

The Director,
Mining and Industry Projects,
Development Assessment Systems and Approvals,
Department of Planning and Infrastructure,
GPO Box 39,
SYDNEY NSW 2001,
Attention: Alice Smith

"The Hill"
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SHELLHARBOUR 2529
9 December 2013

Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposed Modification to Albion Park Quarry (10639 of 2005 MOD 2)

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on this proposal. We object to the proposal, for the following reasons:

1. MOD 1 for this proposal was granted in June 2009. Thus, this is the second modification application to increase annual production since the original approval given in 2006. This original approval was granted by the Land and Environment court subject to consent conditions which included a maximum annual production of 400,000 tonnes. This latest application represents an increase in production to more than double the above amount.
2. The Environmental Assessment states that the increase will necessitate additional blasting, rock crushing/blending, earthmoving and truck movements. It also states that specialist reports in the original EIS were completed on the basis of a peak production of 86,500 tpm which equates to 1,038,000 tpa. This is not consistent with the reports made available to us at the time, which indicated that modelling was based on a throughput of 500,000 tpa at year 25.
3. As adjoining landowners whose land provides a buffer for this quarry and the stresses associated with same, we are concerned about the likelihood of ongoing modification applications. Recently we have been asked to move back 200 metres from the boundary our own property during blasting. Duration of these requests are typically 8 hours. This raises serious concerns about the management of safety for people on our property, not to mention the disruptive impact on our farming operations. The proposed increase to production can only increase the frequency of these events.
4. We draw your attention to Figure 1, the Site Location Plan. In our opinion this map does not adequately identify the current operational quarry site, and should be amended.

5. We advise that we were not notified by letter by the Department of this proposed modification, although we had made submissions on the original development application as well as MOD 1, of which we were notified by letter. Also it appears that there was no notification published in the local Lake Times newspaper. Also there were no copies made available at Council Libraries as Cleary Bros had indicated to me. We therefore suggest that the general public have not been adequately informed about the proposal.
6. As the Department should be aware, this modification proposal coincides with an application to Shellharbour Council by the neighbouring quarry operator, Holcim (Aust) Pty Ltd. to extend the operating hours of their aggregate mixing and blending plant to 10pm Monday to Saturday, which will also generate additional vehicle movements within the quarry. We request that the cumulative effect of these modifications be given due consideration in this instance.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan Dunster', written over a horizontal line.

Susan Dunster

Figtree Hill Pty Ltd