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Dear Sirs/Madams,

RE: Amanda Albury Objection to 'proposed quarry Maytoms Lane Booral', SSD70557215/Hillview Hardrock Quarry Project (proposed) and I am also "Claiming Submitters Rights" to be able to send in my photos, maps and other documentation please; and be able to continue to read the documentation associated with this above proposed quarry/cement works, and send further objections regarding these documents, which I will lodge as soon as possible, after the last day of the submission period Friday 18th July 2025. Due to continued hacking of our computer, hard to send documentation before close of business today, we are sending via diffent methods, as photos to emails, via our phones.

Please do not remove any of my personal details from my document including our address, my email address, or continue to redact anything I have written. I stand by everything I have written. I am a direct witness and therefore base my lived experience to form my opinion on FACTS of what I have seen and noise impacts I have heard, the people I have met while living at Limeburners Creek (The Bucketts Way) in so many areas we travelled to around NSW as Rivers SOS. The people I have met suffering by these destructive industries, including my own health issues associated with these types of destructive industries impacts, unleashed on people living in the natural environment; our precious wildlife, natural water-sources being dug up by coal mining/quarry companies, causing; water pollution, air pollution, acid rain and people's catastrophic health issues (adults and children) and impacts on my/other people's animals living in these environments, are also being impacted by coal mines, rock mine quarries/extractive industries, which affect so many people without acknowledgement of ANY Government/Ministerial employees, no attempted mitigation works to assist us to live our lives a little less impacted by these coal mine/quarries etc. owner/operator developments. To be heard and the impacts actioned by those of you in various Government Departments in 2025 would be long overdue, yet for now July 2025 the real-time victims are mocked, silenced and suppressed, which also includes my/our documentation and computer/phone systems.

THE PLIGHT OF OUR WILDLIFE SPECIES AND THEIR HABITAT, IS BEING ANNIHILATED THROUGH BIASED APPROVALS, WHERE LARGE SCALE/FOREST CLEARING CONTINUES IN 2025 in NSW and elsewhere around Australia. Also being done by STEALTH (underhandedly, secretly etc.), away from public knowledge, through various Government Departments ruthless approvals, or through illegal bushland/forest clearing.

- I object, to the above proposed quarry (Hillview Hard Rock Quarry Project and concrete plant/processing/recycling plant), being given any approval. If any of this is approved, these developments will destroy the environment; forest habitat felled, wildlife displaced, injured and killed. The slaughtering of wildlife and wildlife species will go completely undocumented from the smallest creatures; Ants, Sand Antlions, Worms, Beetles, Christmas Beetles, Cicadas, ground and tree dwelling Birds, Frogs, Lizards, including Butterflies, Bees/including ground native bees, Snakes, Possums, Quolls, Koalas, all other animals will be annihilated if this proposed quarry is approved. If wildlife can't fly, jump or run away from felled trees and machinery, these creatures will be terrorised to their injured death, by a deliberate and unforgiving attack on our precious unique wildlife living in remaining natural environment; remaining remnant bushland/forested areas and rainforest areas of the Hillview property. This property is a watershed property with important creek systems, sustaining wildlife and aquatic wildlife species already living in these creeks, 'ear-marked to be destroyed', these wildlife species will die.
- **The Hillview property with natural bushland/forests that still remain, must be preserved.** These forest corridors must be kept intact for Wildlife species including Koalas, to migrate back and forwards across their home travel areas. The property of Hillview Maytoms Lane Booral, must be prevented from any further clearance or any such disturbance that a quarry/cement works development would cause. ***"This property has been heavily impacted; by forest/clearing and burning, since around 2013 approximately, in my opinion is suspicious, Amanda Albury said"***.
- **I object to any of the proposed quarry/cement development being approved. If approved it will destroy permanently the natural value for wildlife and forest corridors.** The remaining stand-alone forests and mountains of headwaters/creek systems on the Hillview property Maytoms Lane Booral, must remain without any further destructive impacts. The impacts this quarry would have (should it be approved), on everything and everyone affected are obvious. The impacts to the surrounding properties/owners/people in their own homes, the impacts can never be mitigated. I am a witness to people I know, who were harassed by either of the two coal mines in our valley, or various quarries from owner/operators/employees/consultants, to give them first option to purchase the property by coal mines in our valley. People were being heavily persuaded to sell their property to the coal mines. While other people I know, were being told that the at that stage the proposed quarry at Limeburners Creek would be 500 metres from their western boundary fence. These people working for these various destructive mining/rock mine quarry/extractive industries/CSG etc., use fear and underhanded tactics, through any means possible, to remove people off their properties, out of their homes, or are harassed into selling, or selling the back part of their property and the area of the Unnamed Creek (that no longer exists turned into an open cut coal mine pit).
- **The impacts of Hillview Hard Rock Quarry Project are both individual development impacts and also cumulative impacts**

of every other coal mine/quarry/forest clearing development.

This proposed quarry should not be approved or the cements works, recycling concrete plant etc. should also not be approved. The catastrophic impacts will radiate out 360 degrees around the Hillview property at Maytoms Lane Booral, All the impacts will go past the Hillview property, despite the Proponent telling me "Along the lines of" their tests showed they didn't. We will be 8km approx. to our North from their south fence-line.

- I already know what will happen to people and their health. I already know what will happen to us on our property from this Hillview property, if this proposed quarry/cement works are approved, to be the quarry/cements works they intend to be. We are already smashed by Hunter Quarries to our East 10.5km approximately and Seaham/Boral Quarry to our South West 15km to 19km approximately, Italia Road Balickera, (at times by their blasting dust). We will be 1.3km or less from Deep Creek Quarry Limeburners Creek, to our house. We will be 13km or less from ARDG Stone Ridge Quarry and a little further to Eagleton Quarry (Italia Road Balickera) and to our West Hansons Quarry Clarence Town Road and Daracon Martins Creek, though these are all lines on a map of estimated Km's. In reality these quarries are already impacting us and other people etc., or if approved will be obviously closer to our house and other people's houses/properties.
- **Rock mine quarry dust/rock particles and/or coal dust etc. impact people until it is no longer detectable.** However, these unnatural contaminants, remain in the air we all breathe. Likewise, diesel fumes and chemicals/blasting fumes, also stay in the air we breathe and can gas people, of which I have a lived experience of this reported further in my report and previous reports I have sent around to every Government Department and Ministers I can think of. The impacts of generator noise/fumes, noise of vehicles/trucks, (blasting noise, dust and chemical/fumes from quarry blasting are obviously going to affect people/animals and make people sick). I know the effects of being gassed by blasting fumes/chemicals and I still am affected, yet the various Government Departments/Ministers I contacted have not assisted me to obtain a "chemical data sheet", on the chemicals that poisoned me that day, standing on our driveway. I am greatly concerned for the health of people that will become sick if Hillview Hardrock Quarry Project is approved, surrounded by Towns and Villages including Schools. It should not be approved at all!
- **The people in various Government Departments/Ministerial positions will not acknowledge that people are impacted and the horrific consequences people suffer.**
- **Government Department employees & Ministers continue to not address the impacts general public people are suffering through these wrongful approvals to these destructive**

industries. As of July 2025, this is not addressed and these companies are not stopped and made to mediate their actual impacts on people in their homes/on their properties, before rushing to approve extensions and/or modifications, or disgustingly approve NEW quarries such as “deep creek quarry” in the same area where people are already suffering horrific health issues from other operating quarries. This false biased approval must be rescinded.

- **The noise of Equipment noise/fumes/vibrations, digging/ground vibrations, light pollution on the surrounding black country/bush sky and the noise of wildlife crickets, frogs, other wildlife species, will be replaced with industrial/mining noise. Even the Proponents wishes to operate 6 days a week to 10pm is outrageous! Also there is NONE of this type of proposed onslaught of destruction currently present in this entire area or surrounding areas.** Ramped up truck movements, loading of rock and the crusher noise will not stop until they close up business in a 24 hours day. Seeking to operate to 10pm 6 days a week, also shows me how they disregard everyone and everything else’s peace, enjoyment of their home/property and current amenity of the area surrounding Maytoms Lane Booral and the impacts this would have on any wildlife that did survive. The dust, and vibrations noise/dust/vibrations, diesel pumps fumes/noise/vibrations, are not detected by people/animals, who become the victims of these types of unhealthy destructive developments.

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- The amount of dirty water holding dams from coal mines, CSG and quarries is also going completely undocumented for the general public and not being monitored by someone in an actual Government Department, that actually was doing their job in protecting the environment from wilful discharge events. This dirty water is also then evaporated up into the atmosphere and storm clouds on this day I speak of below, and the lack of people in Government Departments who actually also accept these types of dirty industries do produce also “Acid Rain events”. Currently July 2025, the acid rain fall event that happened on our property, while documented and reported once again to every Government Department I wrote to, no one responded (conveniently). Therefore there is nothing in place to monitor 1 coal mine/quarry/CSG dirty water dams impacts, let along all of them collectively and the cumulative impacts these dirty water dams have discharging into natural creeks/river systems off their properties is a real time catastrophic environmental catastrophe, continues to be added to with every Cont’d
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wrongful approval of more resource mining companies, including coal mines, quarries, CSG, other mining ventures and also including forest clearing events, which also pollute natural creeks/to river systems. None of the dirty water holding dams these companies/developments produce are run through an osmosis plant, they are left to

sit polluting every part of the natural environment and become direct water pollution discharge points, are not being incorporated into the climate change emergency, climate change policy etc. Therefore, how convenient, there is no documentation tabled, to detect acid rainfall events. As I said, this has happened at our place at Forest Glen Road Limeburners Creek, NSW 2324, where I have witnessed once, that is not to say that it has not happened previously. This was also reported, photos sent to various Government Departments (EPA, DPIE, Council and attached to my objection letters to IPCN) with no response from anyone. **A storm had built up over the coal areas of our valley and the quarries, CSG dirty water holding dams and the storm clouds then moved above the quarry to our East and sat above Hunter Quarries, evaporating out of all the dirty water holding dams on these properties. It was a really hot day, and the thunderstorm had been forming from the morning all day, well to our North up The Bucketts Way. It then moved and sat over Hunter Quarries for hours, building up black thunderstorm clouds. All of a sudden, I was in our shed putting our gardening tools away, a woosh sound of strong wind gusts from the East to West breeze, blew the clouds directly to us and with big rain drops, hitting the shed roof. I could hear this fizzing sound. It was very loud. The noise was above me on roof of shed. I could also hear this fizzing sound on the ground, through the open door of shed. Trying to work out what the fizzing sound was, I put my hand outside, raindrops fell onto my hand and started stinging my skin, like peroxide. It was after this, that I looked down to the concrete footpath and the raindrops were hitting the concrete path and fizzing as they hit the path, leaving black dots on the concrete of various black size circles, which are still there July 2025. The clouds as I said had been sitting over the dirty water holding dams that litter this valley up and down Towns, Villages along The Bucketts Way from coal mines, CSG, quarry impacts etc. Acid Rain again is a topic that people in various Government Departments shut down through no response. The black marks remain on the concrete. They only come off, if the area is cleaned with bleach. A patch was done, though there was a lot of scrubbing needed and the rest of the black dots/Acid Rain impacts, remains to this day on our concrete path.**

- I object to the cruel display of some people (Government Departments, Ministers, mining/quarry companies and also general public), who rebut real-time victims, who attack the real-time reporting of victims and the impacts they suffer. These people will close down/attack people who are left to suffer catastrophic impacts by people in various Government Departments and their biased approvals. Therefore pretending we do not exist, is pretending! The people responsible in various Government Departments do not address the obvious issues of impacts as they happen, with developments they have approved. Their obvious lack of acknowledgement that giving a quarry, coal mine, CSG, forest clearing etc., will have catastrophic impacts to the wildlife, people, our animals, water, air quality, noise impacts, dust, fumes, vibrations, toxic chemical immissions, where the real-time victims are left to suffer etc. etc.

Where do you think the impacts from coal mines/quarries blasting dust/rock particles, noise, vibrations, blasting fumes/chemicals and dust/noise/vibrations from coal mines/quarries, crusher impacts go? The crusher of an operating quarry, sounds like a fighter jet plane hovering over a person's roof, shaking the house from the ground up and

TV up at 100 and I could not hear the TV was on in the house in a road in the Karuah area, I was visiting. These people have been left with the catastrophic health impacts, including those who suffer nose bleeds adults/children. Likewise, people in Limeburners Creek suffering the impacts from the same operating quarries, also suffer nose bleeds, respiratory issues etc. I discuss this further in my document.

- The onslaught of approvals continue and todate, these people/owners/operators of destructive companies are not forced by Government Department regulators to mitigate/compensate the property owners who are suffering from these types of developments. This could mean purchasing capped tanks and having these tanks filled with potable water as required by the home owner, at the offending company's expense. Supply the home owner with air purifier equipment to remove dust particles inside homes at the offending companies expense. Endless supply of water filters and air conditioning filters at the offending companies expense. Tank water is being polluted by the offending companies due to house rooves being constantly dusted by quarries and/or coal mines that therefore have contaminated the tank water etc., Enclose people's veranda's so there is an air lock, sound proof at the offending companies expense. Put up noise and dust monitors on people's properties like ours and follow through as the EPA Newcastle said they would do, including more water samples being done of our tanks (which they also did not do) or the dust and noise monitors on our property which they also did not do, and conveniently advised me they had closed the file. The very file of me, being gassed by blasting fumes/chemicals by Hunter Quarries, where I was standing on our driveway taking film of the black plumes of smoke and dust going into the natural cloud bank above Hunter Quarries on that day, and with a wind change came across our place). EPA was to put up video cameras to monitor Hunter Quarries 24/7 and a noise and dust monitor, this also did not happen. Purchase equipment needed to reduce the impacts on people living on their properties, inside our homes at the offending company expense.
- I object to more companies being given approval to operate. Stop adding more quarries to the environment, when they can't control what happens to their dust/rock particles, blasting fumes, crusher noise/dust, operational machinery, truck/vehicle movements ground/air vibrations from blasting and equipment use. This proposed quarry wanting to operate in the hours they have stipulated is down right disgusting! Offensive! Abusive! And not in keeping with the current amenity of the area, despite them having a decorative rock mine/quarry on a different area of the property which already impacts people on neighbouring surrounding/further afield properties. Also an operating quarry on the bank of the Karuah River at Allworth is being operated by the proponent/family/businesses.
- ***Where do people think their dirty water in their dirty water holding dams, overflows, overfills too? Dirty Water, polluting Creeks and river systems.***

- ***Where do you think the noise impacts of these types of aggressively destructive developments travel? They travel as far until it is not detected by a human ear, keeping in mind wildlife/animals hearing is more refined than people's?***

HEALTH IMPACTS FROM MINING/QUARRIES & BUSHLAND/FOREST CLEARING ON PEOPLE, OUR ANIMALS AND PRECIOUS WILDLIFE

- I Object to coal mines, quarries, CSG etc, including the renewables debacle of felling forest areas for wind turbines, solar panels, power line, or building dams and flooding out remaining bushland/forests for hydro etc., including other mining ventures and bushland/forest clearing for cattle, housing etc. All these developments YES destroy the natural environment, kill wildlife species, corral wildlife that survive, into smaller and smaller fragmented bushland/forest areas and pollute and/or dig up headwaters of creek to river systems and also wipe out aquatic wildlife species (all going completely undocumented). The proposed quarry must not be given approval, this property is a watershed property made up of hundreds of creek arms including Brewers Creek and Double Creek that flow to the Karuah River and these creek systems form part of the Sanctuary Zone, for the Karuah River, Port Stephens Marine Park.
- I object to these developments, impacting people and causing catastrophic health issues, including mental health issues, stress, strokes/heart attacks, stress causing vomiting, lack of appetite and unable to sleep. These ruthless developments also affect our animals health and their welfare, including impacts to our precious wildlife.

REAL TIME REPORTING OF THE IMPACTS WE SUFFER ON OUR PROPERTY – WALLABURRA, WALLABURRA WILDLIFE RESERVE AND WALLABURRA ECO-TOURISM ACCOMMODATION

- I object to these types of quarry/mining, bushland/forest clearing developments, impacting Wildlife Reserves, Tourism and Eco-Tourism businesses (just like us on our property). Our Wallaburra Wildlife Reserve & Eco-Tourism business, people appreciate the quiet natural environment we live and do not want to see this area being destroyed by the minority of people, who purchased properties, in this unique valley area, to exploit and destroy, with no consideration, or human decency, towards their existing neighbours, or anyone who opposes their destructiveness on the natural environment, their incompatible land use, not in keeping with private homes and people around them, who live in this area and appreciate what is here.
- These destructive property owners, are then supported by people in various Government Departments and Ministerial positions to destroy these areas of landscape and yet NEVER acknowledge the real-time impacts on people, they are actually having. The real-time impacts on our health, our enjoyment on our property, inside our home. Once these types of developments are approved, you can never get back what these developments destroy. Once people's health is affected, people cannot suddenly repair their hearing from the noise of a crusher inside their home, or the noise of chainsaws and excavators cutting the bushland/forest down producing all

this unnatural and painful noise, heard inside people's home. People can't repair their sinuses, lungs from the impacts of breathing in rock and dust particles and blasting fumes, and so nose bleeds, respiratory issues, eye irritations, sinus issues and dust on lungs is happening to people in Limeburners Creek, Karuah and other areas. We are dismissed in silence by people in various Government Departments including people in various Ministerial Positions.

REAL-TIME HEALTH ISSUES, WE HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH ENVIRONMENTAL, NON-SMOKING EMPHYSEMA IN 2018 and 2019 and DESTROYED HEARING FROM 2020 TODATE.

- We have both been diagnosed with emphysema (environmental non-smoking emphysema in 2018 and 2019), where our lungs are pitted with white marks on the x-rays. For my husband and I, our hearing has also been permanently destroyed by chainsaw and tractor noise, inside our house. One chainsaw was 74 decibels inside our house, still causing pain to our ears and brain, heard with industrial ear muffs on as our eardrums pulsed and vibrated add to that another 3 or 4 or more chainsaws and 3-4 or more excavators, we have been left permanently injured as a result of people's negligence towards us, with the noise they produce. The constant noise before 7am and still operating through to 1am following morning were never caught and prosecuted. It's the constant screeching in our ears, or the deep low register of the tractor noise, sometimes 3 or 4 tractors and 4 chainsaws or more going all at the one time. The constant noise 24/7 in our ears/brain while we try to sleep, or wake us up, or stop us going to sleep. The damage to our hearing, was done in less than 7 days of this constant and relentless attack causing noise and noise vibrations. These are examples of how people are treated by various people, in various departments "the cone of silence".

DIESEL FUMES/CHEMICAL FUMES – IMPACTS TO HEALTH OF PEOPLE/ANIMALS

- Add to the noise impacts, impacts from fumes/chemicals: Diesel fumes that would force us to keep windows/doors closed. I went out to take photos of bushland/forest being destroyed, and did not stop to think, no air for me to breathe. It was all diesel fumes, it knocked me on my knees as I was standing on our side of our mountain, the involuntary coughing and I was crawling up the hill on my hands and knees, coughing, with my nose and mouth in my t-shirt and nearly passing out from lack of oxygen, I could hear my eye lids fluttering I had white spots in my eyes. I reported this to various Government Departments, only one person responded telling me to stay away from going in that area etc. These are examples of how people are treated.
- The noise of chainsaws and tractors, the fumes of tractors, would push us off our property, yet the damage to our hearing had already happened from 2020, todate as I write this in July 2025, our ears never stop the high pitch screech of the chainsaws or the low groaning noise of the excavators. Some bushland clearance approved, some not approved by Local Land Services at the time until after the fact. The investigation for illegal bushland clearing was shut down, the person investigating was either fired or silenced and my 3 USB sticks have been stolen from DPIE Newcastle, as they were

to be returned intact with the film and photos I had put on the 3 USB sticks to download a copy for their office and then send back to me or we would come and pick them up from their Newcastle office. These are examples of how the general public is treated.

- I object to the real-time impacts to people, and us being dismissed. Yet the people responsible for approving these developments, and owner/operator of these developments, do not care one bit, the impacts their development is having on other people or the people that approve these noisy/dirty/businesses, attacking the natural environment and people and animals living in this environment being destroyed. By the time the person responsible for all these people operating on their property (attacking us through noise, vibrations hitting our house, we could not have anyone to come and stay coming up to 6 years now), we do not want people to have their hearing affected as we have. The day he came to visit was 6 months of us suffering, because Local Land Services told him to avoid us. On this day, only one chainsaw was operating, so very loud, could not hear anything else, he stated to us both, "it is very loud, I did not realise how loud it is, we can't hear it from our house". While at least he now knows, the actual noise record has not been put straight within Council or surrounding neighbouring properties. We are left with permanently impacted hearing, to which he replied "its not personal". Destroying people's hearing is extremely personal! I am extremely worried for people's hearing and ours around approved NEW quarries, or if the proposed quarry is also to be approved. Stop approving these types of developments, when it is obvious that the neighbouring property people WILL BE AFFECTED and HEALTH ISSUES WILL FOLLOW.
- **I object to real-time victims not being supported by people in various Government Departments and Ministers.** Impacted by wrongfully approved biased developments, causing all these health issues/impacts. We are the real-time people reporting the impacts we suffer. Our reports are redacted or not uploaded to the DPIE, IPCN or Council website. We are silenced. Our complaints written, are tampered with. Our computers, phones are hacked into. Our documents, videos, photos, emails are stolen. We are mocked and set tasks by people in various Government Department, to collect photos and films and when we do and produce these photos and films, we are quickly and falsely advised that we have no proof of dust clouds, or black smoke clouds etc. Yet I have submitted these to various Government Departments and it is met with silence, yet my computers hard drives are continually burnt out. This has been happening since I and others I know are targeted due to the stance we take to object to this ugliness in various Government Departments and the Planning Department/systems that keep "changing the goal posts". The real-time victims are harassed, laughed at, rebuked for reporting truth of impacts and intimidated by rude, cruel people who rebut our truthful reporting of what is actually happening. These people then turn the truth of what is actually happening, back onto the person reporting what these people/companies are actually doing, as "imagining things, it could not happen like you say Amanda, you are too far away from those quarries, or the noise is not that bad" etc. and in the case of the owner/operator and proposed quarry Proponent, his rebuttal he gave me, was met with opposition and overheard by people standing around us, at the "drop in meeting" on the premises of Hillview

property. There were other property owners who also advised him, that their properties shook when Ironstone Mountain was being blasted with seismographic explosions to test the depth of Magnetite. Yes, we are joined by Earth's rock shelves and 2km away from Ironstone Mountain. Our house and other people's houses, from Limeburners Creek, Allworth and Booral, shook from the ground up with every depth charger set off. I find it alarming and stunned disbelief, that the people quick to rebuke me and others of our reported impacts, are not inside our home or on our property, to make such outrageous false claims, either work for quarries/coal mines/trucking companies or owner/operator of mines/quarries/trucking companies, or various employees of Government Departments causing the issues that people have, do not acknowledge and address each issue as it arises from their biased approvals.

- I believe the above as examples above, are to silence the victims, a false narrative is adopted, written and spoken 'that all is well, there is little to no impact', even though they are blasting apart and clear-felling the natural environment. This false narrative is written/adopted from Council to various Government Departments and Ministers. It leaves the real-time people, who are victims of these developments alone! These people hope we suffer in silence and just go away and be quiet, as in their 'minds' we cease to exist. **Calling people receptors is offensive. Falsely writing in mining/quarry/land clearing documentation, impacts to the environment and people/our animals and our precious wildlife are:- (using buzzwords "minimal, insignificant, unlikely, negligible" etc.) are outrageous and offensive.**
- **I object to properties such as Hillview and Deep Creek and other property owners removing bushland forest/trees and causing harm and injuries to people/wildlife and death to wildlife.** We must stop the wilful destruction of the last remaining bushland/forests for wildlife species. As all wildlife species trying to survive and live, are being corralled into the remaining bushland/forest areas on this property of Hillview, which includes Koalas. Male Koalas are equally as important, yet are always written up in mining/quarry documentation as being less significant and they find (one, or they are males). While the female Koalas never seem to be conveniently documented. The remnant old growth naturally occurring bushland/forest trees and rainforest areas, which still remain on this property, that have not been felled down already, must remain protected. From around 2013 onwards, this property was set fire to regularly, particularly starting from approximately (9pm-9.30pm give or take). These fires were seen clearly from our house, the red glow in the sky and smell of smoke from our property 8km's away approximately to the south boundary fenceline of Hillview property and to our North. These fires seemed to break-out mostly at nighttime, just as we were about to go to bed each time. We would be running around the house, to work out where and what direction the fire was in and to check the fire had been reported for action to put out. It became extremely clear to ourselves on our property and other people in this valley, a pattern of burning was being done on this property. As the Secretary of ICAG Inc. I would receive phone calls from property owners who believed the fires were a direct result of clearing the area for a proposed future quarry. The impacts to people living in Washpool Road Booral, affected by these

regular raging fires being lit on the Hillview property, including us and others in Forest Glen Road Limeburners Creek, we were all disturbed. This quarry should be refused and not permitted to operate, along with their proposed concrete batching plant/even a recycling plant should not be approved. No more forest/bushland clearing, tree and shrubs removal, as the property and the remaining wildlife have been impacted enough.

- **Were these fires being used to conduct wildlife surveys and flora surveys?**

The proponent/family/companies, has altered this beautiful property for sometime. Does not live in the valley and from Sydney he advised me. He was another person, quick to rebut my real-time eye witness accounts of various impacts in our valley.

1) The impacts on people, from coal mines and quarries, CSG etc, affecting people, their properties and/or their health, who I know personally including my husband and I, causing nose bleeds, respiratory issues, was dispelled as being hard to believe.

2) When our house shook from the ground up all day, while the proposed Magnetite company was testing the depth of the seams of Magnetite on Ironstone Mountain through to just around 5.20pm, this also was dispelled by the Proponent of the proposed Hillview Quarry.

3) Our property is in line with Ironstone Mountain and we are 2km away. We are 1.5km to our letterbox from The Bucketts Way and our house is another 80 metres down, heading east from our letterbox. On their documentation, they stated they will be 1.5km from (say the open cut pit/working area). We are 1.5 km from The Bucketts Way. Deep Creek Quarry also said in documentation that they were approx.. 1.5km from The Bucketts Way.

4) Not only did the conversation at the debacle “drop-in meeting” at Maytoms Lane Booral, no surprise, an orchestrated objective, to segregate the community members who attended from each other, and not answer many or at all questions, while others hit us with their sarcasm, and a typical pattern of having people who have just finished their Uni degree employed.

5) These are patterns, with all the mining companies/quarries “drop-in meetings”, I have attended, there are those present who treat the public with contempt from the first question or comment.

5) I was left most disturbed at the dismissal and lack of respect shown to a complete stranger reporting the impacts that I and others suffer from other quarries and/or coal mines in the valley from the Proponent and staff members. He made the amazing statement to the effect that the noise and dust test they conducted and vibrational noise tests showed that it all did not leave the ‘Hillview’ property. I have still not had this person take up my offer to meet us on our property and see Hunter Quarries standing on our driveway to our East that lodged parallel to us approximately within the 10 years after we bought our property.

6) It seems easy for some people to rebuke real-time victims of coal mines, quarries, CSG etc. and also the impacts of noise/fumes/visual impacts of bushland/forest clearing and the injured and/or dead wildlife these developments produce and they ALL cause harm to the natural environment; wildlife, air, land, forests, creeks/rivers (natural water sources) and the heinous health crimes on people, our animals and including wildlife, continues to go undocumented, unregulated, dismissed.

FLAWED TRUCK MOVEMENTS, BOTH INDIVIDUALLY FOR EACH COMPANY AND CUMULATIVELY

- I object to all the hundreds x hundreds of trucks/vehicles up and down The Bucketts Way from this quarry if approved over their 6 days a week, 11 hours a day. The hundreds and hundreds of trucks up and down The Bucketts Way and local roads to the Highway from the Deep Creek Quarry, now disgustingly approved. The truck movements from the Proponents “decorative rock mine quarry at Hillview property Maytoms Lane Booral”, details remain unknown to me, truck movements, hours of operation etc. The quarry they own at Allworth, how many trucks? What are the hours of operation? These companies individually and cumulatively have not been taken into consideration and all the other proposed or operating quarries using local roads and along The Pacific Highway, are also not looked at cumulatively. Therefore any Government Departments that have been party to authorising these quarries, or ready to give approval to proposed quarries, are not making any sense at all. Neither does it make sense of the estimated hundreds of trucks per operational day for each and every quarry/development in the valley using The Bucketts Way, already operating or proposed. ***How is anyone going to be able to get out onto the highway is a complete joke, if this was not so heinous in nature and so serious for the consequences of environment and people living in this environment being trashed with each wrongful approval.*** Add all the hundreds and hundreds of truck movements from the biased approved quarry to destroy the mountains and headwaters of Deep Creek a Zoned Protected Creek of the Karuah Port Stephens Marine Park, has been deceitfully rezoned it seems, actually deregistered and the Protection Zone of Deep Creek to Karuah River removed, just like allowing coal mines to have protection Heritage listings on historical buildings, some even in our valley. No one, no company, no development in 2025 or before, should EVER be given approval to operate a quarry on a water-shed area, and to downgrade Deep Creek as no significance to allow such a heinous development as “Deep Creek Quarry”/Ironstone Developments Pty Ltd/Woodbury Civil Pty Ltd, as these were the 3 companies that were contacting the Community about their intentions for the area off The Bucketts Way at Limeburners Creek/Allworth. The Deep Creek area should remain free from these types of developments downstream to Karuah River and the biased approval by IPCN/Deep Creek Quarry should be revoked. On the Hillview property Maytoms Lane Booral, Brewers Creek, Double Creek and other creeks start from this locality on the Hillview property, and is obviously also a water-shed area, that should not be destroyed by any quarry/forest clearing, including cement works/recycling plant.
- I object to the noise, fumes, truck and vehicle movements quarries produce, driving past people’s homes and travelling local roads and highway will be a nightmare if this quarry/concrete works is approved. Like the quarry approved to destroy Deep Creek. The traffic monitoring for both quarries at Deep Creek (now approved) and the proposed quarry at Hillview property Maytoms Lane Booral, is not to be trusted. The times they did their research, were not in heavy traffic times, school holidays or public holidays, they were done during COVID, when we were all told to stay at home. Therefore the traffic travelling along The Buckets Way was collected under bias means.

- I object, to the proposed quarry being given approval to destroy the mountains of forests remaining, headwaters of creeks to Karuah River systems, removal of remnant Eucalypt forests and rainforest and wildlife corralled into an ever-dwindling habitat, still in 2025, is most ridiculous and should therefore not be approved at all ever.
- The proposed quarry at Maytoms Lane Booral, should not be approved at all ever. If this proposed quarry is approved, it is therefore biasedly approved, continuing to show the public, as the proposed quarry to destroy Deep Creek was also biasedly approved by IPCN. People in Limeburners Creek/Allworth and surrounding areas/properties and people/our animals will become sick/sicker, forests felled and wildlife will die, creeks to Karuah River will be pollute and aquatic wildlife will also die. Deep Creek Quarry approval was done by prejudice deceitful means from the IPCN panel, who is anything other than “independent, above board, honest, transparent”. The quick rushed approval, from the IPCN panel hearing, to the approval on Australia Day 26th January 2023, was all too shameful. People expected by IPCN Panel meeting on our property and other people having them to their property, to also entertain the Proponent of Deep Creek Quarry, which I refused, and the staff kept trying to get a YES response from me on the phone while I was at work. This is not a private meeting with the property owner to be smashed and the IPCN that should be gathering information without bias and being neutral (above board, honest, transparent and balanced), is not the curtesy given to the property owner/public that will be smashed by the said proposed development. Also on this phone call, the pathetic conversation of IPCN that I was happy for 5 minutes and he would tell the IPCN panel was met with me rebuking him, as I had booked for 15 minutes. Again this shows biased, orchestrated means to cut down the objectors presentation. On the day, our photos and films were in the order and numbered and I wanted them to be played through. It was tampered with and the films we had taken at much expense to us, were not shown to the public, when I queried during the hearing, I was advised by the computer staff of IPCN, that we had to request them to be played, I saw this as a direct impact to stop this visual being shown as part of my husbands and my presentation in objection to the proposed quarry at Deep Creek (Deep Creek Quarry). Also some of our documents are listed on the IPCN website, yet are not accessible, while some I can't seem to find at all?
- The public jumps through the Planning Department hoops, only to have this Department and Ministers change the goal posts where the community raised the necessary number of objections against Karuah South Quarry in 2019, and I was waiting for a date for the public meeting, so it could be advertised in the Karuah Community Hall for the PAC hearing, we receive a letter saying that there would be no community meeting, and Karuah South Quarry was back with the Planning Department for determination. This not only shows how corrupt the Planning Department operates, it shows how it is a mockery of Democracy in Australia and shows how deceitful submission periods are. This proposed DA of Karuah South Quarry, must have a PAC/IPCN hearing as the Community raised almost double the required objections at the time. This company has been hidden from the public as to what the outcome actually was, I have no idea as the Secretary of ICAG Inc. or as a property owner, that will be smashed by the dirt/rock particles of the quarry and the dust/particles of the concrete plant, crusher/recycle plant directly to our east 10km or

less away from our house to the open cut pit/crusher area. We can already hear Karuah Quarry (Hunter Quarries blast) and we get all their dirt/rock particles on the east to west breeze, when the rock is still falling into the pit, is being carried by the wind from the ground to hundreds of metres high engulfing our entire property and neighbouring properties on either side of us, hitting the house in Fords Road with every wind gust (no film, no photos, it happened so fast, I was hanging the washing out on a sunny yet swirl wind day). All been reported. No accountability of company.

- **Hunter Quarries blast to our East at 10.5km away approximately from Karuah Quarry.** I at this time period, was not told ahead of a blast (as the company and DPIE staff told me I was too far away and would not be impacted on our property). This is a lie! Yes we are impacted! On this day hanging washing out, I was hit with the full force of the dust clouds coming from the blast at Karuah Quarry
- On another day in 2023, I was outside taking film of the blast, the breeze was blowing west to east, and I fell into a false security that I would not be affected by the blasting clouds of dirt/rock particles, and the 3 plume columns of black smoke. I had all the windows and doors open, my cats were in the cat run outside also.
- **As quarries are self-governing, self-regulating, self-reporting and attack people like me, when I call them to report the impacts of dust and/or noise from their blasting.** I am met with sarcasm from staff who have never been to our place, so therefore don't have any idea about what they are talking about, yet are the "attack dogs" for the rock mine quarry owner/operator they work for. The complaints public register is closed down, they do not take down the complaint, nor are they interested in taking down real-time reporting of the impacts, health impacts suffered by people, from their blasting fumes/gases, by their dirt/rock particles that contaminate inside our home, we have to keep the doors and windows closed unless it is raining, or has just rained before the overburden dumps, cliffs, benches, pits dry out and then find their way to us and other people's properties. Our property sits 82 metres above sea level/valley floor and the mountain range Hunter Quarries multiples of quarry pit areas are destroying is higher than us, as we can't see over the mountain range. Once it is all dry again on Hunter Quarries as they do not dust suppress their cliffs, benches, pits, overburden dumps ever from the side we look at (which yes causes more problems of sediment laden water, running into creeks to the Karuah River below, as the water runoff migrates further away from Hunter Quarries properties. The loose dirt/rock particles find their way across to us some 10km or more away. While hanging onto my washing pegging it on the line, I was engulfed in dust, I turned around to see the benches fall into the pit and carried to me, I was choking from the dust, it was in my mouth and eyes, trying to close my mouth with grit crunching around my teeth, trying to get the washing off the line (which I left) grabbed my basket with my eyes partially closed and filled with rock and grit, I watched the dirt/rock particles roar across the ground, over our garden, hitting our house, up the driveway and it kept coming. No one at Hunter Quarries was honest in what happened that day at all. No one has acknowledged they stuffed up blasting in a strong wind event, where the wind

was going all direction, nor do they care. Their aim is to get the blasting fumes/rock dirt/particles off their property and away from their staff.

- The amount of Government Departments that I reported the health crime to and was “stone-walled”, who said to me, had I been a visitor on Hunter Quarries property, they could have done something’, however because I was not, because I was standing on the driveway on our property, they can’t help me.
- As I have said, I was getting film of the black funnels (3 funnels of black smoke clouds) and the cloud funnels of dust that all went up into the natural clouds above the quarry, their aim to blast their filth and gas/fumes/chemicals into natural clouds, to hide their blast, is criminal, as the clouds move, hundreds, thousands of kilometres and not only drop gas onto me standing on our driveway, it would also be responsible for dropping acid rain, elsewhere, somewhere.
- **Where do you think all this filth goes, when companies blast?** It goes into the air, that we all breathe. It goes over peoples homes/properties. It goes into people’s lungs if they fall victim as I did, standing on our driveway, on our property, collecting evidence of the impacts Hunter Quarries actually has on us and other people around us, as the people asking me to collect the films and photos, such as EPA and DPIE, refute the evidence under bias means. The public is in a lose/lose situation. The people in various government departments that go to ALL lengths to silence people who object to these disgusting development approvals, and the goal posts that keep changing, like that makes any sense in democratic Australia we all live in. Yet Democracy is only skin deep, and the bullies and thugs of society, that will do anything to see developments approved, even when they should not be, like Deep Creek Quarry, no more bushland/wildlife deaths, no more headwaters of creek to river systems destroyed. No more under the table bias approvals, as I am a witness to directly, again they got away with an environmental and people, health crime. Yes you are being held accountable to how you treat people being affected from your biased dishonest approvals. I am extremely worried, that it will only be a matter of time, that this happens to other people if Hillview Quarry at Maytoms Lane Booral is approved.
- If this quarry is approved, it will slaughter wildlife species, destroy creeks to rivers and make people/animals sick from noise, dust/rock particles breathed into their sinus and lungs, causing nose bleeds, respiratory issues, eye irritations, sinus issues, and non-smoking environmental Emphysema, as is the case for people such as my husband and I, diagnosed as stated above in 2018 and 2019, while other people (adults and children) who live in Limeburners Creek and Karuah area are all affected, though may not realise this fact. Some in Karuah and others in Limeburners Creek have health issues as we do from quarry rock dust etc., both these areas, are affected by the same quarries operating independently of each other and just over 10.5km away from our home directly to our East is Hunter Quarries, that was not there parallel to us, when we bought our property 23 years ago. Yet the people in various Government Departments who finally came to our property in 2023, have given me/my husband “lip service”. What they say, and say they will do and yet don’t do what they say,

continues to stun me how schooled these people are. I am still waiting for the Planning Department (James, Clay and Jessie and EPA Newcastle Simon and his staff, collectively to bring Mr Grugeon/Hunter Quarries to come and meet my husband and I on our property, at both these Departments employees suggestions, who came out in the same week a few days apart. To both parties, we agreed to them to bring HG as long as he brings the workers that rebuke me on the telephone when I phone about dust impacts, noise of blasting, vibration noise and being gassed standing on our driveway where I nearly died from blasting/chemical fumes a few years back now. I should not know the symptoms of being gassed, and yet I do, because it happened to me, and I nearly died and the blasting fumes also affected my cats in their cat run, where one in particular, his nose bled as mine did for days, I was so sick, that I thought wrongly that he had scratched himself, eventually 3 days later and his and my nose was still bleeding, I realised he had not scratched his nose and he had taken more of the blast as I was standing in front of him diagonally. The day of being gassed, I was saying my prayer to God that day, I could hear my eye lids clicking, I was seeing white spots in my eyes, my eye-lids were flicking and I was stumbling around on my feet and coughing involuntary and never coughed so hard in my life, I was choking to death. The camera phone had involuntary dropped out of my hand and hit the ground with force, it stopped filming. The EPA asked me later, if I had kept filming. I have enough film evidence before I was gassed, I clearly say on the film the smell in the air, the pong in the air, the real pong in the air and then the film comes to an abrupt stop. No one was punished for this health crime committed on me by blasting fumes from Hunter Quarries. No one has been held responsible, no one has apologised. The DPIE and EPA staff with Hilton Grugeon and his staff have NOT come to meet us on our property. I was asked by Clay of DPIE "what do you want"?, I was stunned, and repeated... a few times "what do you want", "what do you want", then said "what do I want, what do we want". I felt like a bat had been hit on my head, this came such left field. My reply we want many things to be done, to make it safe for us to live here. I also stated that we would send our list in an email. Which we did. We never heard from Clay or anyone from DPIE on this issue. They would not respond to any emails, asking where this was up too and when were they coming back and bringing HG and his staff to our property to meet us. Hunter Quarries staff have refused to meet us on our property, when I have spoken to various Management staff (how convenient).

- **COMPUTER HACKERS, BEING PAID BY TAX PAYERS MONEY**

The computer continued to get hacked again, the emails were taken by the Government and mining/quarry paid hackers. Who are being paid on tax payers money, working for various Government Departments. ***How much money of Tax Payers is given to computer hackers each year in NSW to hack into people's computers? This is a real-time attack on objectors:*** steal our photos, films, emails, documents, showcasing the biased, ruthless, disgraceful planning approval system in Australia. Once people in the general public realise that there are many faceless, nameless, spinless people working in various government departments and ministerial positions, to run over the general, public and push through as quickly as possible inappropriate developments that destroy the environment, destroy communities for the select few, at the expense of the majority of people who object to these

developments both individually and collectively as groups working to have the remaining bushland/forests preserved for remaining wildlife species, people would be more aware of the downward fall Australia is actually in and that Government Departments are being controlled by example: the mining/quarry/extractive/logging industries, amongst others like medical, pharmaceuticals etc.

- The very people who authorise these mining/quarry/land clearance developments, will never be impacted by the people/companies they approve. They will never suffer the loss of watching their property, home, health, Wildlife/Eco Tourism business, community/area being destroyed by these developments that are approved by people who will NOT acknowledge that their approvals are hurting people/wildlife and animals. Wildlife deaths go undocumented. Likewise, injuries/death of people also go undocumented. Coal mines in our valley and the stress they caused were responsible for making people very unwell, people I know attribute their heart attacks to the stress the coal mines were putting them under. While other people I know got sicker, and the coal dust inside their homes and tank water. Again no one in various Government Departments causing this to happen to people acknowledged these people existed. Yet they continued to approve both Duralie and Stratford Coal to keep getting bigger. DPIE/EPA/PAC did not uphold the Conditions of Consent. They infact helped them to remove the Conditions of Consent. DPIE determined to have the “no river Condition of Consent removed against Duralie Coal, allowing them to discharge 24/7 into Mammy Johnsons River, and also in revoking ALL their Conditions of Consent by end of December 2010. This clearly shows that any Conditions of Consent are “lip service”, and in time the various Government departments will assist the mining/quarry company to change the wording of the Conditions of Consent as PAC did for Duralie Coal, or seek to have all the Conditions of Consent removed as per DPIE’s intentions in December 2010. However, ICAG Inc. and JCCC with all the people who helped in the Land & Environment Court case, were successful in stopping the removal of this “No River Discharge Condition of Consent. However, Judge BP, gave them all the creeks to discharge from, oh they should have had trigger levels (political licence to pollute). Yet did not have known trigger levels at ICAG Inc.’s request, and they used diesel pumps to discharge their waste water into what was once crystal-clear creek arm of the Unnamed Creek, which then ran orange and yellow iron oxide pumpkin sludge, or grey or black oily water was discharged into the Unnamed Creek and then flowing directly into Mammy Johnsons River, down-stream to Karuah River, Port Stephens Marine Park. Many reports went into DPIE and EPA and no Department stopped or held accountable the “illegal discharge events” that happened, was reported to Great Lakes Council and they could clearly see as we could that an illegal discharge event had occurred. Yet they stopped short saying that “the EPA was the governing authority over water pollution”, the Council’s water samples of the black oil filled thick goo in the Unnamed Creek (2-3kms approx. to Mammy Johnsons River, the full length of The Unnamed Creek from the boundary fence of Duralie Coal’s property fence line where the pipes from Duralie Coal were in the creek, as they had hit an aquifer sitting on the powder puff coal seam, and rather than suck the water out and take it to be processed elsewhere, they released it into the environment of the Unnamed Creek arm through a private property next to Duralie property. Our photos went to all the Departments including Council and EPA and DPIE and OEH and the Council’s samples were

conveniently destroyed, and no charges were laid against Duralie Coal. The DPIE, EPA and Local Council failed the obvious “breach of Conditions of Consent by illegal discharge event”, which the Council agreed that this had happened. Yet no one prosecuted Duralie Coal, and so it continued to operate to date 2025 in some capacity. When the public proves that the company has breached their Conditions of Consent. The Government Departments there to enforce the Conditions of Consent, do not prosecute and/or close down the offending operation and the company gets away with their environmental crime.

- Likewise, when a coal mine or quarry blasts their toxic chemical/gasses into the air, it is air borne and it goes over everyone and everything. When a person is affected, the coal mines around NSW say “it was a bad blast”, which produced the orange clouds... they are harmless etc. Actually, they are not harmless, and there are enough reports via media TV news/papers, DVD’s and a book written of our valley and elsewhere of people, animals being affected and what happens to a person when they have been gassed by blasting fumes, whether it be from a coal mine or a rock mine quarry. No one is held responsible. No one is compensated that has had their health impacted and for me, my nose still drops the inside of my nostrils at any time. I still suffer nose bleeds, and my throat and eyes and lungs, were also affected being burnt by the toxic chemical blast that came across our place from a quarry to our east over 10km’s away. That is also why, not only do I know what will happen to people around the proposed quarry at Maytoms Lane Boral, it will also impact people like us that are further away less than 10km’s away which will on that north to south breeze or any breeze cop the dust and fumes from the quarry if approved. This will only be a matter of when this happens from the wrongfully approved Deep Creek Quarry and if Hillview Rock Quarry is also approved. They will make people in these areas and further-afield sick from the toxic plumes that leave these properties and also health impacts from the noise and vibrations are also not acknowledged from any government departments.

As the staff of various government departments cannot control the dirt/rock particles and blasting fumes, blasting noise, vibrations, equipment noise, blasting noise and ground shudders, impacts to peoples hearing and body/wellbeing of mind and you can’t control any of the downstream impacts, wildlife injuries and deaths, then you have absolutely no right to add another dirty quarry to this valley or anywhere. As I said to the 3 representatives of DPIE at our place all those years ago, fix up/mitigate what needs to happen around each person/property affected by coal mines, quarries, CSG, Magnetite, Gold mines etc. before adding more to the environment and impacting people/wildlife/water, our animals living in that environment.

- The proposed quarry at Maytoms Lane Boral is the wrong place for a quarry/cement works and no more forest clearing should happen at all ever, infact the tree clearance that has been happening rapidly from around 2013 with the new ownership/current, had done so much damage to the properties they own in the area. As they purchase properties along The Bucketts Way for example, the trees are knocked over quickly, the trees along Maytoms Lane, the trees on Hillview property, the rainforest on Hillview property being knocked down over this time, the infrastructure of the proposed hall road, has been started and progressed for sometime and still happening,

yet they are NOT approved! The shameful bushland/tree clearing and burning of this property is also shameful, in my opinion Amanda Albury said.

- No such quarry works should be put over obvious water-shed areas of many creek systems, including Double Creek and Brewers Creek that are protected creek systems as Deep Creek (was) before those responsible have declassified Deep Creek, and with a shameful approval and shamefully have removed Deep Creek from being a Zoned Protected Creek of the Karuah River, Port Stephens Marine Park, truly beggars belief!
- The false belief that this proposed quarry at Maytoms Lane Booral, will do no harm to Brewers Creek and Double Creek, or to surrounding neighbours/properties, or properties, people, animals further away, would be laughable if the consequences of another biased approval like Deep Creek Quarry, would be more than serious for so many reasons. As the mapping clearly shows how the mountains of forests have naturally occurring creek systems, that must be protected and NOT turned into rubble pits and destroyed creek to river systems, the area has been heavily cleared, and the forest repetitively burnt from around 2013, when the new owners took possession of the property it seems to me and others, fires starting at nighttime, when we were getting ready to go to bed, around 9pm, 9.30pm, the red glow in the sky seen clearly from our house as we looked north and the smell of smoke, the bushland forest clearing, and rainforest clearing has been happening for some time, that I and others believe like so many other properties seeking to be approved, start all their clearing infrastructure years or over a decade before the public is involved in the bias submission period. The clearing happens in so many areas around NSW and elsewhere around Australia I can draw conclusion, way ahead of any approval, doing their wildlife survey and burning them out and clearing the forest, way ahead of various government department visits associated with such a proposed development. This is not something to be proud about! This company like others should not be rewarded with any form of approval. Considering the family from Sydney has many companies, has 2 rock mine quarries already. One on the Hillview property, where they dig out various size rocks “decorative rocks”, their noise can be heard from people on their own properties around Hillview property, they are already affected. Likewise, the quarry at Allworth, also affects neighbouring properties and should be closed down as no quarry in 2025 should remain operational and so close near/on the river-flats of the Karuah River.

For the public record:

- My objection letter via Portal for the above proposed rock mine quarry, would not work.
- The Portal would not accept my email address. I tried to change my pass word thinking I had made an error.
- I tried to put my other email address and log in from the start/as new. It kept coming up invalid, invalid email address (actually its my email address), invalid password (actually I was trying to create a new log in on the stupid planning portal or many, many issues, making it also too complex for people to use. On the rare occasions in

the past I used the portal, it would delete my document in me typing a word, this did not only happen to me, it happens to other people. It happens during the ridiculous timeframe of submission periods for people to lodge their objections. The planning portal continues to be a biased fail, and it makes it harder for people, not easier to lodge our objection letters to a particular development. The planning portal also discriminates against people who:

- 1) do not have a computer,
- 2) have very slow to no speed or internet connection
- 3) use credit system for their internet and having to keep open the connection to lodge an objection letter by internet to planning portal, it has in the past used up my credit, and looking at the thousands of pages these developments for coal mines, rock mine quarries, CSG etc have or uploading them if that works, people's credit is used up looking at these massively sized documents, that there is no way at all, that people can read all the documentation, then write about; all the wrong, false, misleading, words, sentences, paragraphs on the thousands of pages in the 28 days and the extra 15 days given to the public for this Development Application, while very much appreciated, is still not enough time, against a company that has been organising their documentation from 2017 onwards for this proposed quarry at Maytoms Lane Booral.

It has ONLY come to my attention for this submission period in July 2025 that we could only lodge our objections via the failed planning portal. It stuns me really, that various government departments and ministers, expect people with little to no computer internet speed, to stand at the RMS and use their computer. I did this one time for one submission as a lived experience to this stupidity. The RMS staff were equally dismayed as I had to keep stopping what I was doing for the customers to use the limited computers they had. Then they had to help me save my work, log me out, then log me back in. While I appreciated the staffs help, we both agreed how inappropriate this suggestion from the Sydney DPIE really is. I refuse to do this again.

I was horrified to read that "submissions could only be put to DPIE (changed name) and I tried to call the person who was the public contact for his help. Not available. Tried the next day, not available, I left more messages. Tried again following day, left messages. This is a regular occurrence for each submission period. Back when faxes were sent/received, the fax line would stop working. The email address would bounce back. The person for the public contact, was away, on holidays, RDO, sick leave, all the while the 28 day time clock was ticking to the end of the submission period. I am calling bias, as I see it. Bias and discrimination towards the very community where you all know we have little to no computer/internet in the area of Limeburners Creek and surrounding areas, are expected to be ONLY able to lodge our objections via the planning portal is beyond wrong. As the days of phone calls went by, I was advised that people could phone or email the information department of the Planning Department and be sent a 3 page document "Assisted submission form" and an email address to send our objections back too. However this was not listed on the front window of information for the public to know this option was available to us. Before I knew this, I had sent through a few different emails as my objection letter to James McDonough requesting he pass on my letter to the person responsible for this project. The person down as the general public contact, was not answering his phone, as I said, I had phoned and left many messages over days and the timeframe to Friday 4th July was running out. In desperation, I

sent the email objection to James, as it is his name over all the documentation, so he is relevant to this proposed rock mine quarry project.

I will send these email letters (after Friday 18th July), that I have already sent to DPIE as my initial objection and as a community record, for many reasons as part of my objection. It was a few days later that I was not notified by DPIE, I was notified by a Community Member, advising that there had been an extension for 15 days and that the submission period would then finish this Friday 18th July 2025. As I said in my email back to DPIE staff, the time extension is appreciated. However the entire process is bias and discriminates, to the general public.

The buzz-wording of “state significant” is a vile attack on Democracy in Australia. Likewise the cumulative proposed renewables attack is the next mining boom in this valley and elsewhere and should be looked at together with coal mines, quarries The proposed wind turbines, solar panels, battery storage areas, hydro should NEVER happen. Dirty water holding dams being used across a landscape should be stopped from being approved immediately and made to clean up their disgusting sediment laden water of dreadful colours. Battery storage areas and substations, power lines. Each battery needing an air conditioner running 24/7 to keep batteries cool, is being touted as a great thing for Seaham/Brandy Hill area, and many other areas will also fall victim including our valley if these developments are pushed through. These are not green and helpful to the environment, when they produce fumes, noise pollution, visual pollution and cutting down forests for the “renewable industry”.

These massive projects are being underhandedly pushed onto the environment we all live in and our precious wildlife species is being slaughtered accordingly. All while being fully supported by people in various positions and government departments that use the “play on words” to give approval to NEW areas being destroyed, and give these companies approval under “modifications or extensions”.

Once a company such as a coal mine or quarry are destroying the landscape, they very rarely stop, as they are given extensions and modifications, and continually approved. For example all the quarries operating around us, are being given further bushland/forests to destroy. Both coal mines in our valley spoke untruthfully, to the people of the towns/villages along the Towns/Villages and areas of The Bucketts Way, writing and verbalising to the people at the time, that both coal mines would be “boutique coal mines”. The people as the controllers of Gloucester Coal/Duralie and various government departments including planning department now DPIE etc. and Stratford Coal lied to the general public and property owners that in effect (they would not be seen/heard and you can trust us, as we will be closed down in 8 years without any impact, because we are boutique mines). Lies all lies! This is another example of how the DPIE and various other government departments operating in Australia, go to work each day to lie to the general public, as they work well for their paid masters, in my opinion, Amanda Albury said.

OUR VALLEY WILL ALSO BE DESTROYED FOR THIS INFRASTRUCTURE:

How dare the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, the Ministers, various other government departments, give a STATEMENT OF REASONS DECLARATION OF STATE SIGNIFICANT INFRASTRUCTURE AND CRITICAL STATE SIGNIFICANT INFRASTRUCTURE

Stratford Pumped Hydro and Solar Application No SSI-73368213 Description Development of a 300 MW / 3600 MWh pumped hydro energy storage and generation project, 330 MW solar farm (its not a farm!), grid connection and ancillary infrastructure, as making any sense at all, and that their desire of Yancoal to busy themselves with “renewable” garbage, would remove their mitigation of both the Stratford and Duralie coal mines sites, a reality in the present. Again this shows how companies can manipulate their Conditions of Consent and their operational duties once they are “finished production”. They should not be able to put a different form of impact on the landscape. They should return it to farming land. Therefore the Minister and Departments should refuse this entire application, as not operating in their obligation to return the land after coal mining to “their imagined mitigation works”, and this did not include destroying further natural landscape to put this commercial venture, parading as “green energy/renewable energy”, in the Gloucester to 12 Mile Creek and all the Towns, villages, areas up and down The Bucketts Way, or anywhere else. The Buzz-wording of this “green/renewable energy”, is neither honest, transparent, above board, balanced, or helpful to the majority who will be impacted in some capacity.

If a new industry destroys the natural environment as this proposed projects would, regardless of solar panels, wind turbines, power lines etc. they ALL clear bushland and like all areas having this happen around us here on our property at Limeburners Creek, Wallaburra Wildlife Reserve, we are losing our major old growth trees of the giant variety from bushland/forest clearing from LLS, to Hunter Water solar production, in Italia Road Balickera, is both ugly to look at as we drive by, and remembering that most amazing Iron Bark Tree with so many significant hollows has been felled, is both disgusting and shows how low some people will go, to remove giant trees, rather than change the pathetic area of solar panels on Hunter Waters property. That beautiful giant Eucalyptus tree (yes I have photos), was removed through stupid ideas “producing green energy” and stupid approvals. The people should be exposed of these environmental crimes and these people should hang their heads in shame!

For the public record: North, south, east and west, proposed to locate 12 km south of Gloucester within the Mid Coast local government area. How disgustingly convenient, and how dare you, that the Minister made the order The Hon. Minister Scully, Minister for Planning and Public Spaces Date of declaration 19 June 2024 Decision On 19 June 2024, the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces declared the Stratford Pumped Hydro and Solar as State Significant Infrastructure (SSI) and Critical State Significant Infrastructure (CSSI) in accordance with s 5.12 (4) and 5.13 of the EP&A Act. To view the order visit:

<https://legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/pdf/asmade/sl-2024-241> Key reasons The Stratford. This following is disgusting and again shows the bias towards the environment/wildlife, natural waterways in our valley, people promised that Stratford and Duralie Coal could put back the landscape after 8 years, clearly shows that what companies are approved under, they can change these rules as AGL Gas also did, where they appealed to remove the plastic lined dirty water holding dams, a death trap to wildlife who slip down to their panicked death, as has happened in Queensland Gas areas, and who would know what wildlife have drowned in AGI's dirty water holding dam is anyone's guess in this valley of Stratford/Gloucester?

As the debacle underhanded pre approval from the Minister at the time, regarding the Pumped Hydro and Solar has been declared SSI and CSSI because the Minister for Planning

and Public Spaces considered that the Project is essential to NSW for economic, social and environmental reasons as it would:

- Provide reliable and up to 300 MW of dispatchable energy when solar or wind are unavailable and contributes to NSW Government's aim to establish a pipeline of up to 3GW of pumped hydro projects including using an industrialised site is most disgusting! site with the ability to leverage and repurpose existing infrastructure, water stored in mine voids and previously disturbed areas, offering a lower impact alternative to a greenfield project.
- Assist NSW (and Australia) in meeting its target of net zero emissions by 2050.
- Inject capital expenditure into the region of around \$1.25 billion and the create hundreds of construction jobs and ongoing jobs in regional NSW.
- Contribute to the substantial economic and social benefits for NSW that will be delivered by the NSW Government's Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap. The considerations taken into account when making the Declaration are consistent with the principles outlined in the 'Declaration of SSI and CSSI- State Significant Infrastructure Guide' March 2021 published on

STRATFORD RENEWABLE ENERGY HUB Fact Sheet April 2023 OUR PATH TO TRANSITION
Yancoal Australia is currently investigating diversification opportunities to create a sustainable long-term business. The Stratford Mining Complex is an ideal location to establish a renewable energy hub after mining has ended, which could generate investment and other benefits to the Gloucester Valley. The SREH would be developed on and adjacent to the Stratford Mining Complex, where coal mining will end in 2024. **They will be seeking to build a dam/ or dams, so that the water is pumped through pipes to generate electricity. Does this mean more landscape/forest and wildlife are to perish for this development?**

WHAT IS YANCOAL'S PLAN FOR ENGAGEMENT? Yancoal has been engaging with a range of stakeholders on SREH and welcomes the feedback received to date. Yancoal will continue to consult with the community, Council, Government agencies and other key stakeholders as the Project progresses. If developed within the anticipated timeframe, SREH could play a key role in supplying electricity to offset future energy shortages identified by AEMO and the NSW Government.

The Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) has identified that the closure of coal-fired power stations across the country is likely to lead to considerable electricity shortfalls after 2028. To address this electricity shortfall and supplement the growing but intermittent renewable energy supply, long duration energy storage is needed. Pumped Hydro Energy Storage has been endorsed by Federal and State Governments as one of the most effective and reliable forms of long duration energy storage, because it delivers dispatchable power at times of high demand and low supply. The NSW Government has also set a target of building an additional 2 Giga Watts (GW) of long duration energy storage by 2030. SREH would represent 15% of this target. Solar Farm Facility 330MW If you would like further information on the proposed Project, please do not hesitate to contact us. Email: SREH.feedback@yancoal.com.au Website: www.stratfordcoal.com.au/page/SREH TIMELINE
Mine closure planning 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 2027 etc.

None of these projects are in keeping with the valley that is most beautiful. There are areas from coal and quarry operations that will never be the same, and the impacts are vast to people and wildlife.

My photos and other documentation will be sent in another email in small groups of photos and maps of the proposed Hillview Hard Rock Quarry and the layout of our valley, creeks to Karuah River and that this property is obviously a watershed area, which must be preserved and the quarry not approved. My other emails with photos and maps, will come in after the end of day on Friday 18th July 2025. I also claiming submitters rights please, will allow me to send further concerns I have directly related to their written documentation after the end of submission period on date above.

Refuse Hillview Quarry/cement works completely. Overturn the wrongful approval of Deep Creek area to be destroyed also. Mitigate those quarries, coal mines, CSG, other mining ventures that are obviously affecting people and stop 'pretending' our injuries do not exist.

I apologise for computer issues once again.

Yours sincerely

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