



Dear Mr Stokes,

I find it incredible that this upgrade is even a consideration given the inadequacy of the proposed haul route, currently in the submission before you from Gunlake Quarry. The road in question, even though it has been recently, partially upgraded has only been made somewhat better for the residents and current traffic and I say this with many reservations. The bypass Rd is in dangerous condition and is in desperate need of upgrading already. I have personally been forced off the road and suffered windscreen damage as a result of this road and the truck traffic that exists already.

We currently share the road.... which I might add does not have any centre lines or side lines and very inadequate reflectors....with over 150 trucks per day, constant and prolific wildlife, many permanent residents from at least four different localities and their visitors and tradespeople.

The school buses use this route and safety for the children on board is of paramount concern.

How can anyone consider that this MASSIVE increase, to what is already busy day to day traffic, of a further 440 trucks per day, all of which are B Doubles is unbelievable.

At an information night with the principal and senior staff of Gunlake Quarry, all residents that attended were unanimous in the need for Gunlake to research other arrangements for hauling their product from the quarry. Rail was mentioned and it is apparently more than feasible if Gunlake Quarry can negotiate with the Lynwood Quarry owned by Holcim. We were told by Mr O'Neill, Principal of Gunlake Quarry, that they are unable to negotiate with Holcim as they are in direct competition.

Surely... if the product being quarried, possibly for the next 90 years from our beautiful rural area, is supplying the State government for Sydney's roads...as stated by Mr O'Neill... then your department at least should step up and insist that the two entities come up with a way to jointly create a much safer and environmentally safe haul route for this product.

Consent must not be given for this upgrade as safety for residents from the inadequate haul road CANNOT be assured.

I thank you for your time and look forward to your response.

With great concern,

Christine Wilkinson, David Wilkinson and Eleanor Wilkinson