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To: The director Resources Assessments, Jesse Evans

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

- Impact on the amenity, ambiance, and character of the rural area for those who reside or visit the area, erode the lifestyle qualities to which we are entitled too.
- Cumulation of operational noise from other quarry operations in or proposed for the area impacting residence and local visitor-based businesses.
- Significantly increased heavy vehicle traffic creating additional road noise, road damage and road safety implications for those who reside or are visiting the area to engage with local businesses.
- There is one operational Quarry Boral Seaham, proposed Eagleton Quarry proposed and Stone Ridge Quarry Project in the Balickera/Eagleton area, the community should not be exposed to these additional projects.
- Does not align with the Port Stephens hinterland place plan to develop the area as detailed below.

*'The Hinterland continues to grow with almost 6,000 people calling the Hinterland home. There's so much opportunity to improve connectivity (including walking and cycle paths), new experiences and bespoke local business. Growing the visitor economy is one way to achieve this and was a priority discussion during community engagement activities back in 2020'.*

- Loss of natural habitat and biodiversity in the Port Stephens hinterland.

Sincerely,

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