times is a major catastrophe for everyone around and our precious natural environment/wildlife being destroyed and killed by these fraudulent approvals. Why does the Planning Department think that the very people already impacted by Hunter Quarries should not be advised about any proposed developments he has. Don't you know already, you have this ugly process destroying the environment, our precious wildlife including aquatic wildlife suffers by destroyed environment, catastrophic injuries and die painful deaths, from your approvals, while people like me watch in horror at your sick approvals and ugly submission periods (that is if you decide the community should be notified in this instance of MOD 10), yet so many other MODS went without accountability, scrutiny, objections from the very people already impacted by Hunter Quarries.

Hunter Quarries H Grugeon's, North, south, east and west areas must not be increased into new land/bushland areas at all. Offsets should be "offset in perpetuity" and not able to be adjusted to suit the destruction of that land/bushland area, regardless of overburden dump or anything else, it also will STOP the transfer of wildlife from their property and Michael Kiely's property to move north, East and West and this is beyond wrong, to landlock wildlife surrounded by multiples of quarry mine infrastructure. This is a known Koala natural/remnant bushland/forested area, and all wildlife must be left to transfer in the remaining bushland away from Blue Rock Close and The Pacific Highway, where wildlife are slaughtered on The Pacific Highway, because the sections of fencing are still missing from when it was built, showing their lack of consideration for wildlife safety by not building the fence as a secure wildlife fence to stop animals making their way to Blue Rock Close and The Pacific Highway. I have raised this with so many Government Departments over all of these years, yet I receive no response, why is this? and what department should be maintaining Pacific Highway timber fences? Please advise.

Hilton Grugeon must stay where he is in the areas he is already destroying and not extend into further natural bushland areas, he should NEVER have been given his north pit/works area as he will NEVER run out of gravel in the mountain he is digging parallel to us, seen from our home and property, that DPIE staff STILL have refused to come and see the impacts we suffer with blasting dust, we can see the machinery and people looking at us standing on the cliff, we get their dust inside our home unless its raining and he contaminated our drinking tank water around 7 years ago which is getting worse the more bushland he destroys.

On our property and clearly shows looking EAST, the amount of rock rubble in this mountain we look at EAST. YES it really should be that simple to refuse this development application MOD 10 and NO he should not be approved at all for any further modifications with or without public knowledge and NO one should ever be approved to have their offset bushland areas removed down the track, because the person/company suddenly wants to impact that

offset area, ALL offset areas MUST BE IN Perpetuity and not impacted by anything including being set on fire as Duralie Coal does. Refusal to operate also must include M Kylie's Karuah South Quarry.

The other MODS that have been approved without community knowledge, should be revoked as the community was not consulted. If you are all so proud about what you do, then do it publicly. The fact you hid what was happening in this company for all these years, when I have been asking for years and years and years, shows the level of rudeness the planning department staff have to the community that defend against an environment that can't defend itself against such ruthless thuggery/approval systems and the people like us on our property that have been attacked by Hilton Grugeons rock mine quarry from his dust, his blasting dust, his pit/cliff dust and the visual impacts knowing wildlife are dying also in numbers unknown hurts hearts and people's minds that we have government departments whose job it is to destroy the environment and kill wildlife with every approval they give.

Please forward as requested a hard copy and 200 usb sticks with the EIS and documentation that has been requested for the submission period in our objections against MOD10.

Please also forward a copy of my objection letter I sent last week, that now I cannot conveniently access your website to print off.

You can also add this letter/email to my personal objection against MOD 10.

Thank you  
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