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To NSW Planning

RE: Objection to proposed SSD of Stone Ridge Quarry at Balickera

I object to the above named development on the following grounds:

- The impact on habitat for a raft of fauna and threatened species, including the Squirrel Glider, Brush-tailed Phascogale and Koala. The survival of these species must start having priority.
- The cumulative impacts have not been addressed sufficiently in accordance with State CIA requirements or Port Stephens Council's stated requirements. The Stone Ridge Quarry is just one of a number of existing and proposed quarries or extensions in the area and Kings Hill Development as well.
- Three types of Climate Corridors (Moist, Dry and Coastal) overlap across this State Forest, and this quarry, with potential for expansion (as that's what they all do) will further damage a crucial corridor for threatened species as the climate warms.
- It appears to be inconsistent with NSW Forestry's stated aim of environmental sustainability and would set a concerning precedent, should they all be opened up for quarrying - clear-felling, noise, vibration, dust (including silica) and truck movements in our ever diminishing remnant forests/habitat.
- I'm concerned about the impact on residents of another quarry - noise, vibration, silica dust and increased trucks.
- I question the need for this quarry as I would rather see emphasis on reuse, recycling, reduction and innovation instead of trying to meet the ever increasing development needs using old resource intensive ways at the expense of flora fauna and community well being.
- Driving on the Pacific Highway and the F1 is becoming scary and dangerous due to the increasing trucks on the roads at high speeds and never ending accidents often involving them. The proposed quarries and expansions are said to total an additional 1000 trucks on these roads a day!

Yours sincerely

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