

15 September 2022

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462 Wheelers Lane
DUBBO NSW 2830



Dear Sir/Madam

DESIGNATED/INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION D2022-528

Proposed development: Cement works
Property: Lot 211 DP 1220433, 20L Sheraton Road Dubbo
Lot 2101 DP 1227782 19L Sheraton Road Dubbo
Applicant: Regional Hardrock Pty Ltd
Consent authority: Dubbo Regional Council
Integrated approval body: Environmental Protection Authority

Council has received a Development Application for the above proposed development.

The proposal is considered Designated Development pursuant to Schedule 3, Clause 10 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021.

The proposal is also considered to be Integrated Development as defined under Section 4.46 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 as the applicant has sought General Terms of Approval under Section 48 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 with the Development Application.

The proposed development will comprise alterations to the operations of the existing cement works facility including:

- An increase in the production rate to 250,000t per annum;
- Extension to concrete batching and concrete product manufacture operational hours to 24-hour from Monday 4 am to Saturday 5 pm (excluding Sundays and Public Holidays), and extension of haulage hours from 4 am to 10 pm Monday to Friday, and 4 am to 6 pm Saturday; and
- Boundary Road and Wheelers Lane to be utilised as the primary haulage route, with Sheraton Road a secondary haulage route outside of restricted hours (as previously approved).

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The full development proposal may be viewed by accessing *DA Tracker* from the homepage of Council's website at www.dubbo.nsw.gov.au

Simply follow these instructions:

1. Enter the application year (2022) and application number (528) or alternatively enter the developments address into the search engine of DA Tracker;
2. Select the correct application from the results returned; and
3. Select the Documents tab to view the various plans and supporting documents submitted in support of the application.

If you do not have access to the internet you can arrange to view the application by contacting the Duty Planner at Council's Customer Service Centre in the Civic Administration Building, corner of Church and Darling streets, Dubbo between the hours of 1 pm and 5 pm, Monday to Friday.

You may, within the period ending **13 October 2022**, make written submission with respect to the proposed development. If your submission is an objection, then the grounds of the objection must be specified.

Written submissions can be forwarded to:

The Chief Executive Officer
Dubbo Regional Council
PO Box 81
DUBBO NSW 2830

You can also make a submission via email at council@dubbo.nsw.gov.au

All submissions must include the reference AU22/927.

The following notification is made in accordance with the Government Information (Public Access) Act, 2009:

"Written objections received by Council containing personal information may be made available to the proponent at the discretion of Council, and if the matter goes before the Council for determination, may be included in the Council Business Paper.

Objectors have the right to remain anonymous if they so choose by refraining from submitting their personal information. However, should Council seek an anonymous objector to substantiate his/her objection, the objection may be given less weight (or no weight) in the overall consideration of the Development Application."

Should the matter be proposed to be determined by Council, in order for you to be provided with timely information regarding Council meeting dates, it is recommended your submission include either an email address or a day time phone number.

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21st March, 2025

The Minister
Dept. of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

Exhibition of State Significant Development Application
South Keswick Quarry Continuation Project
Application No. SSD – 61394968
Location: South Keswick, 20L Sheraton Road, Dubbo NSW 2830
Applicant: Regional Hardrock (Dubbo) Pty. Limited
Council Area: Dubbo Regional
Consent Authority: Minister for Planning and Public Spaces or Independent Planning
Commission

I wish to submit an objection to the proposed extension of the South Keswick Quarry due to many health concerns and safety risks to the general public.

I have written to Dubbo Regional Council twice over the last three years (copies attached) expressing my concerns over the use of Wheelers Lane and Boundary Road by the cement trucks coming and going continually to Regional Hardrock headquarters and spoken to Council staff regarding my concerns but as yet this issue has not been resolved. Now Regional Hardrock wish to increase and expand their operations over the next 20 years.

The area concerned is a residual area not industrial and many schools are very close by with children being exposed to the continual silica dust from the site.

The proposed extension of hours in which the cement trucks will be using Wheelers Lane (a residential area) from 4am until 10pm at night contravenes the noise pollution law and is totally detrimental to all the residents of Wheelers Lane and Boundary Road.

The hours were recently altered to only allow the trucks to use Wheelers Lane and Boundary Road access during school drop off and pick up times but the truck drivers ignore this rule and use Wheelers Lane all day, weekends and school holidays.

The vibration, filth coming off the trucks, particularly the noise, the speed of the trucks and the general interruption to the traffic is unbearable. From a safety point of view, the children crossing the road to catch school buses and elderly people crossing the road to get to the shopping centre and in general going for a walk of a morning is not acceptable.

The interruption to our sleep and general well being is at risk and we are in a residential area and should not be exposed to this continual pollution.

The Keswick and Boundary Road areas are becoming more and more populated every day with more people and particularly children walking, riding bikes and scooters along Wheelers Lane and Boundary Road and the risk of someone being injured or killed is frightening.

To have this intrusive project extended is unacceptable and I feel our concerns should be addressed and considered.

I have previously requested to view the Impact Assessment Statement regarding this development but my requests have been ignored.

I would ask that this proposed extension which will include new extraction areas, crushing screening and stock piling not be allowed to go ahead.

Thank you for considering my submission and I look forward to your reply.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs Elizabeth Buck
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21st October, 2022

The Chief Executive Officer,
Dubbo Regional Council,
PO Box 81,
Dubbo NSW 2830

Dear Sir/Madam,

Designated/Integrated Development Application D2022-528

I am writing to you to put forward an objection to the Development Application for the above proposed development by Regional Hardrock Pty. Ltd.

I previously sent you an email on 9th October, 2022 but it apparently failed to go through so I spoke to Ms Tracie Smart and she suggested I type a letter to you putting forward my objections to this development.

First and foremost this is a residential area with noise restrictions in force and the continual noise of these cement trucks using Wheelers Lane and Boundary Road from 4 am to 10 pm Monday to Friday and 4 am to 6 pm on Saturday is very disturbing to all the residents of this area. The continual disruption to our sleep and also the dust pollution is not acceptable.

There are two childcare centres in the area with parents dropping off and picking up small children and it is very difficult for them to deal with trucks whilst trying to get in and out of these centres. Also many parents walk their children to childcare and the children are very vulnerable to traffic.

The Aged Care Centre, with approximately 190 residents, is also at risk as many of these elderly people, many with walkers or mobile wheelchairs, go to the Orana Mall or the Boundary Road Shops every day and would find it very difficult to cross the roads. Buses and cars are also continually picking up and dropping off many of these elderly residents and it would be very dangerous for them.

Morning and afternoon there are a lot of school children catching buses or walking to and from school and would be continually at risk with the trucks continually going to and from the proposed brick works. The new building developments in Keswick Estate and Boundary Road have meant many more school children are walking to and from school, along Wheelers Lane, or catching buses. Many parents walk along Wheelers Lane with small children to meet the bus every morning and afternoon and the fear of them running out in front of one of these trucks is frightening.

Westhaven also have one of their headquarters in Wheelers Lane as well as many group homes with Carers and residents walking along Wheelers Lane and Boundary Road. Many times they walk down to South Lakes to access the park areas there and this would be very risky for them as the trucks use the Boundary Road roundabout and visibility is very limited.

Trying to get into and out of our driveways now is quite difficult let alone having to deal with the consistent trucks coming and going.

There are many elderly residents in this area and their privacy should be respected. They should not have to put up with the continual noise and disruption from these trucks every day, all day, from very early in the morning.

The vibration from the trucks will also impact the foundations of our homes and will drop the resale price of our homes.

The trucks will damage the roads very badly. Last time the trucks were going up and down Wheelers Lane to South Lakes building development, the roads were damaged very badly with pot holes everywhere that still have not been fixed and the constant noise of trucks was deafening and stressful.

We live in a residential area where we should not have to suffer sleep deprivation and continual impact and inconvenience from cement trucks all day.

I would like to view the Impact Assessment Statement regarding this development please.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours faithfully,

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