

OBJECTION TO CHAMPIONS QUARRY EXPANSION

As residents on Wyrallah Road we wish to register our objection to the expansion of the existing quarry at Tuckurimba. We will be greatly affected by the noise from the trucks due to increase in production of this quarry.

With the **quarry expansion in 2006** from 5,000m³ to 29,000m³ annually, we noticed a marked increase in **noise** from the number of trucks, and truck with dog, travelling on Wyrallah Road.

There has also been a significant increase in the number of trucks travelling along Tucki Road then on to Robson Road, as this is the shortest distance to Alstonville. The majority of Tucki Road & Robson Road is too narrow to accommodate a truck and motor vehicle passing without one having to drive partly on the verge. This is not acceptable for the safety of the people that live on those roads.

This new Application is for a further substantial increase in production to approximately 115,000m³ annually. We feel that this additional increase is **not** appropriate for the roads in this area. With the amount of local traffic, school buses and existing trucks and smaller vehicles, this increase would **compromise the safety** of the residents of the area.

Reference in the Traffic Impact Assessment to the identified haulage routes is meaningless as once the truck leaves the quarry there is no jurisdiction over which road they travel on and the route to Alstonville and Goonellabah via Tucki and Robson Roads is a good example. How is this going to be monitored or policed to ensure trucks travel on the designated routes and not on roads that have no centre line marking.

As stated in the Preferred Project Report, *2.2.1 Peak Truck Movements*, under the proposal there would be five loaded truck and trailers per hour – this means 10 truck movements per hour or one truck every 6 minutes.

Also in the report under *6.1 Details of the traffic volumes generated by the project* there would be an average of 30 (27 x 33 tonne and 3 x 15 tonne - approx. 900t per day) trucks leaving the quarry per day with 50% travelling south and 50% north. The 30 trucks a day is assuming that 90% of loads are carried by truck and trailer and 10% body truck. As an observation from our property, being generous, this would more likely be 50% truck and trailer and 50% single truck making an average of 38 trucks leaving the quarry per day, which equates to 76 truck movements entering and leaving the quarry – 12 or more movements per hour depending on hours worked in addition to existing traffic.

There is no guarantee that 50% of the trucks would travel south and 50% north. If 100% of trucks went north for any period of time it would mean one truck movement past our property every 5 minutes in addition to existing traffic. As a comparison, information taken from the RTA Tintenbar-Ewingsdale upgrade site indicate movement of heavy vehicles on the Pacific Highway is in the vicinity of one every 4-5 minutes. None of the local roads are built to handle close to equivalent of highway heavy vehicle traffic.

The approval of the quarry expansion resulting in this increase in the amount of heavy vehicles on the existing local road network is simply not acceptable and not in the public interest.

Such a large increase in the number of heavy vehicle movements daily would severely affect the state of the roads, which are already in a state of disrepair. As well as the roads issue, this additional heavy vehicle traffic and resulting noise will substantially reduce the value of our property.

The proposal also includes the boundary adjustment of 6 existing lots to create a quarry lot of 60 ha and 4 rural allotments. If the boundary adjustment is approved the created lots will enjoy dwelling entitlements. This will mean 4 rural allotments each with a dwelling entitlement within 1 km of the proposed quarry in contravention of Lismore Council's DCP Buffer zones. In addition there are a number of existing dwellings within 1 km buffer zone of the proposed quarry.

We would appreciate the Department's serious consideration in rejecting this Quarry expansion Application.