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Planning and Environment  
23-33 Bridge Street,  
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NSW, 2000  
10<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

**Re: Gunlake Quarry Expansion Project  
Environmental Impact Statement,  
April 2016.**

Dear Sir,

I write to express my strong opposition to the proposed expansion at Gunlake Quarry.

Gunlake's **Environmental Impact Statement (E.I.S.)** is asking to increase the traffic along Brayton Road and the Bypass Road **from 164 trucks per day to 440 trucks per day**. They say that on some days they would want to run **690 trucks per day**.

I use Brayton Road and the Bypass Road every day on my way to work in the Southern Highlands. My wife also uses Brayton Road and the Bypass Road, quite often. I have worked in the past as a professional driver, of trucks of various sizes. In my opinion Brayton Road and the Bypass Road are not suitable for this level of traffic. I think such a proposal is extremely dangerous and irresponsible. I believe it is a recipe for disaster and poses a completely unacceptable level of risk to the local community.

Such a proposal will also create an unnecessary and unacceptable level of noise. If all these trucks, approximately one every 2 minutes 24 hours a day, are required to stop and the intersection of the Gunlake Quarry entrance and Brayton Road and then start again, the acceleration of engines and constant gear changing will create a constant and unacceptable amount noise for local residents. I also believe it poses an unacceptable safety risk for other road users.

The only sensible solution to moving this rock product to Sydney is for Gunlake to send it by rail, as Holcim do at their Lynwood Quarry next door.

Gunlake's E.I.S. also requests consent to expand rock crushing operations from the existing times of **7am to 6pm Monday to Saturday to 24 hours a day everyday except Sundays**. This would have a huge impact on the normal peace and quiet of this rural community. We can already hear Gunlake crushing on some days, when a light breeze seems to be blowing in our direction. We are approximately 7 kms from the Gunlake Quarry.

If Gunlake gets permission to increase crushing **from 750,000 tonnes per year to 2,000,000 tonnes** and if crushing is allowed to operate **24 hours a day**, the impact on local residents would be intolerable. I know, Ed O'Neil offered, at a public meeting early last year to build a sound proof shed over the crushers, similar to the one Holcim have. Gunlake don't seem to be offering to do that anymore. I am also concerned at the dust this quarry expansion will create across the valley. A proper shed over the crushers would also help solve this problem.

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Until Gunlake agree to do the right thing and protect the local community, I submit that their Quarry Expansion Project be rejected.

Yours faithfully,

Mick and Tracey Connelly.