

Howlong Sand and Gravel Quarry Expansion Project. SDD 8804



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Attention Joel Herbert

I am contacting you regarding the above project to clarify if any water studies of the underground water under Howlong has been investigated at all. We view this as a very important as many properties both urban residential and local rural depend heavily on private bores to access this water. We are particularly concerned that pumping high flows of water in the proposed quarry extensions will adversely affect water availability under Howlong and local farms and could cause mineral contamination, both under Howlong and in the river and anabranches if water is discharged from the quarry operations. This could render water unsuitable for urban and rural use and damage the river ecosystem. We are adamant that this aspect should be thoroughly investigated and proven safe before the quarry extension is approved.

Anecdotal evidence shows that currently, even bores close to each-other in Howlong can affect their performance and lower water table levels in the aquifers.

Our other area of concern is the route the trucks will take to and from the quarry. We have been advised that the probable route to Benalla will be to go to Wahgunyah via the Riverina highway and then down the 'three Chain Road' to Wangaratta then down the Hume Highway.

The alternative to go via Chiltern should not be approved as the Chiltern Howlong Road is narrow and unsafe for heavy vehicles especially B doubles.

Please take these points into consideration when deciding if the quarry extensions can go ahead.

Thank you

Roger Hall, 19-05-2020
Roger Hall and group