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To: The Director Resource Assessment, Jessie Evans

As a nearby local resident of the proposed Stone Ridge Quarry Project (SSD-10432), I object to the proposal. The grounds for my objection are set out below and are based on my knowledge of the local area having been a resident for the past 44 years and third generation agricultural farmers within a 2.3km – 8.7km radius of the proposed quarry site.

1. Communication

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Section 5.2 Scope Phase Engagement

Figure 5.1 Location of Residences for Preliminary Community Consultation

- There has been very limited communication or consultation with local residents, unless you reside within the 2km radius from the proposed quarry site.
- We have received one letterbox drop which was the Proposed Stone Ridge Quarry Project Update Community Information Sheet No 2 – July 2022.
- There has been no further information received or communicated from the Proposed Stone Ridge Quarry group.
- The Stone Ridge Quarry Community Consultative Committee (CCC) isn't accepting any new members onto the CCC.
- Only if the proposal is approved will the proponent of Stone Ridge Quarry be required to place copies of the CCC minutes onto their website for public viewing. I have been advised by the CCC Chair that I will need to contact a CCC member myself to request copies of minutes.
- The CCC is not inclusive and are making access to minutes and information harder than necessary.

2. Increased Traffic

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Site Access – Single access point on Italia Road. No trucks will turn right out of the site onto Italia Road towards East Seaham

- The roads in our area, specifically Italia Road, are already substandard and require potholes to be frequently repaired.
- While quarry trucks aren't meant to turn left onto Italia Road when existing the existing Boral quarry, this doesn't stop all quarry trucks from doing so.
- Trucks travelling on the smaller local roads, rather than the Pacific Highway are likely to have to cross heritage listed local bridges, i.e.

- Brig O'Johnson Bridge, Clarence Town (Opened 1880)
- Dunmore Bridge, Woodville (Opened 1899)
- Hinton Bridge (Opened 1901)
- Morpeth Bridge (opened 1898)

These bridges were not constructed to withhold fully laden quarry trucks.

- A new quarry will only increase the number of quarry trucks on these local roads, and while it isn't only trucks that cause road deterioration, the fully laden trucks significantly increase the damage to the already degenerated roads.
- School buses use these local roads and are unable to safely pull over for school children to get on and off. Italia Road has many 'black' spots and with a speed limit of 90km/h this doesn't allow a fully laden truck to safely pull up in the case of a school bus partially blocking the road.
- The increased truck movements at the intersection of Italia Road and the Pacific Highway will only create an increased safety risk to all road users.

3. Water

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Figure 2.1 Topography & Drainage

Section 2.7 Drainage

Section 6.1.4 Surface Water

- No consideration has been given to the drainage/surface water run off that will flow through private rural property on its way to the final water course. This will have impact on run off water that is captured in dams for riparian use and can affect water quality for livestock.
- During wet years or storm events the risk of contamination entering the natural water courses drastically increases.
- An increase of air pollution will result in the quality of tank water decreasing. All residents of East Seaham, Balickera & Eagleton 100% rely on tank water as there is no town water available.

4. Flora and Fauna

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Section 6.1.1 Biodiversity


- It has been identified that the proposed quarry area is home to various threatened flora and fauna species.
- Clearing this land will remove precious habitat that provides shelter and food sources that cannot be replaced in our lifetime.
- Project area = 89ha = 219 acres = 121 football fields = of land cleared by man

5. Devaluation of Property

- As it currently stands property value continues to inflate. This in turn increases our council rates. What do we get in return for the council rates that we currently pay? Roadside rubbish collection! We don't have curb and guttering, we don't have sewage, we don't have town water (we collect all our own water into tanks), our roads are substandard, we have no footpaths or cycleways in East Seaham.
- With this in mind and another hard rock quarry in our local area we are likely to see property values plummet with no compensation to land holders.

I am objecting to the proposed Stone Ridge Quarry as it will create huge ramifications on our lifestyle and future business enterprises.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pennie Lieb". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a prominent initial "P".

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