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Attention: Director - Coal and Quarry Assessments Planning and Assessment Department of Planning, Industry and Environment GPO Box 39, Sydney NSW 2001 CLOSE DATE: 11 Dec 19
POST BY Fri 6 December

Re: Public Submission for SSD – 7293, Sancrox Quarry Expansion Project, https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/9946

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Dear Sir/Madam, I wish to subrait my objection to the above development application.
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My objection to the proposal is on the grounds listed in ticked boxes below:
The Port Macquarie region is expanding rapidly. This development is in the Sancrox area, approximately 6km west of Port Macquaric, which is undergoing significant residential development that will be directly affected by the increased environmental impact of this quarry expansion.
The Sancrox area has aiready had a substantial increase in noise (24/7), due to the upgrading of the highway to a motorway. Despite noise mitigation measures, the rural ambience is already reduced and any extra noise generation, especially at night, will only make it worse.
The proposed 'quarry expansion' is more than that! It also includes two new additional operations, concrete batching and asphalt production. There are already other concrete and asphalt plants in the region that have the capacity to service the demand.
The noise impact of a 24 hour, 7 days a week operation is particularly concerning. There will be no respite from constant noisy plant and equipment. Daytime operation excluding Sundays is the maximum that should be allowed in a community precinct. The processes carried out do not have to run at night and can be easily shutdown/restarted.
The project includes "clearing 43.1 hectares of native forest vegetation, 0.55 ha of which is identified as the threatened ecological community Subtropical coastal floodplain forest (NR117)" with serious and irreversible environmental impact. (Ref. DA, Annex C)
The Greater Sanctox Area Structure Plan (Port Macquarie Hastings Council, 2014), identifies the land to be cleared as medium to high activity koala habitat. More recently the Draft Coastal Koala Plan of Management 2018 produced by PMHC identifies the area as core koala habitat. An objective of the CKPOM is that there will be no net loss of core koala habitat after 6 years from adoption of the plan. The clearing also destroys an identified "critical link and vegetation connectivity in the immediate, and the Greater Sancrox Structure Plan, climinating traverses by animals south-north through the centre of the Development Site". (Reft DA, Annex C)
The Biodiversity Assessment Report (DA, Annex C) was based on insufficient field work conducted in 2015, four years ago. Current, independent and comprehensive field surveys are required to validate the report. A major flaw of the ElS is that it unreasonably dismisses the significance of the site for threatened species despite Office of Environment and Heritage records of Koalas at six locations at least (2008-2013), and the presence of Spotted Gum. Corpubia maculata which has the potential to provide