

These are my concerns:

- Environmental destruction of the local area and the Great Western Wildlife Corridor with severe impacts endangered species of fauna and flora.
 - Dust and air pollution from mining. We don't trust this is safe, Ripping, Crushing and transporting high-grade silica rock. It will create respiratory and other health risks, damage wineries, cattle feed, gardens and residences.
 - Removal of sandstone, which has a critical role in the ground water hydrology of the area and plays a biological role in maintaining the Long Swamp ecosystem.
 - Lowering the water table and unpredictable amount will affect local bores and water supplies.
 - Noise, vibration and light pollution (this is also a night operation). Traffic mess with 344 trucks, 7 days a week for the next 30 years.
 - Polluted surface water runoff will destroy the Long Swamp ecosystem and feed the headwaters of the Nepean River and Warragamba dam.
 - Disturbing the peace and tranquility at The Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy, a church and monastery on the southern border of the mine, which attracts thousands of people.
 - Damage to Aboriginal Heritage in the cave paintings and carvings just west of the pit. These have been deemed highly significant by the OEHS and the local Indigenous elders
 - Significantly lowering of property values.
 - The visual horror of a 110-hectare wasteland replacing native bushland and pasture. Visible from the highway, which is the entrance to the Southern Highlands.
 - Hi-Quality has an appalling record with EPA NSW and in Victoria, Hi-Quality and company Director, Patrick Hallinan currently face 33 EPA charges. This is not a fit and proper operator that can be trusted to abide by governing regulations. We don't TRUST them.
- 2 large quarries, doubles the dust and issues above.