

Submission Document

Send To: Attention: Director - Coal and Quarry Assessment
Planning and Assessment
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
GPO Box 39, Sydney NSW 2001

CLOSING DATE: 11 Dec 2019
POST BY Fri 6 December 2019

Re: Public Submission for SSD – 7293, Sancrox Quarry Expansion Project

Use this Tick-Box Form or make your submission online by midnight Wednesday 11 December 2019 at
<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/9946>

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to submit my objection to the above development application.

My Name: John Jeayes

My Address: 54 Shoreline Dr Port Macquarie

My Email: john.jeayes@gmail.com

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 Macquarie, which is undergoing significant residential development that will be directly affected by the increased environmental impact of this quarry expansion.

The Sancrox area has already 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)

During November 2019 a State of Emergency was declared in NSW due to the catastrophic bushfires. Hundreds of koalas may have been killed. Injured and now homeless koalas may migrate to, or have to be moved onto, the proposed development site.

The Greater Sancrox 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 (CKPOM) produced by PMHC identifies the area as core koala habitat. The clearing also destroys an identified critical link needed to maintain vegetation connectivity for animal movement.

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Re: Public Submission for SSD - 7293, Sanctorx Quarry Expansion Project

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<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/minor-projects/project-9916>

Dear Sir/Madam,
I wish to submit my objection to the above development application

My Name: John Joseph

My Address: 25 Stanfield St, West Wyalah

My Email: john.joseph@gmail.com

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 Sanctorx area, approximately 5km west of Port Macquarie, which is undergoing significant residential development that will be directly affected by the increased environmental impact of this quarry expansion.

The Sanctorx area has already had a substantial increase in noise (24V) 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 (NR17)" with serious and irreversible environmental impact. (Ref: D/ Annex C)

During November 2019 a State of Emergency was declared in NSW due to the catastrophic bushfires. Hundreds of koalas may have been killed, injured and now homeless koalas may migrate to or have to be moved onto the proposed development site.

The Greater Sanctorx Area Structure Plan (GSA Structure Plan) identifies the land to be cleared as medium to high activity koala habitat. More recently, the Draft Coastal Koala Plan of Management 2018 (CKOPM) produced by PWHC identifies the area as core koala habitat. The clearing also destroys an identified critical link needed to maintain vegetation connectivity for animal movement.