

**Swati Sharma**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 15 December 2015 2:39 PM  
**To:** Swati Sharma  
**Subject:** PBM quarry.

Dear Ms Sharma,

I have just been advised of the PBM application for extensions to their operating licences.

I am disappointed I had to find out this way, I am their closest neighbour and they always sent me notices of blasting, you would think they could have done better.

My objections have always been about truck noise and dust . Prior to this application I was assured by Charlie at a Taree council meeting that truck noise frequency would be abating , not increasing.

I am opposing this extension to the quarry licence for the following reasons.

- 1) There will be a doubling of truck movements bringing in used concrete. These trucks have never been measured for noise, but I can assure you they are climbing a considerably high hill to the quarry entrance which means low gears and high noise and long duration.
- 2) The application for more tonnage to be taken obviously means a doubling again of the quarry trucks which leave downhill on low range gears and make loud braking and squealing noises.
- 3) Residents were led to believe that trucks bringing in concrete for recycling would be examined for asbestos and silica BEFORE being allowed on site, this promise appears to have been broken. We get severe winds on our hilltop areas and we are concerned about carcinogenic dusts affecting the health of our families.

In summary this quarry has been growing like 'bracket creep' with all monitoring being self regulated , ie, there has never been any independent regulation done. Our local council do nothing. Our complaints ( both council and EPA) fall on deaf ears so much so that we've given up any hope of a fair hearing.

I thank you for your consideration .

Sincerely, [REDACTED]  
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Sent from my iPhone