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Submission on the Monaro Rock Quarry Project (SSD-27223807)

The Jerrabomberra Residents Association (JRA) has been supporting our community since the early 1990s. We were founded by local volunteers to build community spirit, and today we continue that mission while also advocating for Jerrabomberra's needs at all levels of government. Our members bring valuable skills and experience to ensure local voices are heard and our suburb remains a great place to live.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Monaro Rock Quarry.

We believe that the Southern Regional Planning Panel (SRRPP) cannot make an informed decision on this project until the ACT Government determines whether the proposed intersection with the Monaro Highway will be approved. Should the ACT Government reject the intersection, the project must not proceed. Without this access point, an estimated 200 quarry truck movements each day would be forced onto local roads, severely impacting the surrounding residential communities and the quality-of-life residents currently enjoy.

Monaro Rock proposes constructing a new intersection with the Monaro Highway to enable 200 fully loaded truck movements daily. Each truck, weighing approximately 35 tonnes, would need to accelerate from a standstill across a 100km/h overtaking lane before turning right onto a 100km/h section of the highway and climbing north towards Canberra.

- This design creates an inherent road safety hazard, particularly given the speed of existing traffic.
- During the snow season, traffic volumes increase significantly, with many drivers unfamiliar with the road conditions.
- Spillage of quarry materials from trucks entering the highway will further heighten the risks for all road users.
- Damage our local roads due to hundreds of additional large trucks using them daily.

Suppose the ACT Government does not approve the intersection. In that case, the JRA is deeply concerned that truck drivers will turn left from the quarry and instead use Old Cooma Road to rejoin the Monaro Highway at Lanyon Drive via Edwin Land Parkway. This would funnel heavy vehicle traffic through Jerrabomberra, a residential area already experiencing impacts from the Old Cooma Road Quarry and trucks servicing nearby new subdivisions under construction.

Our community is already struggling with:

- **Noise pollution**, affecting residents at all hours.
- **Safety risks**, particularly for children, families, and older residents crossing the busy Edwin Land Parkway daily.

Additional quarry traffic will only worsen these issues and further erode residential amenity.

We strongly oppose using Mates Drive or Station Road for quarry development or operational access. These roads serve a rural lifestyle community where residents have chosen to live for the peace, quiet, and safety of the environment. The introduction of constant heavy quarry traffic would permanently destroy this area's character, amenity, and safety.

As currently proposed, the Monaro Rock Quarry project presents unacceptable risks to road safety and will impose significant adverse impacts on local communities. Unless the Monaro Highway intersection is approved and designed to eliminate these hazards (overpass bridge?), this project should not proceed.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Margot Sachse'.

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