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Dear Jessie Giblett:

I am a resident of Windellama, and I am writing to express my concern about recent discussion and the pending decision to the modification for application MP07_0155 MOD2, the alternate haul route for trucks from the Ardmore Park Quarry. After reading the Environmental Assessment I would like to object to the proposal of the route proposed along Oallen Ford and Windellama Roads, a distance of 52km, the reasons for my objection are as follows

1. The current road is not suited for heavy vehicle usage, as mentioned in the report the road is 7.2m in width from shoulder to shoulder and allowing a truck is approx. 2.4m wide and giving a 1m for the shoulder there is not ample room left for additional road users. I travel this road regularly and have observed the narrowness of the road at points and other parts of the road where the sloping of the road is considerably steep, one example is near the Windellama School which has already seen 1 death occur within the last 12 months.
2. Traffic flow would increase the study currently states that on average 216 use Oallen Ford Road per week and this would increase to approx. 226, unfortunately this cannot be guaranteed due to the nature of business. I can foresee as demand grows the movement of trucks on the route would increase causing this to become the main route for transportation to those areas south of Goulburn.
3. The noise levels mentioned stated 55db again the calculation is based upon 64 vehicles, but as mentioned above there is no guarantee that these numbers will remain into the future. I would also wish to acknowledge that the noise emission was sourced from a 2008 report which is now 5 years out of date and therefore may be unsuitable for the current situation.
4. Socio-Economically this would impact the value of property within the proposed haulage area, at this time with cities becoming increasingly overcrowded people are looking to move to areas that provide an alternative to the fast paced lifestyle of the city, by allowing heavy vehicles to travel the routes this would impact on people's perception of the peaceful life they are moving from this would in turn drive down prices of the properties within the affected area.

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I have spoken with other residence who share a similar view and like myself do not wish to have these trucks on roads that are not built to handle such vehicles, and which could lead to an increase in accidents or even deaths on these roads due to their in appropriate conditions.

Sincerely,

Daniel Humphreys