



Cape Chestnut. Menangle Village.

Menangle Community Association

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MENANGLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION SUBMISSION:

Menangle Quarry – DA 85/2865 MOD 1 (Amended Application)
Class 1 Appeal (2018/00342158)

Dear Ms Evans,

Firstly we would like to thank the Department for the opportunity to make a submission in relation to the above modified application for the Menangle quarry.

Menangle Community Association has been established for over 15 years now and represents the broader community of Menangle which consists of over 400 residents.

The MCA has reviewed the intended works associated with the original and now modification application and would like to make the following comments:

- the current modified application has attempted to overcome some of the planning constraints of the site by clear felling of all trees in the operational zones by proposing to leave all the large trees and just mine around them. Common sense would suggest that this would severely impact the long term future of these trees and create an undesirable aesthetic that is not compatible with the existing landscape.
- It should also be noted that while the proposed site is not within the Menangle Landscape Conservation Area, it should be noted that the proposed mine would have an undeniable impact on it.
- The current operation are already an eyesore and future proposed operations will only exasperate this.
- Further traffic modelling is required to include the cumulative impact of growth in the immediate area on the proposed local roads. Currently Menangle Rd, Woodbridge Rd is one of the highest trafficked roads in the Wollondilly. Further with the planned 3500 houses at Menangle Park and 400 at Menangle (Station St Development) significant upgrades to the network would be required to accommodate the the continuing truck movements. Further no local roads within the village should be utilised for vehicle access due to constraints of

these roads and future growth of the village. The bridge over the railway line is not suitable for trucks.

- We hold grave concerns for the ability to predict the effect this proposed development will have on future floods. Flood modelling is not factoring in some of the significant changes that have occurred within the last 4 years. Given the increase in changing climate conditions and more frequent large scale events, this development would increase the flood risk to the surrounding area.
- Sand mining in close proximity to future rezoned residential areas is not appropriate. The Station St development to the south of the river, and the Menangle Park development will mean that residential areas will be within 500m of the mine. This is not an ideal planning outcome.
- There has been significant soil erosion west of the Menangle Rd Bridge, we certainly have concern that expansion of the mine will have future impacts on sediment erosion and the Nepean river will be compromised in terms of stability.
- Aboriginal settlements are known to be in close proximity to the proposed site and the proponent does not demonstrate a plan to ensure that all measures will be taken to protect and findings.
- they have no social licence to continue to mine the riverbanks for another 15 yrs. They've already had 30 yrs of mining which is more than enough.

As outlined above there are considerable issues that are yet to be resolved by the proponent, and to this end the Menangle Community Association requests that the NSW Planning, Industry and Environment Department reject the amended application.

Should you wish to discuss further please contact myself Hans Lothar, 0476 287 398

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