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Dear Sir/Madam

**RE: OBJECTION: Proposed Kurrah East Hard Rock Quarry - MP 07_0175**

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

1. Kurrah 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 licence to extract 400,000 tons of rock per annum.
2. There is no need for a new quarry while the adjacent existing quarry is currently operated by Hunter Quarries (Hillbank). A proven resource of at least 26 million tonnes of rock in stage 2 and while Stage 1 has never been explored which is also in direct breach of the Development Consent dated 13/6/2005.
3. No mining of lot 12 should occur unless Kurrah East Quarry (KEQ) demonstrates that they have exhausted resources on their existing Quarry and within the leasehold.
4. If that occurs sometime in the future, new mining and/or re-zoning should only be done from lot 11 where the existing Quarry is located with minimal the destruction of environmentally valuable land including the destruction of plant species listed as threatened as well as numerous other wildlife.
5. Currently Alkali Lot 11 is leased by KEQ with royalties for extraction paid to the owner. The current proposal is to double 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 300,000 tonnes at the going commercial rate of royalty and that he also will consider any reasonable approach from KEQ mining 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 and to maximise their profits at 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 affected 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. In eyes of travelling from Sydney to the North, we do not need more of this.

Yours faithfully

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