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## RE: Opposition to Boral Peppertree Proposed expansion MOD 4. 2016

## **Basic Summary of Objections.**

We are totally opposed to the expansion of the Boral Peppertree Granite mining operation proposed at South Marulan.

We purchased our property 13 years ago, well before the Peppertree was proposed and approved.

We were informed last July 2015 of the plan to expand the operations to longer operating hours, which will result in a massive increase in truck traffic, requiring widening of South Marulan Road, Dust, Noise and others industrial issues.

Since mining operations commenced at Peppertree, we have taken little interest in the operations at the plant. We expected Boral to be a good neighbour and operate according to their recent approval conditions.

Since this new expansion was announcement, we have taken a closer interest in their operation to determine how committed Boral was to being a good and responsible neighbour, and how Boral conducted their business operations.

To our shock we found that Boral has little thought for the neighbours close by and down wind for many kilometres.

Excessive dust output from the plant is a daily and nightly issue. The conveyors run 24 hours.

Part of the proposal is to widen South Marulan Road. This will result is a removal of up to 800 roadside established gum trees. Trees whose removal will destroy the rural character that brought us to the South Marulan area. The road widening will change the landscape permanently and irreversibly.

Boral owns the land from their Peppertree plant, all the way to the Hume highway. There should be no need to widen South Marulan road at all. The local council may get some cents per ton, but residents along South Marulan Road will get the dirt, dust, noise and cancer causing diesel fumes from the gravel trucks.

The Peppertree access road should be ON Boral Land, with their own interchange at the Hume Highway.

Boral is committed holy to the dollar, and their shareholders, not local residents.

Approval of this expansion will be good for the share price, but it will be blood money, earned on the misery of others who will have to put up with the mess or forced to leave.

It will change the character and landscape of the area forever. People will be employed and the economy will benefit, but a pristine rural area will be lost.

We have many other concerning reasons for opposing this expansion that are not covered in this submission.

We would be more than happy to discuss, and in fact we expect that we should be contacted regarding our opposition to the development and expansion, at any time in the near future, so as to provide further details of our objections.

More details are available on request.

Sincerely

P & B Mulligan