

To whom it may concern,

I am an owner of a property on Elderslie Road, Branxton. I am writing to you as I have great concerns for myself, the environmental impact and the other local residents of Elderslie and surrounding suburbs if the proposed Bluestone Hard Rock quarry at Elderslie (currently in the application stage) gets approved. If approved, it will have only negative impacts on the residents and environment of Elderslie and surrounding suburbs. This quarry will destroy Elderslie and its surrounding suburbs as we know it. This area is and has been known as prime rural cattle and residential property and an area for people who want to escape the residential suburbs. It also offers pristine views, a quiet lifestyle with minimal traffic and industry noise, safe for young children and motorists abroad and currently has excellent land and property resale value with clean air free from silica and respirable dusts. All this and much more will be lost if the Bluestone Hard Rock quarry goes ahead. This proposed quarry needs to be stopped dead in its tracks before the damage to the environment, roadways and to the local residents of Elderslie and its surrounding suburbs occurs. I purchased this block of land with the dream of raising my children in an environment where they could freely play outside and be confident that they were breathing in fresh country air. If this quarry was to go ahead, I would not risk my family's health by allowing them outside to breathe in the air that would be impacted from the quarry's operations. For your information below I will list just some of the many reasons the proposed quarry needs to be stopped.

Significant health impacts for local residents and those in surrounding areas. These include not only physical impacts, but also mental health impacts.

There may be proposed dust mitigation controls, however there is not really a safe level of this dust for local residents to breathe. This is not a short-term temporary health impact, it will impact residents for the rest of their lives, these same residents who moved to this area for the fresh air and quality of life. This dust will get in through vents in homes and rain down on these local homes. It would be considered negligent to approve this quarry and put the health of local and surrounding residents at risk. Residents' lives need to be priority here over financial gain.

Excess noise from quarry itself machines blasting etc.

Excess dust from quarry operations and transport trucks on transport roads. (Transport trucks are not fully sealed from dust being expelled into the atmosphere and no amount of water suppression will be able to handle the dust in adverse weather conditions onsite at the quarry and transport travel routes all the local residents will suffer from the airborne silica and respirable dusts)

Destruction of native vegetation and water sources.

Destruction of habitat and waterways for native animals.

Excess silica airborne dust not just at quarry location and surrounding locations but all areas of transport truck travel routes.

Quarry will be an eyesore to look at and ruin the pristine views of the current environment.

Excess noise from the hundreds of road transport trucks daily on the local roadways.

Dangers to motorists and residents due to large amount of transport vehicles on travel route roadways that are not designed and suited to large amounts of traffic.

Residential and work vehicles mixing on Elderslie Road and the dangers for residents exiting their properties with the significant number of work vehicles travelling on this road.

De-value of house and land prices.

Elderslie Bridge is one lane only made in the 1800s and is heritage listed.

Truck travel routes will clash with school bus designated routes.

I would be grateful if you can take into account these factors above in this matter and take genuine consideration in your decision based on the concerns of local residents.

Thanking you for your time in reading these concerns and I would be more than happy to discuss and answer any questions you may have.

Kind regards 13-6-26