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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: Bobs Farm Sand Mine Project (SSD 6395)

As a property owner of land that is directly behind the proposed sand mine development on Nelson Bay Road I would like to make this submission against the development application by Ammos Resource Management Pty Ltd for the following reasons.

Potential water contamination from dredging the site 15 metre below sea level. We rely on bore water for our farm. No other sand mine is allowed to go within one metre of the ground water. Why should this mine be any different? If water in the area is affected it could result in issues for agriculture in Port Stephens. We also rely on tank water in the area. The silicone dust will float through the air and land on our roofs, which will then run down into our water tanks. Resident's health should be put first before profit.

The traffic that will be created by allowing 180 trucks per day to enter and exit the mine. This is the gateway to Port Stephens and I think it will have a negative impact on tourism which is a huge part of the economy of Port Stephens. It will also create a huge amount of noise in an area that is currently very quiet and peaceful.

Bobs Farm Public school may be forced to close down if parents pull their children from the school due to dangerous conditions meaning that teachers in the area will lose their jobs. There are huge concerns in regards to the trucks exiting by the school and also major concerns about silica dust floating through the air. I would have loved to send my girls to Bobs Farm school. I am now waiting to see what happens with this development first, as I do not want to put them in danger.

Air Pollution. At one of the meetings it was mentioned that Silica is the new asbestos. Please think carefully about the health of the children and residents when making a decision for or against this mine. This could be a very serious issue and destroy people's lives and create huge law suits in years to come.

Devaluation of land due to having a mine directly behind the property and all the possible health, noise and pollution effects it will cause.

A World Heritage Site Port Stephens is about to be listed as a world heritage site. Having 180 trucks at the gateway to the area will not be appealing to tourists, and allowing this mine would damage part of a world heritage site and the habitat of many animals.

Habitat. I learnt that Port Stephens has the largest variety of bird species in Australia. We have a huge amount of bird species at our farm right next to the development site. Why is it ok to destroy this much habitat for the benefit of profit only? The world heritage listing is supposed to be there to help protect not only the estuaries and fish, but also the birds and their habitats as well as the koalas which are now endangered. Please consider the wildlife and how badly it will be affected if this bushland is destroyed.

Koala Land Buy Back. The NSW Government has allocated \$20 million to buying back land to help the koala population. This possible development site is directly adjacent to the Koala EOI priority locations. It would be a huge contradiction to then allow this natural Koala habitat to be destroyed. This koala habitat would be saved by not passing this development.

Sand Dunes. The Sand dune that the development will destroy is directly south of our property. Changing an ecosystem like that can create huge roll on effects in the area which will be unknown until it is too late. Removing the sand dune will remove a huge wind barrier and could affect the area and the ecosystem.

In conclusion I do not see any benefits to this development other than profit. I have recently completed a subject at Charles Sturt University called Ethics and Sustainability. It teaches students how to make ethical decisions in business and that you need to think about all of the stakeholders when making decisions and the people and environment that will be affected. I trust that the board will make an ethical decision, think about the greater community and the also the sustainability of our environment and ecosystem in Port Stephens when making the decision regarding this development.

Kind Regards

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