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Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure

**Submission to the Proposal for Monaro Rock Quarry Project (SSD – 27223807)**

**Mates Drive Royalla**

My late Husband and I acquired our family property some forty years ago and our family has lived in Royalla for the same period. Our property is on the southern boundary of the proposed quarry development and is known as 8814 Monaro Highway.

In establishing our family property our choice is live in an area that supports and promotes rural living.

An area zoned for Environmental Conservation is being considered for an industrial re-development to include a quarry, concrete batching plant, asphalt processing plant and recycling facility. This is not appropriate.

The impacts of a proposed third quarry in our local area is far reaching with traffic noise, dust, air quality, water quality, ground water quality, loss of bio-diversity all being significant issues.

You would appreciate the amount of people impacted in the local community will be significant.

The negative impacts are significant these risks are unnecessarily imposed on the local community.

I object to the development application for the Quarry Project and request that it be rejected for reasons outlined below.

1. There are four operating quarries within a 30km capacity to service the region, the current quarries are not operating at capacity and a fifth quarry will only benefit the Applicant. The project offers nothing in return to local residents. The long-term costs and increased risks such as noise, traffic, and health wellbeing impacts are borne entirely by the local community and will impact the long-term regional sustainability.
2. The quarry will clear a significant area of box gum woodland and will threaten in excess of 300 species of flora and fauna. This loss is irreplaceable. An industrial development in an Environmental Conservation Zone is not consistent with the planning objectives of the zone.
3. With the potential of 500 truck movements per day six days per week between the hours of 5.00am to 6pm this creates a significant impact on our family. Introducing 500 truck movements onto the Monaro Highway is a major safety concern. The alternative route that has been documented raises similar concerns,

4. Health Issues associated with silica and air borne dust particulates are an issue. Apart from the potential of longer term respiratory issues air borne dust and other contaminants from the proposed operation is likely to result in drinking water being contaminated. Compounds used in like facilities pose significant short and longer term risks due to the likely exposure.
5. Blasting operations, heavy vehicle movement and the daily operation of such a facility will permanently disrupt the benefits of living in a rural environment. This will negatively affect our wellbeing. Our current amenity of living in a rural setting will be lost.
6. The heavy reliance of bore water is likely to reduce the availability of bore water to local residents. During the most recent drought the standing water level of our bore was significantly reduced having a quarry that will be reliant on bore water will impact bore water availability. The water flows with the local catchment area are likely to be threatened and there is a potential for contamination.
7. The local area is home for approximately 50,000 residents with the likelihood of further expansion over the years. The nominated site is not appropriate and should be deemed unsuitable for this type of operation. The proximity to residential areas, schools and the wider community are a significant concern. This proposed industrial scale development presents unacceptable risks to road safety, wildlife, and regional livelihoods.

My family and I have lived in the area for almost forty years, our choice is to live in an area that supports and promotes rural living. We did not make a choice to live adjacent to a proposed industrial estate. The negative impact of proposing to create an industrial estate in an Environmental Conservation Zone is significant.

The economic justification of the project is minimal and the social cost will be significant. The project offers little in return to local residents and will permanently alter the landscape. The economic benefits of the proposed project will rest a select few however the longer term significant impacts will impact many. The benefits of living in a rural environment setting will be lost and future rural lifestyle opportunities will be totally compromised.

We do not want to live near a quarry that can have such significant impacts on our wellbeing.

I object to the development application for the Quarry Project

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