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Objection to Champions quarry EA Exhibition (Mod 2)

Weighbridge Schedule 2 Condition 9 I object to modification request.

Efficient and accurate recording is essential for this quarry operation to ensure local council and government agencies receive correct extraction details. These details are vital to calculate road maintenance levies payable. Using front end loader scales on multiple machines is inefficient and provides frequent and multiple opportunities for errors. Difficulties arise as recording becomes inefficient and complicated when loader bucket weights for truck loading are mixed in with other buckets loads, e.g. moving material onsite, loading screen grizzlies, creating stockpiles etc. A single weighbridge point will accurately record all extracted material leaving the site. A weighbridge has been part of the conditions from the initial approval which offered an original delay for the operators until production reached 100,000t p.a., then a second delay was provided to the operators of another 2 years (modification 1). Budgeting and planning for a weighbridge should have been part of the operators business plan but now the operators have stated they don't wish to install a weighbridge because of the significant cost. Not good enough. Reliable and honest extraction details are required to protect local road maintenance. A weighbridge on the exit route would also permit dust to drop from the truck as it slows and becomes stationary. The practice of dropping dust before exiting the site is an important issue for all Wyrallah road users.

Operators state they would have to relocate the weighbridge as the quarry develops. Relocation is completely unnecessary as there is only one road in/out for truck access. Weighbridge on this road would record all material leaving the site.

Seal haul road Schedule 2, Condition 12 I object to modification request

I frequently spend time in the area and have seen the impact of dust from the quarry at present. It is well known locally that watering does not occur with any kind of efficient results. Permitting the operators to determine when to water is not acceptable currently and the dust problem will mushroom with increased production. Sealing the internal haulage road, as was put in place by close scrutiny of the application, would be best practice to alleviate any future disputes about need/frequency for watering. It becomes based on an opinion where operators and dust recipients will always disagree causing ongoing grief for the Dept who are responsible for resolving these issues. Sealing the road as originally conditioned will solve that dilemma. Non specific wording that states 'watering as required' is a very poor inclusion to conditions. The operators state the sealing will be destroyed by quarry traffic and contaminate the material. Again the operator has had ample time to prepare to comply with this condition by planning/budgeting for a road designed to withstand quarry traffic. Engineers are most capable of supplying solutions - e.g. a concrete road (after all this is a sand quarry) - to meet the requirements of quarry traffic and meet this consent condition.

More weighbridge Schedule 2, Condition 12 I object to modification request

I restate that the weighbridge is an accepted and vital part of quarry infrastructure to enable an accurate and honest reporting for council road payments and community protection. This condition must not be altered.

Protected Vegetation Schedule3, Condition40 and Figure 9 in appendix 6 I object to modification request

When comparing the previous vegetation plan map to the current plan dated 17.2.16 I noticed a new body of water that is in part of Area 2 that was not present in the previous map. Is that new water storage a part of this modification application? If the vegetation planting on the north side of the access road is removed from protection of the current condition, will the department provide a suitable condition to protect that area from removal?

Community Consultative Committee Schedule 5, Condition 6 I object to modification request

Local community members report the CCC to be condescending and bias. The community appear to feel intimidated and fear retribution if they were to attempt to be involved in the CCC. Despite this, mining operators are bound to operate a community committee and it must not be disbanded.

Approval conditions set for this quarry has been the result of many, many examinations by many experts during it's journey through several separate applications with different government agencies and acute scrutiny in a court case by experts including environmental, industry and legal. These conditions have been refined and put in place for very good reasons.

Modification application provided by the quarry operators provides no legitimate reasons to lessen the protection of the current conditions for the public and government agencies other than costs savings for the operators. If the cost savings were to bear no ill effects on the community there would be no objection but that is not the case. Please protect the community by refusing these modifications.