Matthew Sprott
Director
Resource Assessments
NSW Department of Planning, Industry & Environment

Sir,

I must protest, in the strongest possible terms, against the application lodged by Buttai Gravel Pty Ltd.(App. No: SSD6612).

This company's request to increase their extraction of Grave from the Martins Creek quarry, is an absolute insult to the people who live in that village, neighbouring Paterson, and all adjacent countryside.

This area is, or was, a beautiful part of the Hunter region. There once was quiet and tranquillity, where now the peace is shattered by the constant movement of heavily laden trucks. A situation which must have an horrendously detrimental effect on the mental and physical health of the residents and a shattering effect on local businesses which rely on visitors to boost their finances.

No-one could possibly be unaffected by the noise, dust and road degradation caused by this appalling situation.

Even to think of allowing that impact to increase, is unbelievable.

I do not live in the Paterson/Martins Creek area, but I have been a regular visitor for many years. It is absolutely tragic to witness the sad decline of what once was a really lovely part of the world to visit. My heart bleeds for the people who live there.

Please don't allow it to deteriorate any further. Please do what you can to bring about the refusal of Buttai Gravel's frightening application.

Sincerely,

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