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Applicant: Buttai Gravel Pty Ltd. Daracon
Application No: SSD-6612

Objection to the proposal

I was not consulted regarding this proposal.

I object to the proposal for the following reasons:

Financial Issues

a. It will become difficult to reach the village of Paterson from Martin's Creek Road and Paterson Road will need to have gaps in both directions of the constant traffic to enter Tocal Road. This will result in me driving 25 km to Raymond Terrace in preference to 2 km to Paterson.

b. With loss of local support, Paterson businesses will become less viable and may be lost.

c. Homes will lose value due to excessive traffic, road damage, noise and air pollution, making it impossible to maintain present standard and quality of life.

Health and Safety Issues

a. I have severe allergies. I am hypersensitive to diesel fumes and bitumen vapour. When in proximity these chemicals my lungs take them in preference to oxygen. Within five minutes I am in danger. There is a simple solution; fresh air and rural lifestyle, away from truck fumes.

While empty trucks are not required to use the stated route, it is likely that some will travel along Martin's creek Road. This will result in diesel trucks travelling on three sides of my bedroom.

b. Most of the main services in Paterson are reached by pedestrians crossing the road at the intersection of Duke and King Streets (Maitland and Gresford Roads). Pedestrian traffic will become impossible or dangerous.

c. It is highly likely that silicon dust will pollute the air at Paterson. This is potentially carcinogenic. The water spray used to dampen this dust will evaporate by the time trucks reach the village.

Loss of Village Ambience

a. The grass area outside the Paterson Post Office is an area where locals stop to greet each other. This area will become reduced, unpleasant and dangerous.

b. With the increased traffic it will become difficult to park and to reach the village of Paterson. The potential loss of support for businesses from local residents could result in the failure of the village to thrive.

Previous experience living with quarry trucks near Paterson.

a. I have experienced one cracked window, caused by a passing truck.

b. The road surface damage caused by trucks on the intersection of Martin's Creek Road and Paterson Road has been deep and constant. This is outside my bedroom and has caused night time traffic to crash loudly against the edges of potholes.

c. I have experienced several single-car accidents outside my home. As long as there is no damage to property, these accidents do not interest the police.

Suggestions

- a. Enforce the need for "Gold Standard" conditions as achieved by other quarries in NSW.
- b. Increase rail infrastructure to move more by rail, less by road.
- c. If traffic was to pass through the village of Paterson, trucks could continue along King Street and then along a new well-built road through the park. Yes, it could flood but so does the selected road between Paterson and Tocal.