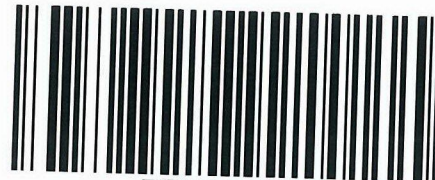


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For the attention of Jessie Giblett

Dear Sirs,

Re: **ARDMORE PARK QUARRY**

We wish to lodge an objection to the development application for a S75W modification of PA 07_0155 by the owners of the above quarry.

The quarry has been granted a licence to operate on a specified route, via Bungonia by-passing the village. The proposed route via Oallen Ford and Windellama roads will affect considerably more landholders as well as passing the local public school, which is on Windellama Road. We believe they should use the approved route.

The premises of the Windellama Progress Association are at the intersection of Oallen Ford Road and Windellama Road. This intersection is on the proposed modified haul route and involves a sharp right hand turn approximately a hundred metres beyond a crest in the road on the outward journey and a T intersection, also beyond a crest, on the return. There have been several accidents here in recent months, with vehicles over running the intersection and finishing up in the driveway of the community hall.

We also wish to point out that despite the proponents of this modification stating they had consulted widely in the community, none of the local community organisations have been contacted and we have also been informed that none of the landowners on the route have had any contact regarding this matter which will have a great impact on their lives.

The hall and grounds are used regularly by members of the community, and the State Emergency Service has recently completed a local headquarters on the grounds for use by the Community First Responder group. The grounds also house the local Historical Society Museum and Landcare headquarters. It is also the designated Neighbourhood Safer Area in the event of days of catastrophic fire danger.

The local roads are used twice daily by the school bus which services Windellama Public School and the two buses which collect children for schools in Goulburn. There are few designated bus stops on these roads and the pick-up and drop-off points are just roadside stops.

We believe that the heavy vehicles which are proposed for use on this route will make it extremely dangerous as most of the route is little more than a minor rural road, one being unsealed, and is not of sufficient width to be able to support a centre line marking. There are many tight blind corners, which means trucks will need to take up the whole of the road.

In recent years there have been at least three fatal accidents in the area and with the completion of Main Road 92 – Nowra to Nerriga – the amount of traffic using our local roads has increased to a high of more than 1,000 vehicles per day, official numbers recorded on Windellama Road, not the 216 claimed in the Environmental Assessment accompanying the application. Some of these vehicles have been travelling at speeds up to 160 kph..

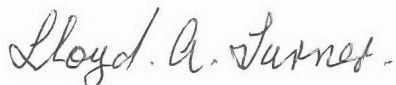
This project will bring no benefits to the wider communities of Windellama and Bungonia and will leave us with deteriorating roads, the repairs of which the ratepayers of Goulburn Mulwaree will have to fund. Ratepayers should not have to subsidise a private enterprise of this nature. The paltry sum being mentioned as a road contribution will not be sufficient to patch potholes. The applicant has made no mention of upgrading the roads.

The Environmental Assessment talks about the “local” deliveries having a positive socio-economic impact, however, the demand for these products is already well catered for by long established quarries at Windellama and Goulburn, both companies being involved in our local communities. We believe the term “local” is used to mislead the community, as it is generally used to mean the local Rural Fire Service area, not the far-flung areas mentioned in the Assessment.

The Windellama Progress Association is willing to host a public meeting to enable the Department of Planning to see first hand the problems the communities of Bungonia and Windellama will be facing if this development modification is granted.

The community of Windellama is extremely unhappy with this application and strenuously requests the modification be refused.

Yours faithfully,



LLOYD TURNER

President – Windellama Progress Assn.