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NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment

Re: Objection to the Proposed Monaro Rock Quarry, Royalla

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a resident of Royalla, and I am writing to strongly object to the proposed Monaro Rock quarry. My family and I chose to live in Royalla because of its clean environment, peaceful rural lifestyle, and strong sense of community. This quarry threatens all of that, and I ask that NSW Planning reject the application on the following grounds.

Personal and Community Impacts

1. Health and Dust Concerns

As residents, we will be directly exposed to silica dust generated by blasting and crushing. Silica is known to cause serious long-term health conditions, including silicosis. Dust does not stay within quarry boundaries — it will travel to nearby homes like mine, coating surfaces, contaminating rainwater tanks, and posing risks to my children, neighbours, and animals.

2. Noise, Blasting and Vibration

Quarry blasting and crushing operations will shatter the peace of our community. Vibrations can cause property damage, including cracks in homes, while also distressing livestock, pets, and horses — animals many residents, including my family, rely on for our way of life. Constant industrial noise will rob Royalla of its quiet rural character.

3. Operating Hours and Amenity Impacts

The proposed quarry intends to operate **six days per week**, with product despatch from **5:00am to 6:00pm**. This schedule means trucks and industrial activity will begin before dawn most mornings, creating unacceptable noise and disturbance for residents of the housing estate that directly borders the proposed site. Early morning truck movements, reversing alarms, and heavy machinery will disrupt sleep, family life, and wellbeing.

4. Traffic and Safety Risks

An estimated 200 fully-laden quarry trucks per day will travel along the Monaro Highway and Old Cooma Road. As a Royalla resident, I already see traffic risks in the area. The increase in heavy trucks will make our local roads more dangerous, particularly for families, cyclists, and school buses. The dust and diesel emissions from these trucks will also harm our air quality and road safety.

5. Water Impacts on Local Residents

Like many in Royalla, I rely on rainwater tanks and groundwater. The quarry proposes to extract groundwater, which risks lowering the water table and drying up existing bores. Stormwater and wastewater from the quarry will run into Tuggeranong Creek and

eventually into Lake Tuggeranong, degrading water quality and creating downstream pollution issues for residents and the broader community.

6. **Biodiversity and Habitat Loss**

The quarry would clear approximately 22 hectares of critically endangered box-gum grassy woodland, along with 78 hectares of vegetation. This land is home to hundreds of plant and animal species. As a resident, I value the biodiversity and natural beauty of this area — it is part of what makes Royalla special. The destruction of this habitat is both permanent and unnecessary.

7. **Amenity and Property Values**

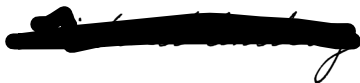
I invested in Royalla because of its unique lifestyle and environment. If the quarry goes ahead, property values will drop, the peaceful amenity of our homes will be destroyed, and residents like myself will be left to live with the constant impacts of dust, noise, heavy traffic, and early morning disruption.

Conclusion

As someone who calls Royalla home, I urge NSW Planning to listen to the residents who will live with the consequences of this quarry every single day. The cumulative impacts — dust, noise, traffic, biodiversity loss, water risks, and reduced amenity — are too great.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the proposed Monaro Rock quarry be **refused**.

Yours faithfully,
Richard Lindsay



Royalla Resident