



NSW Planning, Industry & Environment  
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Dear Sir/Madam

Applicant Buttai Gravel Pty Ltd  
Application no SSD-6612  
Martins Creek Quarry Project

Please find enclosed my response to above  
Applicant/Application

Please withhold my Personal Information before publication.

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14<sup>th</sup> June 2021

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I strongly "OBJECT" to the above proposal. The Martins Creek Quarry Expansion.

I have lived on my family farm, which is on Dungog Road all my life. We live near the old one lane "Gostwyck Timber Bridge". We are all very disappointed to hear that the Daracon Company is trying to go back to their old habits.

There has been an incredible change in the number of species of bird life returning back to many old trees in this area, that we haven't seen since my younger days. There is less disturbance being impacted on their natural habitat from roaring Quarry Trucks. We have not seen bird studies from Daracon being carried out in this area.

When our children & their families & our friends visit, they all can't get over how the area has changed. They all comment on how lovely it is here now, because there is no roaring, rattling heavy breaking trucks.

The heavy breaking coming onto the one lane bridge from their high speed, fully loaded trucks & trailers is unbearable. The accelerating of empty rattling, aluminium truck bodies traveling up the hill from the bridge is done with no consideration for the people living nearby. I am sure you have heard the word "Cowboys" & if you spent a day here, I guarantee you would have seen a number of these cowboys.

The speed needs to be reduced because of the number of trucks throughout the day.

The old one lane, part wooden bridge is an accident waiting to happen. No representative from Daracon or any other representative have ever visited us here, nor made any contact whatsoever. Why have we never been given one of Daracon's glossy brochures in our mailbox. We have never seen hide nor hair of any representatives from Daracon, when this area is affected as much as anywhere else. They appear to target the areas that will have no direct affect from their proposal.

This country road was never meant for these numbers of high speed heavy highway vehicles. That's why we have railway to carry the heavy loads, in which Martins Creek has one of them. It's called The North Coast Railway Line, & guess what, it has its own dedicated Quarry Siding that's been there all my life time & was used for shifting all quarry material.

Daracon will ruin residents lives, devalue their properties all for their gain – MONEY – MONEY – MONEY

This is just crazy to think that this would be allowed to happen all over again. Why can these people think this is just fine to change our life, our livelihood & affect peoples MENTAL HEALTH. Daracon will ruin the beautiful historic township of Paterson. The impact along the streets of Paterson will ruin businesses & peoples way of living in this thriving small country town.

We STRONGLY OBJECT to this proposal. If it goes ahead (God forbid it doesn't) to reduce the risk of a serious accident on the one lane bridge & help reduce disturbance to us locals living along this section of Dungog Road, we would like to see the speed limit lowered to a more acceptable level. A meeting with us locals would be a good start.



Currently 80kph is an unbelievable speed for these heavy loaded trucks, approaching a sharp right hand blind corner, going down a steep hill onto a one lane wooden bridge, with a “give way” sign.

Daracon needs to fund & maintain 2 solar radar speed indicators, placed at an acceptable distance on the eastern side of the Gostwyck Bridge, with pulsating lights.

Signs also indicating – Reduction of exhaust breaking

- Reduction of severe acceleration
- Reduce Speed Now sign

“Daracon” needs to take us local residents seriously. They are invading our community with hundreds of monster trucks for years to come.

I have not made a reportable political donation