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Submission on the Stone Ridge Quarry Proposal

This submission is against the quarry being approved.

The North Coast Environment Council (NCEC) is the peak regional conservation group on the NSW North Coast which has been active in protecting the environment for more than forty years. Our organisation receives no government funding, relying on the 'in kind' contribution of dedicated volunteers to highlight issues of environmental concern and campaign for an end to environmental destruction.

We oppose the destruction of a significant part of the highly biodiverse Wallaroo forest for a quarry. The Forestry Corporation's role is to manage the forest in a sustainable way. We would argue that is a job they fail to do. Support for this quarry is an example of that. The complete annihilation of a forest, that will then become a hole in the ground, is not part of their remit.

The project is likely to have an impact on a number of Matters of National Environmental Significance, as listed under the EPBC Act. This includes clearing of habitat suitable for the Koala, and animal facing extinction in the wild by 2050, as hectare after hectare of its habitat is cleared.

Several threatened species will also be adversely impacted. These include the Squirrel Glider and the Brush-tailed Phascogale, as well as a variety of microbats, rare orchids and two Threatened Ecological Communities. The reason they are threatened is because they face an ongoing loss of habitat across their range. This proposal continues that process.

The amenity of the local human community will be adversely affected by the dust generated and the number of truck movements, as well as the associated noise. There is no proof of the proponent's claim that the quarry is needed. Kind regards,

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