

Department of Planning and Environment

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

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed Global Quarry development at Marulan, as outlined in the SSD-65146459 application. After reviewing the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and associated documents, I have identified several substantial concerns regarding the proposal's environmental, community, and social implications.

Key Concerns**1. Environmental Impact**

The designation of the Marulan Quarry proposal as a "controlled action" under the Commonwealth's *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) underscores its potential to harm critical ecosystems. Specifically, Sections 18 and 18A (listed threatened species and communities) highlight the risk posed to local biodiversity. This is particularly concerning given the project's reliance on clearing significant vegetation and its potential to degrade sensitive waterways through contamination and sediment runoff.

2. Community and Social Impacts

The noise, dust, and vibrations anticipated from the quarry operations will directly disrupt the lives of nearby residents. Additionally, increased heavy vehicle traffic poses a threat to road safety and places additional pressure on local infrastructure. The lack of detailed and effective mitigation measures further exacerbates these concerns, leaving the community vulnerable to the project's adverse effects.

3. Inadequate Mitigation Strategies

The EIS provides mitigation strategies; however, they appear insufficient when measured against the scale of the expected impacts. For example, dust suppression methods and proposed noise barriers may fail to meet necessary environmental and health standards, resulting in long-term consequences for both residents and the environment.

4. Economic and Land Use Implications

While the proponent highlights potential job creation, this comes at the expense of existing industries such as tourism and agriculture, which depend on the region's natural beauty and ecological integrity. The quarry could irreversibly alter the landscape, diminishing the region's appeal and undermining its economic diversity.

5. Community Engagement Deficiencies

The community consultation process, as described, appears to have been inadequate. Many stakeholders have expressed frustration that their concerns have not been meaningfully addressed or incorporated into the project assessment process.

Request for Rejection

Given the severe and wide-ranging impacts of the proposed development, I strongly urge the Department to reject the Global Quarry proposal. I encourage the Department to prioritize sustainable development practices that preserve the environment, safeguard community well-being, and maintain the integrity of the Marulan region.

Thank you for considering this submission. I trust the Department will carefully evaluate these concerns and take appropriate action to protect the environment and the community.