

3 December 2023

Planning Services
Department of Planning & Environment
GPO Box 39, Sydney NSW 2001

For the attention of the Director - Resource Assessments

Subject: Objection to Sutton Forest Quarry Project (SSD 6334)

Dear Planning Services Team,

I write to articulate concerns regarding the Sutton Forest Quarry Project:

- + **Environmental Impact:** The project proposes to clear 110 hectares of native bushland, potentially causing significant environmental harm through water runoff and aquifer pollution.
- + **Wildlife Corridor and Ecosystem Risk:** Situated at a sensitive point of the Great Western Wildlife Corridor, the project could impact biodiversity and the Long Swamp ecosystem.
- + **Endangered Species:** Risks to local fauna and flora, including species already identified as threatened, are a major concern.
- + **Health and Environmental Concerns:** Potential air and water pollution from the project pose health risks to residents and could impact local farming and the environment.
- + **Water Catchment Pollution:** The quarry's proposed location may affect the headwaters of Sydney's water catchment area.
- + **Local Community Disruption:** Project operations may lead to noise, vibration, light pollution, and increased truck traffic, severely disrupting the local community's way of life.
- + **Visual Impact:** The transformation of native bushland into a vast mining pit will drastically alter the local landscape.
- + **Lack of Local Benefit:** The project appears to offer limited benefits to the Southern Highlands, instead posing substantial risks to the community and environment.
- + **Tourism and Local Economy:** The Southern Highlands relies on tourism and local businesses. The mining project's disruptions and negative environmental impacts could lead to a decline in tourism and affect the livelihoods of local businesses and residents.

Given the extensive and severe implications of the Sutton Forest Quarry Project on the environment, community, and cultural heritage, **I strongly urge its rejection to safeguard the well-being of the Southern Highlands.** I confirm no reportable political donations have been made by me.

Yours faithfully,

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