

6<sup>th</sup> November 2023

To whom it may concern

As a nearby local resident of the proposed Eagleton Quarry Project (SSD-7332), 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 1.2km – 5km radius of the proposed quarry site.

**1. Communication**

- There has been zero communication or consultation with us as residents in close proximity to the proposed quarry. My family are property owners at Killaloe Lane, East Seaham.

**2. Increased Traffic**

- 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. 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 Eagleton Quarry as it will create huge ramifications on our lifestyle and future business enterprises.

Kind Regards