

I object to the obsolete road information used for Champions quarry modification 4 application.

The proponent must provide an updated road inspection and traffic report – 11 year old information is completely unsuitable when proposing to double permitted daily truck numbers on these deteriorated haul routes.

The proponent is relying on a Roadnet report from 2009 which utilised road inspections dating back to 2007 and 2009 – thats 11 years ago, 11 years of increased traffic numbers creating 11 years of road deterioration that has not been inspected for this current modification to double permitted daily truck numbers.

The Dept of Planning & Environment and RMS each directed the quarry operators to include a Road Safety Assessment. The proponents chose NOT to provide a current Road Safety Assessment, instead deciding to reuse the Roadnet 2009 report (including road inspection reports from 2007) claiming on pg 7 of the current EA - “As the changes to the transportation routes have only improved road conditions it was considered that an additional road safety audit would be unnecessary.”

From the EA pg 12

“4.1.6 Bus Services

Following a bus stop audit conducted by the Proponent, it was found that there are no existing state or local government approved bus stops on the haulage routes. However there are two local bus companies that operate school and private bus services utilising roads that form the haulage routes.”

Is the proponent qualified to conduct such an important safety audit?

No date of the bus stop audit is provided, was it also 2009 ?

Can the Dept and our school children rely on the proponent to be unbiased, shouldn't an impartial, qualified person be conducting this school bus audit?

Why did the proponent only report 2 school bus services when there are at least 4 school bus services on these haul routes?

Although no “government approved bus stops” are listed, why did the proponent not mention safety for the multiple school bus pick up and drop offs of children living on these haulage routes?

Not only does the proponent insult road users and residents living along these haul routes by skimping on road safety, the proponent then disrespects road users by claiming in the EA that “*the transportation routes remain largely unchanged*” since the 2009 report. This is wrong.

Road safety is paramount in relation to the doubling of permitted daily truck numbers and I object that the proponent has opted for the cheap option of re-using obsolete road and safety information.

Do not publish my personal details or provide them to the quarry owner, operators, directors, shareholders, employees or their families.