

I object to the Bluestone Hard Rock Project due to the following.

1. Elderslie road is not coping with the current traffic load and becomes pot holed and needs maintenance frequently. The road was repaired in multiple locations only this week resulting in road closure and traffic control. The proposed additional trucks will destroy the road resulting in tax payers to pay for its constant repair. It's a rural road not a major road. Why should the local council and residents be wearing the cost of the road maintenance for this project.
2. The existing intersections, especially Elderslie Road and Rusty Lane, have blind corners and poor visibility. I have a number of near misses with trucks as I try to turn from Elderslie Road coming from Branxton. When turning right out of Rusty Lane towards Elderslie Bridge the crest of the hill on the Branxton side means you have limited line of sight to see what traffic is approaching. The additional heavy traffic will make these intersections dangerous.
3. The lack of footpaths and verges for the public at the end of Elderslie Road is of a major concern to me. Residents and children use the side of the road to get between Branxton and the homes along Elderslie Road. I have seen an elderly resident in a motorised scooter trying to navigate the road edge and not get hit by cars. The addition of the hundreds of trucks a day will be an accident waiting to happen. As it is now the locals give this gentleman the space he needs as it's his way of getting to town. I am worried about this safety if hundreds more trucks are using Elderslie Road daily. I was told the Cessnock Council has a grant to extend the footpath at one of the information days held by the proponent. Cessnock Council does not have the funds nor a grant to install a footpath. It was a lie by the proponent to try and placate the public.

Kind Regards

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