

Mr Paul Scully
Minister for Planning and Public Spaces NSW Government
NSW Planning Website

Dear Sir,

**Re: State Significant Development SSD 76210271
Proposed Bluestone Hardrock Quarry Elderslie NSW**

My name is Christopher Clode, living on a rural property at 654 Stanhope Road Stanhope NSW within 5.5 kilometres of the proposed quarry site. From the scoping report on the planning website, it is noted that the quarry is to extract 1,000,000 tonnes of rock per annum equating to an extraction of 7,000 tonnes per day that is to be hauled by 110 heavy vehicle truck and dog combinations daily from the quarry site through Branxton to the Hunter Expressway. It is also noted that the quarry is to operate for 12 hours daily Monday to Friday and 7 hours on Saturday.

I am writing to express my objections to the proposal, namely:

- the introduction of the 110 heavy vehicle truck movements in both directions on Stanhope and Elderslie Roads through Branxton across the single lane Elderslie bridge introduces major traffic hazards to an already widely used country connection road,
- there are no overtaking lanes or safe school bus set down areas along the proposed haulage route, the intersection of Elderslie and Stanhope Roads is the school bus pick up and set down my daughters use to get to and from school. I fear for their and other children's safety,
- we rely on capturing rainwater for our water supply, the proximity of the quarry and the prevailing winds will raise dust levels no matter how much the proponents of the quarry emphasis their intended mitigation strategies, watering roads will not solve the dust problems that will arise,
- the quarry will give rise to dust issues to a greater area than the close by neighbours as identified in the scoping report,
- dust will not only impact our water supply, but will introduce a health issue that has been well documented with the mining industry throughout the Hunter Valley,
- our experience of living close to the proposed site reinforces that the use of site sediment ponds for dust suppression is optimistic considering the current drought conditions that will be continue to be prevalent throughout the projects 30 year life expectancy,
- quarry and the haulage routes will introduce traffic, traffic safety, dust and noise with a detrimental impact on the quality of life for the local rural community.

I urge you to take into account the concerns raised by the local communities and not approve the development of the quarry.

Regards,

Chris Clode
11th February 2026