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To: The Director Resource Assessment, Jessie Evans

It is extremely disappointing to be part of a local community for over 40 years that I am just finding out about the 'Stone Ridge Quarry Project' (SSD-10432) that has been in the pipeline for several years and object to this proposal.

As per the Environmental Impact Statement Summary, I note the wider community is part of the key stakeholders, however, there has been very little engagement as per the report summary. The only communication that I have received is a letter box drop and another community member dropping in to ask if we knew about the proposed quarry in July. This is not transparent and engaging genuine partnerships within the community.

The biodiversity impact is a real concern as the project is located within a State Forest, the report states there will be an impact on threatened species of flora and fauna, this could lead to extinction of these species.

The proposed quarry is located within the Hunter Water Catchment which feeds into Grahamstown Dam. This increases the risk of contamination to water supply, which is concerning for the local health district and population health.

Traffic within the local area has already increased significantly over recent years. The roads are narrow, there are potholes and line marking are poor. Traffic will increase, trucks travelling local roads will increase and despite the proposed plan for trucks to use the Pacific Highway we all know that this will not always occur, this places road users at a greater risk of injury or death.

Please accept this objection to the proposal.

Kind Regards,

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