



# WINDELLAMA RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

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## Subject

Multiquip Ardmore Park Quarry Proposal for modification of heavy vehicle haul route along Oallen Ford & Windellama Roads.

The Windellama Bushfire Brigade has over 130 members and is responsible for attending not only fires but emergency first responders for motor vehicle accidents along the proposed route. As emergency services volunteers we object to the proposal by Multiquip Ardmore Park Quarry for modification of the haul route along Oallen Ford, Windellama & Lumley roads. As our brigade area encompasses over 700 square kilometres and the majority of the proposed haul routes fall within our brigade area, we can see no advantage to the local community that we serve allowing the proposal to go ahead.

Our brigade is made up entirely of volunteers. There has been a very large increase in general traffic on the Windellama & Oallen Ford roads since the opening of the Main Road 92. Over the last years we have attended an increasing number of motor vehicle accidents (MVA's). Our official call outs to attend MVA's the three years previous to the opening of Main Road 92 were 3 callouts. In the nearly three years since the opening callout rates have risen sharply to 11 callouts, some 8 of which have occurred over the last two years. Some of these MVA's have been horrific, with the critically injured needing to be urgently helicoptered to hospital. We have unfortunately also had to attend a fatal motor vehicle accident on the Windellama road, not far from Windellama Public School.

The Windellama Volunteer Bushfire Brigade and all our dedicated local volunteers would be advocating for less traffic, as our local roads are already struggling to cope with the current amount of traffic. The type of local traffic has shifted considerably since the opening of the MR92, with a large increase in cars towing boats and caravans. The roads are much degraded and many of the MVA's we attend are multi vehicle. The proposed 1300 (in effect 2600 with return trips) truck movements per annum along the route would logically increase the risk of further accidents.

So to reiterate, The Windellama Volunteer Bushfire Brigade and all its members are stringently opposed to the proposal to have Ardmore Park Quarry use Windellama, Oallen Ford & Lumley roads as part of their heavy vehicle haul route.

Yours faithfully,

(R. G. Hockey, Captain)