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Dear Sir,

As an elderly resident of an over 55s retirement village called Banksia Grove Village, situated on the very busy access road, Nelson Bay Road, I wish to express opposition to the proposal by Macca's Sand to send up to 16 trucks (B-double trucks) along this dangerous, often single-lane road which is heavily used already. It is one of the most accident-prone roads in Newcastle (N.P.M.A. surveys back this claim). With only one day off, i.e. Sunday, the potential for many more accidents further wear and tear on the road, environmental damage (if loads aren't properly covered) are enormous!

Where I live there isn't even a safe island crossing for elderly pedestrians to get to the bus stop. Pulling out onto Nelson Bay Rd (80kms along this stretch) is dangerous as it is already let alone with an increased volume of trucks. This road poses a danger to elderly drivers (slower reflexes) and elderly pedestrians alike. All business aims to make a profit by increasing and expanding their operations so there is no doubt that once approval is gained Macca's Sand will in the future increase the use of Nelson Bay Road.

In conclusion many more lives will be lost on this very dangerous road if this proposal goes ahead. Either find a quieter alternative route or another viable means of transport.

Yours faithfully,
Kerry Houghton