

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment

320 Pitt Street

Sydney NSW 2000

November 18, 2019

Dear Minister,

Re: Hanson Heidelberg Application SSD 9946 for a New Quarry at Sancrox NSW or

See Website <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/9946>

I am the owner of Lot 28/776681 Le Clos Sancrox. My land is located proximate to the proposed new Sancrox quarry. I am aware of the Hanson Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on exhibition until 26th November 2019 and I am quite concerned that the Statement fails to address issues under the categories I have listed below:

Myths are being perpetrated such as there are no other supplies of rock in the area or that Hanson doesn't own other resources. Please look at Hanson's Lot 2 DP814356 at Milligans Road, Bago which contains high quality rhyolite daicite and is only 20 kms from Sancrox.

There are inconvenient truths being avoided such as the omission of an endangered biological community corridor running through the centre of the proposed new pit location. We've just lost huge areas of natural landscape for the koalas in bushfires throughout eastern Australia. There's no point purposely decimating more with an unnecessary quarry.

There are quite serious omissions from the EIS such as the existing houses located on Le Clos Sancrox, the nearest is only one km from the edge of the proposed new quarry. With the proposal to rezone the whole of Le Clos Sancrox as residential now under review by PMHC, the nearest house will be approximately 300 m from the southern edge of the proposed new quarry. Noise, dust and truck haulage will make residing there unbearable.

There are Inconsistencies such as on Page 39 of the EIS which shows the bitumen plant being coal fired. Page 40 of the EIS says the bitumen plant is gas fired.

There are unwanted impacts not addressed such as the likelihood of a higher concentration of dust particles within the air throughout the region for the next 10-30 years. Other areas in NSW have dust impact such as the Hunter Valley and Mudgee regions.

There are considerations not given enough attention. A glaring issue is that if the approving authorities sterilize land identified in the UGMS 2017-2035 adjoining the quarry, PMHC will bear the cost of monitoring and policing of Hanson's mitigation measures for the new quarry. I am sure the local residents paying for the PMHC, ie the whole community, will not wish to bear this cost if Hanson's application is approved.

All development in the growth corridor west of Port Macquarie and toward Wauchope is important both to the local area and to the state. The community need for good quality quarry material must be in balance with the social and economic costs of its extraction. It is important that the approval processes at every level of Government be rigorously applied to ensure right balance.

My land is part of an estate of some 51 Lots of approximately 2 Ha each. All Lot owners have combined to make an application to the Port Macquarie Hasting Council, at their request, to rezone the land from Rural to Residential. The standards we have experienced appropriately being applied at the Local level for approval of our application are rigorous indeed. Our expectation is that an even more rigorous process be applied in consideration of a State Significant Development application for a quarry in an area where there is an existing and rapidly growing residential community and, as well, a sensitive ecological zone.

I have owned this land for nearly thirty years and not been able to develop it. I have also seen the PMHC go through various permutations in these decades from a fully functioning Council to an Administrator and back to a Council. The average Australian desires fair and just evaluation of new projects with an endpoint of healthy lifestyle and environment for both people and our wildlife. Hanson Heidelberg has another quarry in Bago; there is no need for them to pursue application SSD9946 for a new quarry in Sancrox. They can still run their business, but in Bago.

My request is that you as a member of the Ministerial Collegiate within the Government of NSW make enquiries and take initiatives to ensure that the approval processes standards being applied at every level of government are rigorous, fair and balanced, and in particular that you look into the matter of Application SSD 9946 to validate that it meets these criteria.

I look forward to your response to my letter

Yours faithfully

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