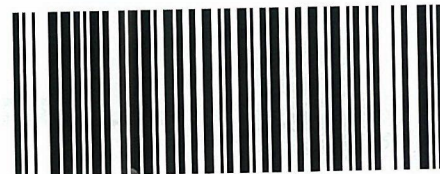


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ACTION REQUIRED:

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Director General	(Full brief <input type="checkbox"/> Short Brief <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Executive Director		<input type="checkbox"/>
Director		<input type="checkbox"/>
Regional Director		<input type="checkbox"/>
BRIEFING NOTES FOR DIRECTOR GENERAL		<input type="checkbox"/>
DISCUSSION WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL		<input type="checkbox"/>
NOTES FOR INCLUSION IN COORDINATED REPLY		<input type="checkbox"/>
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OTHER:		<input type="checkbox"/>

ACTION OFFICER(S) AND COMMENTS:

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Dear Sirs/Madams,

RE: OBJECTION to Proposed Karuah East Hard Rock Quarry – MP 09_0175

I hereby OBJECT to the proposed above Hard Rock Quarry and request the NSW Planning & Infrastructure Department and Minister Tony Bourke reject the entire proposal for the following reasons:

1. Karuah East Hard Rock Quarry P/L is already operating (under the name of Hunter Quarries) an existing Quarry on Lot 21 and 11 with a license to extract 500 000 tons of rock per annum.
2. There is no need for a new quarry while the land where the existing quarry is presently operated by Hunter Quarries still has a proven resource of at least 26 million tonnes of rock in stage 2 and while Stage 1 has never been exploited which is also in direct breach of the Development Consent dated 3.6.2005.
3. No mining of Lot 12 should occur unless Karuah East Quarry (KEQ) demonstrates that they have exhausted resources on their existing Quarry including the leasehold.
4. If that occurs sometime in the future, new mining into lot 12 should only be done from lot 11 where the existing Quarry is located minimising the destruction of environmentally valuable land including the destruction of plant species listed as threatened as well as numerous other wildlife.
5. Currently, the Lot 11 is leased by KEQ with royalties for extraction paid to the owner. The current proposal is to duplicate the existing infrastructure at the expense of the environment.
6. The owner of lot 11 gave assurance that he is willing to let KEQ extract extra rock beyond the present yearly quota of 500 000 tonnes at the going commercial rate of royalty and that he also will consider any reasonable approach from KEQ to mine for access into lot 12 via his Lot 11.
7. We feel very strongly that it is the Department of Planning's duty to minimise the impact on the environment, to keep Big Business under control not to maximise their profits on the expense of the Environment and in general the people of NSW.
8. The people living in the neighbourhood of the new proposed development would be impacted to great degree by visual, noise dust pollution and devalued properties, should a DA be approved.
9. The existing Quarry is a testimony of what should not happen, what was once a unique natural environment is now a Moonscape, an eyesore travelling from Sydney to the North, we do not need more of this.

Yours faithfully

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Date: 18th April 2013

Signature (if send by post), not required if sent by e-mail... Bryan L Royce