

16<sup>th</sup> July 2023

I object to the proposal for the Stone Ridge Quarry Project (SSD-10432) for the following reasons:

- Additional heavy vehicle traffic passing our home which will be travelling to and from the proposed quarry via Pacific Hwy / Italia Road intersection on top of the trucks currently travelling on the road. We already experience high noise levels, some of which include trucks entering Italia Rd from the Pacific Hwy and passing our home from as early as 4am, waking our entire household just to arrive at the current quarry which is closed at this time. With the current level of heavy vehicles travelling past our residence, the addition of the new quarry's estimated truck movements (although somewhat unclear) will only exacerbate these issues.
- Other noise issues include
  - Excessive use of air brakes when approaching the Italia Rd / Pacific Hwy intersection.
  - Trucks travelling at high speeds when passing our driveway approaching the intersection, making the entrance to our home unsafe.
- Access to our driveway – with the current level of traffic, at times we are unable to access our driveway and have had a few near misses of being hit from behind whilst trying to turn into our driveway when entering Italia Rd from the Pacific Hwy. This issue will only be increased and create a significantly higher danger for all family members and visitors. We have one learner driver in the house currently and will soon have another and as such are deeply concerned for the safety of our inexperienced drivers.
- Noise, vibrations and dust are all concerns we have. Not just from the quarry itself, but the trucks travelling past our residence as they create noise and release dust into the air. We have health concerns associated with the excessive dust including the effects on asthma sufferers, which we have in our household and the effects it may have on our water supply and pumping equipment. We are also concerned about property damage from blasting's. The amount of dust that settles on our roofs and in our house will only be increased, which in turn will mean we will need to clean more frequently than we already do.
- Lack of communication is also an issue. We recently had surveyors entering our property on numerous occasions without permission, driving a star picket and marker post into the ground in our top paddock, which still remain, marking our ground numerous times with paint and even cutting a few trees. We can only assume this would have something to do with the proposed "slip lane", however can't say for certain as no-one has made contact with us. We would have expected that if anyone was requiring access to any part of our property, they would have approached us prior to doing so, introduced themselves advising where they were from, what they required and produced identification, with contact details in the event that we had any questions or issues. No permission has been granted for anyone to enter and exit our property day and night as they please. Whether these surveyors were engaged directly by ARDG or a combination of businesses remains unclear, however we should be kept in loop. Seems we were not considered relevant enough for anyone to make contact, which then poses many other questions in relation to this proposal.

- Hours of operation for quarrying & processing being 7am- 6pm Mon – Fri & 7am – 3pm Sat, with truck loading, product transport & maintenance being 6am – 10pm Mon – Fri & 7am – 3pm Sat. Who polices what time trucks can enter Italia Rd in the morning? What time will the last truck exit the quarry? These are questions that we have previously asked at a community meeting held by ARDG only to be told that there is a separate entity that we as residents would need to contact ourselves to have this dealt with, which seems highly unfair to expect that we will have to police the compliance issues ourselves, especially as we will be the sole residence to be affected by this issue.
- Run off of water from proposed quarry. Having a creek running through our property we are concerned as extra water could potentially cause issues in periods of heavy downpours which we experienced in 2015.
- Negative effect on the current flora and fauna.

It doesn't matter which way we look at this, our lifestyle will be negatively impacted. Working from home on a fulltime basis means the ability to have meetings without noise interruption will be a constant concern. This could potentially affect our ability to earn an income.

We are extremely concerned that this will negatively impact the value of our property and cannot foresee a future where we can continue to live our current lifestyle in our home should this quarry be approved. This has been our home for the past 25 years and we purchased here knowing that the Boral Quarry was in operation, but also were aware of its lifespan, so were aware of its closure date. We did not foresee another new quarry opening and on top of this we now find that the existing Boral Quarry is looking to extend the life of its existing quarry.

Whilst we understand infrastructure and the need for the resources that quarries can provide, we find ourselves in an incomprehensible situation, seeing as truck movements will be greatly increased and will all need to pass our home. We cannot see how we will be able to live with the huge impacts this will bring. We are not prepared to just to accept this as our future for the remainder of our lives. The stress and anxiety this proposal has already caused is immeasurable. To hear our teenage children express concerns in relation to this proposal and not be able to give them a definitive answer, as their parents that they look to for guidance and support is heartbreaking. Children of their age should not be concerned that their home will no longer be a safe and enjoyable place to be.

The uncertainty and the lack of communication has left us feeling as though our lives and everything that we have worked so hard for means absolutely nothing to this development. It is an extremely hard situation to be in on a day-to-day basis.

It would be most appreciated if you would acknowledge receipt of this submission.