

Objection to Eagleton Quarry Development SSD 7332

I object to the project proceeding due to several concerns that I feel are valid grounds to reject the development.

1. Climate change - the development will mean the clearing of many hectares of native flora that will be vital in the reversal of the effects of climate change. The best method of removing carbon from the earth's atmosphere is via photosynthesis.
2. Danger to native animals by the removal of their normal habitat. There are many species of native animal in the area. Some of the native animals are able to be viewed just by walking along the local roadways. The native animals in the area include kangaroos, koalas, snakes, goannas and many species of possums and native birds.
3. Danger to residents via dust pollution of their household water collection tanks. The proposed quarry area will not be sealed so will generate dust in the area from natural wind variations.
4. Danger to local residents from air pollution. There are numerous studies that have identified the increase of cases of silicosis in people that work or live near quarries and mines due to exposure to the fine dust generated from such operations.
5. Danger to local road users from the increase in traffic servicing the proposed development. The local roads cannot handle the current traffic from the existing quarries in the area. The previous federal government mentioned directing traffic from the current and proposed quarries to a flyover so that the Pacific Highway can be accessed safely. This flyover and the extra roads were never constructed. Recent information on the current inflation rate in Australia indicates that it will be many years before further major government projects are undertaken so the current road will not handle the extra vehicle movements and the increased wear and tear from the extra truck weights.

Yours sincerely,

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