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**FORMAL OBJECTION TO**  
**Application Number SSD-11591659**  
**279 Deep Creek Rd, Limeburners Creek 2324**  
**Ironstone Developments 'DEEP CREEK QUARRY'**

This is my formal objection to the above mentioned project and request that all objections submitted are reviewed carefully and objectively as the community in which this project is located will be adversely affected on many levels.

**Kleinfelder Deep Creek Scoping Report 16/11/20**

**Page 6**           The first apparent concern is the increase in traffic on the Bucketts Way. It is stated that an average daily movement of 55 laden trucks (therefore 110 trucks round trip), to a maximum of 110 laden trucks (220 trucks round trip) will use the Bucketts Way, the majority of those heading onto the Pacific Highway.

**EIS Appendix K**

**Traffic 3.2**       It is stated that the Bucketts Way is in good condition suitable for heavy vehicles. This as anyone who drives this road knows is blatantly false. The road is constantly being 'maintained' due to pot holes developing after each heavy rain making it difficult to manoeuvre around them at the best of times without an extra 110 trucks per day on average.

                  The Limeburners Creek Bridge is a narrow bridge that CANNOT handle 2 heavy vehicles crossing the bridge at the same time and a lot of drivers tend to stay more in the middle of this bridge in a standard car due to the narrowness of it. If there is 25 trucks an hour in peak times crossing this bridge it really is only a matter of time before a collision occurs. This is fact.

**Traffic 7.0**       In this report it is stated that there is no public transport along the Bucketts Way. Again this is false. All you need to do is view the bus routes. School buses travel this road daily to and from Medowie and Raymond Terrace and also from Limeburners Creek to Booral. Our children are on these buses twice daily and it is a major safety concern allowing the amount of trucks to and from the quarry to be sharing not only a sub-par road but an inadequate bridge.

**Traffic 7.0** There has been no consideration for holiday traffic which consumes the Bucketts Way during school and public holidays. It is not unusual to be banked up over 1 kilometre on the Bucketts Way to enter the Pacific Highway causing long delays and frustration. The new road works on the corner of the Pacific Highway and Bucketts Way has made the blind spot to enter the highway even worse. If trucks are turning off the highway you cannot view oncoming traffic causing more delays and obviously is a major safety hazard.

## **EIS Appendix G**

**Page 28** Flora and Fauna listed on the vulnerable side (2016) which are in the immediate area of the proposed quarry are: Koalas, Cockatoos, Little Lorikeet, Masked and Sooty Owl and a range of different bats. There is threatened flora such as the Tetratheca (Black Eyed Susan) and Callistemon Linearifolius (nettled bottle brush).

## **EIS Appendix E**

**Page 4** As stated in document Noise/Vibration/Waste/Air Pollution WILL cause disturbance to fauna and could cause fauna species to vacate area.

## **EIS Appendix S**

**Page 17** Social Implications. It states that proactive communication and meetings will be conducted with the local community in regards to this project. To date none of this has occurred. We received a survey late 2020, a webinar which was hard to access due to internet concerns in our area and 1 meeting (9/12/21) which was organised by the locals NOT Ironstone Developments.

As a Farmstay Owner/Operator on Fords Rd for 15 years (Ocean & Earth Farmstay) I have not even received a phone call from Ironstone Development. My business is a family run operation and if the proposed quarry is approved my business WILL fail. How will I be compensated for loss of income? And that does not include the lifestyle that our local community are going to lose (noise/traffic/pollution/loss of wildlife).

## **EIS Appendix V**

In regards to the visual aspect of the mine, Fords Road is not even mentioned in the report. We are literally 2.3 kilometres from the proposed mine and no consideration has been given in regards to the visual impact and reduced property prices that we will have to endure.

## **OTHER CONCERNS**

### **Water quality/pollution**

As our community primarily catches rainwater (no mains water) how will the dust etc impact the quality of our drinking water?

Deep Creek runs into the Karuah River. Any CONTAMINATION will directly affect our Oyster industry in Port Stephens. Deep Creek is classified as a protected zoned creek for the Karuah Marine Park.

Ironstone Development state they will use dams on the property for water. These dams are not sufficient enough to support the water usage for the quarry's needs.



This photo was taken on my balcony on Fords Rd Limeburners Creek. The Koala habitat in this area is REAL!!!

**EVEN THOUGH THIS PROJECT IS CLASSED AS A STATE SIGNIFICANT PROJECT IT WILL DESTROY OUR WAY OF LIFE, IT WILL DESTROY WILDLIFE, IT WILL DESTROY MY BUSINESS AND PUT LIVES AT RISK FOR THOSE OF US THAT TRAVEL ON THE BUCKETTS WAY!!!!**

**FEDERAL PARLIAMENT ARE WANTING TO REACH ZERO EMISSION BY 2050, THIS DOES NOT FIT IN WITH THE FEDERAL PLAN.**