

129 Martins Creek Rd,
Paterson.NSW. 2421
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Planning, Industry & Environment,

Re: Expansion Of Martins Creek Quarry (\$\$0 - 6612)

I wish to object to the proposed expansion of Martins Creek Quarry by Daracon.

I have never been consulted & know of no near neighbours that have been consulted

I live on Martins Creek Road & have experienced traffic problems when the quarry operated in the last decade.

With the proposed number of trucks using Tocal Road it will be difficult to turn right off the bridge across Paterson River to go into Paterson. I support local businesses (including the local service station, Butchers, Grocery store, P.O., Cafe, Chemist) and wish to continue doing so. I wish to see these businesses continue to survive - not lose trade as the traffic problems cause people to go elsewhere for their goods.

As I then need to return home after shopping, I need to do a U-turn & was advised by the local Police Officer, to do that at the T- intersection. Imagine trying that with all those trucks!

As there is a railway crossing & trains including local passenger trains, the XPT, & many long. long freight trains, using the main Northern Railway Line, there is a hold up of traffic, & trucks will build up to make a convoy. I remember what that was like. Several trucks leading a line of many, many cars along Tocal Road all the way to Maitland (& often doing it at a very low speed.) There are not many opportunities to overtake on that road. This can lead to frustrated drivers taking risks that lead to accidents.

Back in Paterson there is no designated Pedestrian Crossing & people need to visit stores on the opposite side of the road. Another time when frustration can cause accidents.

Although it is proposed, at this stage, to limit truck loading from 7am to 7pm it will mean empty trucks will be speeding up Tocal Road before that time to be in line for their load. The noise from empty trucks hitting our famous potholes will be heard all over Paterson (& Martins Creek)!

Obviously Daracon would like people to become frustrated, sell up & leave, so both Paterson & Martins Creek become ghost towns but surely that is not the answer.

Daracon need to spend some time studying the practices of the southern quarries, & emulate them. They send all their product out by rail & remain very profitable.. It is possible, & that would negate the traffic problems I have noted.

Thank you,
Avice M Bailey

