

My husband and I moved three years ago to the peace and tranquillity of a country property in Greenwich Park. The greatest threat to this country lifestyle that we treasure is the unrestrained growth of hard rock quarrying happening right now on our doorstep.

Gunlake is proposing to expand its quarrying operations from 750,000 tonnes to 2 million tonnes a year, which is a phenomenal increase and it plans to transport all of its product to Sydney by road. This will mean on average, 440 40-tonne trucks per day on Brayton Road, which has a school bus run, and then connecting to the Hume Highway to Sydney. On many days this could rise to 690 trucks a day. That is one every two minutes. Brayton Road is not in the best condition, let alone to be able to carry the amount of heavy trucks suggested by Gunlake. How would the Goulburn Mulwaree Council be able to upkeep the road condition and guarantee the safety of the local school children and others who travel on it. In addition, the wildlife would not stand a chance.

Gunlake is also proposing to expand rock crushing to 24 hours a day, six days per week, and does not plan to employ noise reduction measures. We can already hear Gunlake's primary crusher when it is operating and to have it going 24 hours would be intolerable for us. We would not have an ounce of peace.

This region has extraordinary natural assets and beauty and has a wonderful community. We must value what we have and protect it. If we don't get this right now we won't get a second chance.

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