

12th May 2024

I object to the Seaham Quarry Project Application No. SSD-59254474 for the following reasons:

- We already experience high noise levels, some of which include trucks entering Italia Rd from the Pacific Hwy and passing our home from as early as 4.30am, waking our entire household just to arrive at the quarry which is closed at this time.
- Other noise issues include
 - Excessive use of air brakes when approaching the Italia Rd / Pacific Hwy intersection both from the Pacific Highway when entering Italia Rd and from Italia Rd when exiting via the Pacific Hwy.
 - Trucks travelling at high speeds when passing our driveway approaching the intersection, making the entrance to our home unsafe.
- Access to our driveway – with the current level of traffic, at times we are unable to enter or exit our driveway due to traffic banking up down Italia Rd and have had a few near misses of being hit from behind whilst trying to turn into our driveway. This issue will only be increased and create a significantly higher danger for all family members and visitors. We have one provisional driver in the house currently and will soon have a learner driver and as such are deeply concerned for the safety of our inexperienced drivers.
- Noise, vibrations and dust are all current issues that we have. Not just from the quarry itself, but the trucks travelling past our residence as they create noise and release dust into the air. We have health concerns associated with the excessive dust including the effects on asthma sufferers, which we have in our household and the effects it may have on our water supply and pumping equipment. The amount of dust that settles on our roofs and enters our water tanks and settles in our house is already at high levels and this will only be increased, which in turn will mean we will need to clean more frequently than we already do. We are also concerned about property damage from blasting's which will need to take place to lower the pit floor should this application be approved.
- Lack of communication is also an issue. We have had issues with surveyors entering our property on numerous occasions without permission, which is trespassing. We would have expected that if anyone was requiring access to any part of our property, they would have approached us prior to doing so, introduced themselves advising where they were from, what they required and produced identification, with contact details in the event that we had any questions or issues. No permission has been granted for anyone to enter and exit our property day and night as they please. We did grant permission for a noise monitoring system to be placed on our property for a period of two weeks at Boral's request, to which we only agreed provided that we were given a copy of the results, which we have never received. We also found it interesting that for the two-week period that the monitor was installed, there was a significant decrease in truck movements. The fact that we are not being kept in loop is disappointing to say the least. Seems we are not considered relevant enough for anyone to make contact, which then poses many other questions in relation to this proposal.

- Hours of operation for quarrying & processing is also a concern for us. What time can the first truck enter Italia Road to proceed to the quarry and when will the last truck exit? I raised this at a local meeting held by Boral and was told that I could contact Boral to make a report of any truck movements that were not conforming with regulations and that they would investigate and identify the truck/s responsible by using camera footage and deal with the issue. It seems highly unfair to expect that we will have to police the compliance issues ourselves, especially as we will be the **sole residence** to be affected by this issue due to all trucks being required to exit via Pacific Hwy, meaning every single truck will need to pass our home.
- Run off of water from the quarry and their holding dams are also a concern for us, not just with this application, but also in its current state. Having a creek running through our property we are concerned as extra water could potentially cause issues in periods of heavy downpours which we experienced in 2015.

It doesn't matter which way we look at this, our lifestyle has already been and will be further negatively impacted. Working from home on a fulltime basis means the ability to have meetings without noise interruption will be a constant concern. This could potentially affect our ability to earn an income.

We are extremely concerned that this development will negatively impact the value of our property and cannot foresee a future where we can continue to live in our home should this development be approved. The lifestyle we had over 20 years ago has significantly changed as each year it gets busier and noisier, and the lifestyle we had planned for once the quarry ceased to operate, well that is no longer a vision we can even comprehend. This has been our home for the past 26 years and we purchased here knowing that the Boral Quarry was in operation as we looked into this prior to purchasing our home, so were aware of its lifespan and therefore aware of its closure date. We did not foresee Boral Quarry looking to extend the life of its existing quarry for a further 30 years and on top of this we also have the concern of 2 other possible new quarries which are also in close proximity to our property.

Whilst we understand infrastructure and the need for the resources that quarries can provide, we find ourselves in an incomprehensible situation, seeing as truck movements will eventually be greatly increased if this development was to be approved. We cannot see how we will be able to live with the huge impacts this proposal will bring. The proposal has caused stress and anxiety throughout our family and the surrounding community. We are not prepared to accept this as our future for the remainder of our lives. There are many issues and concerns that all surrounding residents, including ourselves currently have, but we feel somewhat singled out in relation to the traffic, given that all trucks must enter and exit via Italia Road. We will be the only residence to have all the quarry trucks travel past our home on a daily basis and given the issues we are already having, can only see these issues exacerbated.

The uncertainty and the lack of communication has left us feeling as though our lives and everything that we have worked so hard for means absolutely nothing to this development.

It would be most appreciated if you would acknowledge receipt of this submission.

