

Minister of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment

Submitted through the NSW Planning Portal.

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed Monaro Rock Quarry development Application number SSD-27223807 near Royalla, NSW.

As a long-standing resident of this community, I am deeply concerned about the irreversible impact this project would have on our environment, health, lifestyle, and property values. The proposal to extract up to one million tonnes of rock annually, operate six days a week for up to 12 hours a day, and run an estimated 95–250 heavy trucks daily along the Monaro Highway is deeply troubling.

In particular, I am alarmed by the increased traffic burden this will place on the Monaro Highway—a vital arterial route already under strain. During the winter ski season, congestion on this road intensifies dramatically, with thousands of vehicles heading to and from the Snowy Mountains. Introducing a high volume of quarry trucks into this mix poses a serious safety risk to all road users. The potential for accidents, delays, and road degradation is not just hypothetical—it's inevitable.

Despite assurances in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), the risks posed by respirable crystalline silica dust cannot be understated. Silica exposure has been linked to serious long-term health consequences, and the proximity of the quarry to residential homes—some within 100 metres of the site boundary—is unacceptable.

Further more the prevailing winds will blow dust into Canberra and subject residents of Banks, Condor, Theodore and Calwell to the Silica dust.

Dust suppression over a 30-year period is not a guarantee. Further there will be no active dust mitigation during the night when the plant is not operating.

Put simply it is a gamble with our health.

Furthermore, the noise pollution, visual degradation, and traffic congestion this quarry would introduce are incompatible with the peaceful, semi-rural character of Royalla. This

is not an industrial zone—it is a community of families, retirees, and nature lovers who chose this location for its tranquility and natural beauty.

There are already multiple operational quarries within a 10–30 km radius. The need for another, especially one so close to homes, is questionable. The cumulative impact of dust, noise, and traffic from multiple quarries is already being felt by residents, and this proposal would only exacerbate the problem.

I urge the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to reject this proposal and preserve the integrity of our community. Royalla is not the right place for a quarry of this scale, and no mitigation strategies can truly offset the damage it would cause.

Sincerely, Wendy Noad

Royalla Resident.

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