

Disagree with the current submission for Cabbage Tree Road Sand Quarry

My earliest memories as a child growing up in Newcastle and Lake Macquarie is heading over Stockton bridge to go find the koalas. We proudly take our guests from around the world to visit one of our last remaining wild koala habitats in Williamtown. Being a threatened species and unique to Australia I think the priority swings from excavation to preservation.

I am concerned about the health and safety of all HUNTER REGION residents' drinking water, right now the groundwater contamination from Williamtown RAAF base is a mess. Add mining to this tiny pocket of Earth can be fatal not only for the Koala's habitat but for future generations of Hunter residents.

The current roadwork upgrades and future planning from Newcastle to Port Stephens does not factor in the increase in heavy vehicle traffic associated with mining.

As political aspirants I think it is time to step back and look at the Big Picture. You are a global citizen but hold power to make decisions for now or into the future. Maybe it is time to switch thinking from short term economic gain, to long term biodiversity and a sustainable water catchment for future generations.

Regards

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