

17 May 2016

To: Mr Stokes
From: Ms A Simpson

Topic: Proposed increase in activities at Gunlake Quarry to 24 hours a day.

I am writing to express grave concerns for the safety of the permanent residents, weekenders and visitors to the Marulan, Big Hill, Greenwich Park area. The proposal to increase activities and haulage from Gunlake quarry to a 24 hour operation and 440 trucks per day will have an extremely dangerous impact for our safety.

This proposal is completely unsafe for the local residents, weekenders, learner drivers and visitors in the community.

The current haulage schedule has significantly contributed to the poor condition of Brayton and Bypass roads. Deep potholes open up weekly and sometimes daily, the sides of the roads are falling away and of course until recently there is minimal centre line marking on either of those roads. Even where marked, B-double trucks fully laden and hurtling down hills do not give consideration to centre line marking.

Lower speed limits have been proposed (and subsequently ruled out) but this will not ensure a safe solution due to the following factors:

- Not all truck drivers adhere to speed limits and there has never been policing of this
- Other drivers may try to overtake and pass the trucks when they are fully laden and on inclines on roads with limited visibility for vehicles coming the other way
- Sheer volume of traffic will degrade the roads regardless of speed limits

While the residents appreciate the efforts thus far to increase safety by installing a stop sign at the exit from Gunlake and watering the road during recent construction the roads between Gunlake and Marulan are a fatal accident waiting to happen. Potholes have already appeared on the widened section of Brayton road.

I am pleading with you to please take the necessary steps such as building a dedicated rail spur before someone in our community pays for the increased haulage from Gunlake with their life.

Sincerely
Anne Simpson
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