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**I OBJECT STRONGLY TO ANY EXPANSION OF SPRING FARM
SAND QUARRY DA 75 – 256 mod 4.**

Proponent: M. Collins and Sons, Holding Pty Ltd
Spring Farm Quarry, Modification 4.

NSW Agriculture, (Appendix B in DPI response) is

- totally opposed to the use **of: "Scarce agricultural class 1 soils** in the Sydney region for construction"
- These **rich, alluvial soils** have "Critically, taken thousands of years to form." Actually, **20 to 30,000 years** to layer and layer and layer. And, "erosion... of such soils... exceed formation rates by at least, a factor of several hundred..."
- Such rich alluvial soils will grow anything **without added fertiliser**
- The soils are directly **next to water** for irrigation.
- As far as the proponent suggests rehabilitation, "It is likely that **only a level of agricultural land class 3** would be obtained,... "This may not be a problem for turf, however, the intention is **agricultural land class 1 is able to support vegetable production,**"

This is the equivalent to the Nile River in Egypt! Can you imagine anyone suggesting the Nile river banks should be dug up for for pot plants, gardens and some building sand.

FOOD SECURITY IN THE SYDNEY BASIN

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Climate change is accelerating fast. The government has set up special departments to deal with **food security, especially close to the biggest cities.**

Again because of climate change, the **Camden climate** is also changing and is currently very, very dry. These wonderful soils are **right next to the Nepean River**, which is constantly topped up with the river flow from Wollongong. So the riverbank is a rare source of water immediately next to the most fertile fields in Sydney.

HOW SAFE IS THIS BRIDGE NOW?

Has any extra assessment of the safety of the actual bridge structure been done?

It is evident that the bridge is under extraordinary stress because of the **huge amounts of traffic** it carries.

Anyone walking across the bridge can see the **huge chunks of concrete** under the handrails that **have already fallen.**

WHY IS THE LOCAL COUNCIL HAVING NO SAY IN THIS?

Modification 3 was only **approved by a single person** in Camden Council' s town planning section. There has been **NO COUNCIL DISCUSSION** on this matter **whatsoever**. Council was **never told** it was able to exercise any power of **VETO**.

Finally, why is this submission period time to finish exactly before the Easter holidays? Is it that so many people will be distracted preparing for the holidays?

We are "selling our birthright for a mess of pottage". Just like in the Bible, where one brother sold out his total inheritance and the inheritance of all his children to his brother for a bowl of soup.

Are we going to sell our children's, children's, children's fertile land inheritance for the next 20,000 years? For a few million dollars?