

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

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

Dear Sir,

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

My Name: Margaret Tamanai

My Address: 820 Rawdon Island Rd, Rawdon Island 2446

**My objection to the proposal is on the grounds listed in ticked boxes below.**

- ☒ The Port Macquarie region is expanding rapidly. The Sancrox area 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. You only have to ask anyone living in the area that despite noise mitigation measures, the rural ambience is already reduced and any extra noise generation, especially by night, will only make it worse.
- ☒ The proposed "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 24hour, 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 shutdown/restarted easily.
- ☒ The company operating this site has a poor track record of environmental compliance. They have previously been fined a significant amount of money for breaches to their environmental operational obligations.
- ☒ The project includes the clearing of 43.1 hectares of native forest vegetation, 0.55 ha of which is identified as the threatened ecological community Subtropical coastal floodplain forest (NR117).
- ☒ The Greater Sancrox Area Structure Plan (2014), identifies the land to be cleared as medium to high activity koala habitat. The clearing also destroys an identified "critical link and vegetation connectivity in the immediate, and the Greater Sancrox Structure Plan, eliminating traverses by animals south-north through the centre of the Development Site".
- ☒ The native vegetation to be cleared provides habitat for a wealth of unique biodiversity with a total of 27 threatened species, including 17 birds and nine mammals including five microchiropteran bats. There are also seven identified threatened species of native animals (Ref: DA, Annex C, Biodiversity Assessment Report).

- ☒ The proposed use of "ecosystem credits" to offset the proposed loss of the threatened and vulnerable flora and fauna (Ref: DA, Annex C, Biodiversity Assessment Report).
- ☒ The appendix C 'Biodiversity Report' was conducted for an inadequate period of time and conducted by Scientists, not Conservation Biologists. Rigorous and objective assessment as it is, was "prepared, checked and authorised by one Jeremy Pepper, M. Consterdine.
- ☒ The State of Emergency declared in NSW due to the catastrophic bushfires in November 2019 has killed an estimated 350 koalas. Injured and now homeless koalas may have moved onto the proposed development site.
- ☒ The Hydrology report identifies water on the site that is currently supporting native flora and fauna, is to be diverted to industrial use. (Ref: DA, Annex C, Biodiversity Assessment Report)
- ☒ The proposed land clearing will result in soil erosion, land degradation, salinity and threaten water quality with potential pollution to the north and west alluvial flood plains of the Hastings River and Haydons Creek. (Ref: DA, Annex C, Biodiversity Assessment Report). Native vegetation in NSW stores a significant amount of carbon. Deforestation and forest degradation will contribute to global greenhouse gas emissions and fewer trees in a region can contribute to drought by reducing the amount of local rainfall.
- ☒ The proposed works impact on Aboriginal heritage sites including an identified Scar Tree and ceremonial site considered to have high cultural significance identified in the Heritage Report (DA, Annex D, Heritage Assessment)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

*M. Toman*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*November 22nd. / 2019.*

- ☒ I AGREE to the Department publishing my submission on its website in accordance with The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment Privacy Policy.
- ☐ I DO NOT agree to the Department publishing my submission on its website in accordance with The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment Privacy Policy

Further comments below and/or attached.