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NSW Government
Department of Planning

Dear Mr Carl Dumbleton

Subject: Objection to Proposed Monaro Rock Quarry Project - SSD-27223807

I am writing to formally oppose the proposed Monaro Rock Quarry Project - SSD - 27223807. As a resident of the local community where this quarry is proposed, I am deeply concerned about the potential negative impacts this development will have on our environment, health, safety, and overall quality of life. This proposed quarry is causing stress and anxiety on myself and my family, with the thought that our newly purchased property (which backs onto the proposed site for the quarry, and is only 1.5km away from the quarry site) is going to negatively impact the health of ourselves and our three young children. The thought that we have purchased a property which now increases the risk of our young children being exposed to silica, dust and noise is causing an increased amount of worry and stress.

We have concerns that this proposed project is going to bring down the value of our property, result in an increased exposure to a significant amount of trucks (and therefore noise and dust) commencing at 5am each morning (the proposed heavy vehicle route is extremely close to our property border) and impact the underground water table that so many Royalla residences rely on.

I know that you will receive many submissions about the impact to the environment, to protected species of flora and fauna in the area, the significant risks that increased with an increased presence of heavy vehicles on the Monaro Highway and really querying the need for the development in the first place. While I wholeheartedly agree with all of those things, I wanted to share a little more on the impacts that this will have on the community and the lifestyles that we have worked so hard to obtain, which are now at risk of being impacted.

I wanted to keep this submission without emotion and personalisation, however, I do want to share a little about our story and the impact that saying 'yes' to this

development would cause us. We know that we are not alone in how we feel, with the majority of the Royalla community feeling the same anxiety and stress. My wife and I are in our mid 30's and have been together for 15+ years. We have three very small children. We both grew up on acreage in the Snowy Mountains, and ever since we became a couple, knew that we wanted the same lifestyle for ourselves and our children, that we enjoyed growing up. We have worked extremely hard to make this our reality over the last 15 years and were fortunate to purchase acreage at Royalla Reserve last year. We exchanged contracts on the property (after selling our residence in Googong to make this happen) and then found out that the property that we were so excited to have finally purchased, backed onto the property that the proposed Quarry is to be located on. Our reality now consists of stress, uncertainty and a worry that we have now put our children and ourselves at significant risk to our health and wellbeing due to the quarry operations. What should be an extremely exciting times in our lives and the future that we set out for ourselves is now overshadowed by the thought that we could be living next door to mining operations, be woken 6 days a week to heavy vehicle movements and be consistently covered in a fine layer of dust. Thinking about the health risks that we could have now put our children at, is causing a huge amount of stress. The option to sell our land and move to another location where we would be able to live our desired lifestyle of peace, quiet, fresh air and clean water is not available to us. Nor is our property probably worth or valued at what we have paid for it due to the looming fear of the quarry next door. We understand the need for developments such as this one, but we are really struggling to find the positives to support this when it derails the lifestyle that we have worked so hard to achieve for ourselves and our children. I am unsure how, with residences so close to the proposed project, this is even allowed to be considered. I am really unsure how those who have the approval decision making powers can allow this to go ahead when any positives for the project (I am unsure what they are) would not come close to outweighing the negatives attached to this project and the impact on the local environment and community.

Please don't say yes to this proposal. Please please consider the impact that this will have on our community, our children and our lives, all so two companies can make themselves more money. Please think about how you would feel in our shoes and please think about how detrimental this project will be for our local communities.

The proposed quarry development presents numerous risks and disadvantages that far outweigh any potential benefits. Given the underutilised capacity of existing quarries nearby, it is clear that a new quarry is unnecessary and would only bring additional negative impacts to our community. I strongly urge you to consider the welfare and

well-being of the residents of the Royalla, Burra, Googong and Southern ACT suburbs and to reject the proposal for the quarry development.

Thank you for considering my concerns. I hope that you will take the necessary steps to protect our community and preserve the quality of life we have worked so hard to enjoy.

Yours sincerely,

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