

NSW Planning & Environment
Attn: Swati Sharma

Dear Swati

Thank you for your letter received 2 October 2015 regarding the exhibition period for the proposed modification request for Roberts Road Quarry. It is disappointing that we received the undated notification letter on the day of commencement of the exhibition period and only 2 weeks is provided for submissions. It is difficult to provide a thorough and well prepared submission with only 2 weeks allowed for submissions. It is also disappointing that submissions are required to be lodged by internet as not everyone has access to a computer, or the internet. Provisions should be made for people who do not have a computer or access to the internet.

We do not support the extension of the consent lapse date for another 10 years from 2016 to 2025, as the original plan was the property was to be rehabilitated to a lake with a bike track.

We are concerned that the ongoing operation of the quarry, should the lapse date be extended will adversely affect the value of our property. The Quarry is an eyesore. The Quarry is all that we can see from our property. In heavy rains, the silt ponds from the Quarry have to be pumped into the natural water causeway located at the rear of our property. This affects usage of our land and devalues our property.

The quarry is also affecting our property by changing the levels of the land. We have observed that the operations of the quarry are undermining our property. Ongoing operation of the quarry will continue to affect surrounding properties adversely and negatively affect property values.

Although the traffic studies report that extension of the quarry lapse date will not affect the current traffic movements, we are concerned that the traffic to and from the quarry already damages the road and the road edges, in particular. Continued operation will no doubt damage the road further.

We are concerned that the maintenance or lack of maintenance of the quarry boundary fencing, grass, weeds and other vegetation surrounding the quarry will continue to produce vermin, snakes and other unhealthy species. We were expecting the quarry to complete operations in 2016 and the property be rehabilitated to a lake and a bike track that would be fully maintained preventing unwanted and unhealthy species from breeding.

Should Planning and Environment permit continued operation of the quarry, we fear the ongoing threat to surrounding properties by vermin.