

Resident of Eagleton
Six Mile Rd Eagleton, NSW

30/10/2023

To: The director Resources Assessments, Jesse Evans

We object to the proposal for the **Eagleton Quarry Project Amended Application (SSD-7332)** for the following reasons:

- Due to the proposed site being inside 1km of existing residence there will certainly be impact on the amenity, ambience, and character of the rural area for those who reside or visit the area, erode the lifestyle qualities to which we are entitled too. We are already living with the Boral Seaham Quarry in the area and despite their best-efforts fugitive noise and blasting impacts are too common. Development is simply in the wrong location and far too close to existing residences and 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. Further, proposed and approved quarries in the immediate region including Deep Creek Quarry, Hill View Quarry, Karuah South Quarry, Boral Seaham Quarry, Hunter Quarries etc. will create significant traffic safety implications on the Pacific Highway between Buckets Way intersection and Raymond Terrace realising safety implications for those who reside or are visiting the area to engage with local businesses.
- Noise impact assessment has not considered increased noise impacts on residents due to project removal of vegetation for Circuit Italia and motor cross complex.
- Cumulation of operational noise in conjunction with Boral Seaham Quarry operation including it's expansion is not well defined within the Noise Impact Assessment by Spectrum Acoustics. Boral currently has a State Significant Development in (SSD-59254474) to extend quarry operation by 30 years. The Noise Impact Assessment needs to address cumulative noise from Boral for the next 30 years as there will likely be noise concerns impacting residence and local visitor-based businesses.
- The proponent is proposing to operate on Saturdays from 7am to 4pm. The existing Boral Seaham Quarry is open for sales on a Saturday but does not operate the plant with maintenance activities undertaken. This should also be observed with this project if unfortunately allowed to proceed.
- The proponent has not engaged in consultation with local residents or businesses that have established within the Balickera/Eagleton area since the original exhibition in 2017 for their social impact assessment requirement.

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- 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.
- The other proposed and approved quarry sites or extensions are generally of better location where impacts to communities are far less. I understand the need for quarry products with the expansion of Newcastle and the hunter region but I'm sure the quarries listed above are able to accommodate without the need for a for the Eagleton quarry Project with high community impact and tourist business impact in the Port Stephens hinterland.

We urge you to take a holistic review and see the Eagleton Quarry Project is not appropriate for the sensitive area in which is proposed to be located.

Sincerely,

Resident of Eagleton