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To Whom It May Concern:

Re amended development application for Martins Creek Quarry Project
(SSD6612)

I have lived in the Paterson Valley (also known as the Magic Valley) for 42 years and wish to continue to do so. However, with the massive escalation of quarry activities in recent years the spell has been broken.

Until early this year, I had never been near the quarry at blasting time. It felt like a warzone and I thought for those who live, or rather exist, close to this activity. From my home I hear muffled sound and see (silica-laden?) dust.

Paterson is a constricted, beautiful little town. The only way for trucks to get to the other side of it is through it. This has a great effect on the peace and ambience of the village and the safety, well-being and health of it's people. Virtually all of Daracon's proposals are truck-friendly, not people-friendly. There is very little mention of how the proposals are to be monitored; surely not by whoever 'monitored' Daracon when they operated the quarry illegally for seven years?

So many of the proposals are not quantified either when, where or how e.g. will Daracon extend the rail spur in the 5th, 10th or 18th year and by how much?

Please, prevent the crucifixion of this beautiful town by ordering heavily-moderated blasting and the transport of all product by rail.

Yours sincerely,

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