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Dear Ms Giblett

RE: Ardmore Park Quarry – Application # MP07_0155MOD.2

We submit this objection to the use of Oallen Ford Road as a haulage route for Ardmore Park Quarry. To support this objection we add the following:-

Windellama – Bungonia is a rural area east of Goulburn, Goulburn being our main town for shopping, Dr's etc. Although the area is rural, most properties on Oallen Ford Road are small farms; therefore many more residents are creating more traffic on our roads. The entrances to a lot of these properties have concealed driveways which is a hazard within itself. Weekends from Friday morning to Monday evening, the long weekends and school holidays sees a large increase in traffic of people who are unfamiliar with narrow country roads and usually towing large caravans and trailers etc.

I have noted this information for you in case you are not conversant with this area. We have lived and worked here since 1975 in the rural and earthmoving industry. We have in that time seen many improvements to the roads, bridges etc by the Council and other Government Departments – all for the better.

Windellama Public School is situated on Windellama Road which is on the proposed route for the quarry trucks. This school is the only school on route that would be affected by the increase in heavy trucks travelling to the highway.

First and foremost is the safety of our kids. Windellama Public School is situated on one side of the road and their playing fields are located directly opposite the school on the other side of the road. The road past the school is narrow at best and parking facilities are very limited therefore making pickup and drop offs increasingly dangerous. When functions/meetings are being held at the school, parents etc have to park on the side of the road; this alone creates a fairly tight situation.

Windellama Public School has a small bus service and is on the proposed truck route for some time. There are three other coaches servicing the high school students travelling to town and from town on the proposed route.

Road conditions are generally good, although the roads in the district (mainly Oallen Ford Road) have only had bitumen laid in sections over past 10 years and has only been recently been completed. Oallen Ford Road is already showing signs of breaking up and has been tarred in patches and repaired in dozens of places. This is a road manly used by light vehicles.

Two nasty spots on the proposed route being a narrow creek crossing at the junction off Benduck Road which has limited sight heading towards Windellama (probably 50 Metres) which is far too narrow for trucks passing other vehicles.

Junction roads – being Oallen Ford Road, Jacqua Road and Yarralaw Road (known as Johnno's Cnr), is a bus stop for Primary and Secondary School students and has very poor visibility travelling towards Windellama and for the public entering and exiting the corner store.

Windellama Hall Corner has already been re-constructed once in recent years and there is no doubt that as the trucks will be turning right onto Windellama Road; this corner will continue to cut up badly by the use of heavy transport.

My other concern is if approval is given for Ardmore Park Quarry trucks to use this road, how long before other transport companies will want to do the same. Not long I imagine! I can't see that local deliveries would create a problem as trucks are doing that now. Delivering machinery and gravel etc to farms and I am sure no objection is made by locals on these occasions.

I submit this objection with all respect to Ardmore Park Quarry and wish them well in their new venture, but in my opinion this is not the way to go.

Thank you for your time.

Kind regards

Neil Andrews