

I strongly object to the Sutton Forest Quarry.

I have been living in this area since I was born, I have been brought up to love, respect and care for this environment. I am a keen bushwalker and consider myself an environmentalist. My mum lives next door to this proposed quarry 13304 Hume Hwy, This is our family home, I am connected to it even though my address is now Nowra. We always gather here for family gatherings, I am here regularly to work the flower farm, to enjoy the bushland and the wildlife that are always here. This Quarry threatens our home and our way of life. The flower farm requires clean fresh air and a reliable clean water supply. Why do these rich Sydney people think they can come and ruin our beautiful peaceful way of life. They clearly do not see the rich environment that supports so many animals, plants and families. They will destroy it. They just see the easily exploited resource of sand that is superficial, easy to extract and close to Sydney, so its cheaper to transport.

It is wrong on so many levels.

I am concerned about:

Health: Dust air pollution

This is 95% silica sandstone. So Ripping, Crushing and processing on site then loading transporting it presents significant risk. The Risk impacts to community health rated "moderate risk" relating to dust, air, silicosis" pg 197-198 which is contrary to what is said else where in the report.

They put in a monitor in neighbouring property but haven't been back to check it!

Water:

Ian Wright, Alan Lindsay and other Government Dept have highlighted major concerns for the impact this

could have on hydrology systems lowering the watertable, even the proponents have written, *"Impact way of life" there is a Medium risk to changes to the quality & quantity of water pg197-198.*

Effects this will have on Long Swamp creek and its Ecology

This is classed as a Threatened Ecosystem by the OEH. Damage to Long swamp creek is a real risk with changes to the water flow underground by removing the sandstone that act as a massive filter. Damage from surface water, silt runoff into the swamp and smaller creeks feeding it. But the long term effect of the backfill products, breaking down and polluting the area with contaminants is huge risk. The only mitigating plan is **they** will monitor the fill coming in!

Noise /Vibration and Light pollution. 24hrs day

Again the only mitigating plan is to monitor! But no mention of action. This will ruin the view of the night sky and disorientate the nocturnal animals.

Damaging the peace & tranquillity of the area

Special note to Shine of our Lady of Mercy, they get a monitor to measure noise, my place which has been identified, that it will have above construction level noise gets no consideration or monitoring.

Environment damage to the Great Western

Wildlife corridor *12 threatened or endangered species identified on this property alone, including the koala, Gang Gang, Glossy Black, Powerful Owl*
This location is at the most narrow part of the corridor. There are known Koala tracking's to the North West of the pit. This is now a Threatened Species!! We should be protecting their habitat. I

helped plant trees with the “Glossys in the Mist Project” a Wingecarribee Shire program to help strengthen the habitat for the Gang Gang.

Indigenous Art in the rock shelf.

- It has been deemed Highly significant and culturally important by the Local Indigenous Community and the OEH.
- Very few people knew about it, we used to enjoy walking down there, taking visitors and showing with pride the ancient heritage of this area.

Visible modelling diagram

This quarry will be very visible from the highway and surrounding properties.

Even they acknowledge it will remain very visible despite tree planting mitigation.

Effect on Tourism

This is the Gateway to the Southern Highlands, Tourism plays an important part of our economy.

With-in 8-10km radius. There are at least 20-30 Air B&B type accommodation, there are Several Wineries and Restaurants and thousands of visitors come to the area for the Church services at the Shine of our lady of Mercy. They do spend money in the area.

If we extend the radius to 14km which captures Exeter & Sutton Forest the number would more than double.

Many more Jobs are generated by this tourism in this area than would be by having a quarry.

Sutton Forest, We do not want to be known for having one of the largest sand quarries in Australia.

EPA history POOR. At least 24 fines in NSW since 2012 , currently 33 charges in VIC We don't trust them Nor should Government departments with this level of disregard for regulations.

I am connected with this land, it is special, it needs protecting. These amendments do little if NOTHING to mitigate the risk of damage. They are merely words to appease the DPE. Please reject this quarry.

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