

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

My full name is Alan Raymond STEPHENS and I reside at 213 Carters Close, GREENWICH PARK with my wife Kathleen.

I wish to raise a number of concerns that I have in relation to the operation of the Gunlake Quarry on Brayton Road.

Over several months, I have noticed a deep humming noise coming from a general southerly direction from where I live. At first, I thought that it was somebody doing some form of excavation, roadworks or construction by ~~one~~ of my neighbours. After investigating the local area, I was surprised to find out that it was not coming from nearby and I was informed by other neighbours, that it was in fact coming from the Gunlake Quarry. Depending on which way the wind is blowing, this noise has reached the point where it is becoming irritating and annoying.

Another concern of mine is, that I have noticed on several sections of Brayton Road and Bypass Road, that damage is being occasioned to the roadway by the large number of heavy trucks that are coming in and out of the Gunlake Quarry.

My wife works at Marulan five days a week and in an effort to travel the shortest route to work travels along Towrang Road, Bulls Pit Road and Brayton Road to her place of employment. On two occasions whilst driving to and from work, a large truck coming towards her has either kicked up a stone or a stone has dropped from the truck which has caused a chip and a crack in the windscreen. As a result of this, and the now large number of trucks using Brayton Road, my wife no longer drives to work via Brayton Road and is now forced to drive a further distance to work via Towrang Road and the Hume Highway to Marulan. It is my understanding, that the numbers of trucks using Brayton Road is going to further increase dramatically which in my opinion is going to lead to further damage to the roadway and the increased chances of an accident on this small country road which has not been designed and constructed for such a heavy and large volume of traffic.

My last concern is, that on one occasion, I was following two large trucks which had entered Brayton Road from the Gunlake Quarry and were heading towards Marulan. After going over the first hill, I followed these two trucks and both of them continued all the way to the Bypass Road and during that time consistently travelled at 100kph. I know that the speed limit on that section of roadway is 100kph, but my understanding is that these trucks are supposed to be only travelling at 80kph. This practice is also a great concern to me as it raises the possibility of a tragic accident happening on this section of roadway.



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