

**Bush Haven  
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**Jessie Evans  
The Director Resource Assessments  
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To: Jessie Evans

**Re: An objection to the Stone Ridge Quarry Project SSD-10432**

We are the custodians at Bush Haven, a designated wildlife refuge. We held a license from NSW Parks and Wildlife for many years to care for orphaned, sick, or injured native animals.

We have been with Birdlife Australia as we keep records of many different types of birds at Bush Haven. In addition, we have ten or twelve years of photographic and written records of all wildlife, including reptiles, insects, and amphibians, at this location. In addition, we have comprehensive records of native orchids, some of which have not been found anywhere else in NSW. We have the 'Smelly Lilly', a rare and endangered species.

Another membership we had was with the Australian Fungimap because of our fungi-rich environment at Bush Haven and the Wallaroo Bioregion. Dr Pam O'Sullivan, from the Australian Fungimap, visited Bush Haven and was impressed by the variety of fungi in this region. We are also members of the Australian Plant Society.

We are objecting to the proposed Stone Ridge Quarry on the following grounds:

**Dust:**

We had lived at Bush Haven since 1979 when Italia Road was all gravel, so we know what dust does and how it affects flora and fauna. As the residents of this area are all on tank water, it would significantly affect water and plant life. Furthermore, it would affect Balickera surface water entering the Grahamstown Dam. It would also coat all the vegetation, so any animals or humans that eat any flora will have adverse effects.

We are concerned that the dust will harm Kirstin's pre-existing eye condition.

Traffic:

The extra traffic on the road will put wildlife at risk of vehicle strikes.

Noise:

The ongoing noise from the extra trucks, the quarry and the blasting of rock will impact the tranquillity of Bush Haven.

Thank you for considering our concerns about the proposed quarry.

Yours faithfully,

Jennifer and Kirstin Musicka  
Custodians of Bush Haven