

Department of Planning and Environment
NSW Government
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Parramatta NSW 2150

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RE: Objection to Global Quarry Proposal at Marulan (SSD-65146459)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed Global Quarry development at Marulan. After careful review of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and associated documents, I have identified numerous significant concerns that warrant rejection of this proposal in its current form.

Key Areas of Concern:

1. Inadequate Community Consultation and Documentation

- The EIS contains numerous contradictions and unclear information, making it impossible for local residents to fully understand and respond to the proposal
- No meaningful consultation has occurred with immediate local residents since June 2022
- Ten homes on Winfarthing Road were not identified or included as sensitive receivers
- Community engagement has primarily focused on Marulan township rather than directly affected residents

2. Traffic Safety and Access Issues

- The intersection design details are unclear and contradictory throughout the documentation
- The traffic survey is inadequate, being based on a single day of outdated data
- The proposal fails to account for holiday periods, peak seasons, and future residential growth
- The location is within a designated black spot zone with a history of fatal accidents
- Construction would require significant road closures with detours of up to 44km
- Inadequate consideration of school bus operations and stopping arrangements

3. Environmental and Health Impacts

- The proposal would fragment an important regional biodiversity corridor
- Significant concerns regarding dust management and silica exposure
- Water contamination risks from VENM and ENM leaching near Sydney's water supply
- Visual impacts including unscreened stockpiles visible from both Hume Highway and Winfarthing Road
- Light pollution and operational "glow" effects on surrounding properties
- Inadequate assessment of noise impacts on residents and wildlife

4. Operational Safety Concerns

- Blasting zones come within 300m of Winfarthing Road, with unclear exclusion zones
- No specific Respirable Crystalline Silica (RCS) research has been conducted
- Dust control measures are inadequate, particularly during non-operational periods
- Driver distraction risks from visible quarry operations along 1km of highway
- Insufficient detail on truck washing facilities and dust mitigation

5. Planning and Zoning Issues

- The site is zoned C3, where quarries are prohibited under the Goulburn-Mulwaree Local Environment Plan

- The proposal fails to adequately address bushfire risks for all proposed structures
- Agricultural impact assessment based on a single day site visit and desktop research
- Greenhouse gas calculations appear to use inconsistent distance measurements

Critical Deficiencies in the EIS:

- Weather data inappropriately sourced from Goulburn Airport rather than local conditions
- Significant contradictions regarding proposed site access arrangements
- Inadequate assessment of cumulative impacts on local residents
- Critical management plans deferred until after approval
- Incomplete identification of affected properties and sensitive receivers

The numerous deficiencies in the EIS, combined with serious safety and environmental concerns, demonstrate that this proposal presents unacceptable risks to the local community and environment. The documentation provided fails to meet the standard required for adequate assessment of such a significant development.

I strongly urge the Department to reject this proposal based on the grounds outlined above.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Matt Kenchington