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Re: Martins Creek Quarry (Application SSD 6612)

I **object** to the proposal and provide reasons for my objection below.

Firstly I believe it important for you to know my property has direct line of site to the quarry and that I have lived on "Hillcrest" since 1949 and would undoubtedly be Martins Creek Quarry's longest long term neighbour.

One of the most significant issues I have with the quarry now is trust.

What I found was during their visit about the expansion they made commitments to me and have failed to follow through on those commitments.

An example of this was they were to keep me and my family informed regarding the proposal and there has never been any follow-up or information provided to me. Another example is we asked to be notified about blasts and to date have never been contacted.

I have found their credibility and care for community members lacking. My lived examples of this during their period of illegal operations were:-

- I suffered from horrendous dust levels,
- noise levels from the operation and road haulage was very bad,
- blasting was off putting and I was never informed of their blasts,
- I often had to wait for six trucks in row to go past my driveway before I could safely enter onto Dungog Road,
- it was very dangerous exiting my property as my driveway is on a crest and the trucks speed to come over it and
- I also found during that period shopping and parking in Paterson very dangerous.

Having lived through this once already, I am extremely concerned about the expansion proposal as it will mean a return to: -

- Extreme dust particularly when winds are from the northern direction,
- Not being able to safely exit or enter my property due to speeding trucks,
- Being scared by the trucks will I'm driving to and trying to shop in Paterson,
- Accessing any services in Paterson will become very dangerous for senior citizens,
- If they are allowed to change to center of historic Paterson it will lose its rural, historical charm and feel as a village and a place we all meet,
- The entrance to Dungog Shire will again be plugged by trucks, and
- The intense trucking in our area will ruining our rural feel and likely decrease our property values.

I have seen many changes in my ninety one years and find myself continually asking "Why road haulage when a rail line runs straight into the quarry. Why would you destroy a community for corporate greed?"

I have not made a reportable political donation.

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Regards
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