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The Director Resource Assessment
Planning Assessment 9946
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Scanning Room

Dear Sir,

Re: SSD 9946

Objection to Hanson Heidelberg Application for a New Quarry at Sancrox, NSW 2446

This submission raises my concerns regarding the application by Hanson Heidelberg to open a new quarry pit at Sancrox, near Port Macquarie in NSW.

I am the owner of Lot 95 in the new, 142-lot, Riverpark Sancrox Estate which is currently being constructed to the west of the existing quarry site.

Having been made aware of this application and its serious deficiencies (in particular from the Hanson Environmental Impact Statement – ERM Ref: 0418291), I am writing to draw your attention to the very severe and negative consequences that could follow should the application be approved.

First, there is the obvious effect it will have on the potential for other uses of the area. Not only on our current development but also on other proposed residential developments (to meet an urgent need) and long-term future projects like the East Coast High Speed Rail line (which would run through the proposed pit).

Secondly, I am advised that Hanson has had a poor record of complying with environmental laws, regulations and conditions in the past. This is very worrying considering the inevitable dust and noise that would be produced by continual blasting and increased truck and excavator movements. The new quarry would extend to within 600m of our residential zone, which is clearly an incompatible use.

Thirdly, we are all aware of the horrific impact that the recent bushfires have had on the already endangered koala populations near Port Macquarie. Now, it is proposed to build this quarry in a location which will block an endangered biological corridor and destroy a large area of high to medium use koala habitat. This is totally unacceptable.

Finally, it appears that Hanson's claims as to the necessity for this quarry are vastly overstated and overlook the plain fact that there are at least two alternative quarries currently operating within a reasonable distance of Port Macquarie.

I ask that you give this application fair, rigorous and balanced consideration, taking the needs of the whole Port Macquarie Hastings community into consideration – not just the wishes of one multi-national company.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. R. Easton'.A handwritten word 'for' in black ink, written in a cursive style.

G. R. Easton & S.A. Hibbert
Owners – Lot 95, Riverpark Sancrox Estate