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Objection to Project: Bluestone Hardrock Quarry Project (SSD-76210271)

Location: Springvale Road, Elderslie (Singleton Shire LGA)

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to log my strong objection to the Bluestone Hardrock Quarry proposal. My family lives right off the haul route on Maybon Close in Branxton, and this project is going to directly destroy the safety, peace, and financial security of our neighbourhood.

A 30-to-50-year approval for a massive quarry tearing up our local roads is completely wrong for this area. I want to highlight the following core issues:

- **Unacceptable Traffic & Infrastructure Risk:** Elderslie Road is completely unsuitable for a massive fleet of 30-tonne trucks. Adding an estimated 66,000 heavy vehicle movements a year onto a narrow, rural-residential corridor is a recipe for disaster. The single-lane Elderslie Bridge is already a historical bottleneck and was never built to survive decades of continuous heavy industrial pounding.
- **Severe Danger to Our Kids:** My biggest concern is the safety of local children. This road has narrow shoulders, very few proper footpaths or separated bike lanes. The proposed truck haulage hours directly clash with school bus schedules and the exact times kids are walking or waiting by the roadside. Having heavy truck-and-dog configurations barreling past every two minutes while kids are trying to get to school is an accident waiting to happen.
- **Constant, Disruptive Noise:** The acoustic impact on our daily lives will be relentless. Trucks starting as early as 6:00 AM, heavy downshifting, and massive engine compression braking on the downhill slopes right past our homes will create a non-stop wall of noise for up to 12 hours a day, six days a week. You cannot introduce that kind of chronic industrial noise to a family neighbourhood and expect people to just live with it.
- **Destroying Property Values & Household Equity:** Families like mine bought into this area for a semi-rural, quiet lifestyle. Introducing a major heavy freight route right past our doors will decimate property values across the Radford Park estate and surrounding streets. Knocking down our hard-earned home equity after we've invested heavily into this community is a massive, unfair blow to local families.
- **The Financial Injustice on Local Taxpayers:** Right now, every household is dealing with a brutal cost-of-living crisis. We are all stretched to the limit. The proponent's small annual road contribution won't cover a fraction of the actual, long-term damage these trucks will do to our roads and bridges. That means the massive repair bills will end up falling on Singleton Council and the State Government. It is completely unfair that local families - the very people whose safety and lifestyle are being ruined by this quarry - will be the ones forced to foot the bill through our rates and taxes to clean up their mess.

The massive profits of a private quarry should never be put ahead of the safety of our kids, the integrity of our roads, and the financial well-being of local ratepayers. The Independent Planning Commission previously threw out the Martins Creek Quarry expansion on these exact road haulage and community grounds, and that project was half the size of this one. This proposal needs to be rejected.

Sincerely,

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