

Resident of Eagleton

Attn: Minister for Planning and/ or The Director Resources Assessments, Jessie Evans.

Reference: OPPOSITION to Stone Ridge Quarry Project

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposal for the Stone Ridge Quarry Project (SSD - 10432) as a resident of the area which will be impacted by this development.

Further to my concerns relating to the proposed quarry project is the subject of roads in the area. The road system in the area is typical country with the roads being narrow and not built to withstand the rigors of semi-trailers. This point is evident already with the poor state of the roads from trucks using the roads to take short cuts in and out the quarries already in the area. Stone Ridge will add to the known cluster of quarries already converging on roads in the Italia road area. This will further increase noise, dust, and road damage and safety implications.

Noise vibration and dust from blasting which will also have a monumental impact on buildings, animals and mental health of residents of the area. Not to mention loss of air quality and associated health concerns.

The proposed quarry also lies within the Grahamstown Dam catchment. This in its self is a worry as the area frequently floods and the runoff is straight into the dam which means pollution from silt, oils and chemicals from the site is a great risk in polluting of surface and ground water.

The project would destroy native vegetation in an area that supports an intact regional biodiversity corridor including flora and fauna. It will negatively impact our already dwindling Koala habitat; surely this must be deemed as unacceptable loss!

Finally but certainly not least, the people of this area moved here for its country life style but every day we find ourselves having another business venture forced upon us by Council and Government just so somebody can make a quick dollar. This is fine for the business people as they don't live here but for the residents of this area, this quarry would be nothing more than another nail in the coffin to the habitat. Can you not see the damage that this will cause? Please consider our people, animals, flora and fauna before it is too late and there is nothing but big gaping holes, noise and pollution in our land.

I hope that Department of Planning will take all my concerns into account. This proposed development is causing considerable stress to myself, fellow residents and family. There are enough quarries and certainly no need for this one. Please consider the community and the environment when determining the outcome.

I appreciate your time in regards to this matter. Please notify me of the Department's decision with regard to this submission.

Kind regards,

Eagleton Resident

