

523 Red Hills Road  
MARULAN  
24<sup>th</sup> April 2016

The Minister for Planning NSW  
The Hon. Robert Gordon Stokes MP  
Department of Planning and Environment

Dear Minister,

It is with considerable dismay we have read of the alarming increase in activity sought by Boral and Gunlake Quarries.

My husband and I chose to live here because it is a rural area and, like many other retirees in the area, we sought peace and tranquility after the noise, pollution and traffic of the city. Already we are experiencing noise and dust from the present activities of Gunlake and cannot imagine how any authority could permit the O'Neills to inflict further destruction on the environment to the detriment of the local community.

The bypass road which was recently built is already damaged as a result of heavy usage and although a bicycle group recently cleared the area at the T section at Red Hills Road, caused by heavy trucks, that section is again endangered by gravel across the whole intersection. Every day we see the road kill left on the road and dread to think how it would be increased with such a huge increase in the proposed truck movements! The Planning department has a duty to protect our wild life and this proposal is surely at odds with that responsibility.

It is also clear that our lives will be endangered. The number of truck movements will mean that trucks will be travelling along the Bypass road at a steady rate every four minutes making it not only difficult to turn into Bypass Rd from Red Hills Road, but actually quite hazardous. The trucks presently using the road are double units and at the speed they travel are unable to halt to save the wildlife. Clearly this will also apply to residents in cars and the local school bus. The road section leading into Marulan immediately past the turn off is very steep and there are reports that a truck recently stalled and slid back endangering cars and utilities behind it.

The proposed extension of Gunlake quarries activities will be of little benefit to Marulan or the surrounding farms. The extra twenty truck drivers, like those at present employed, will come from outside the area and seven new jobs is certainly not worth the harm and destruction it will inflict on the community.

Gunlake Quarries already produce 750,000 tonnes of gravel per annum and generate 320 truck movements a day which are the cause of considerable noise, dust and road damage. If they are granted their wish to increase production up to two million tonnes, crush rock 24 hours a day and increase truck movements to 690 a day an entire community will have its quality of life destroyed, the value of their properties diminished and the local wild life decimated.

Boral is seeking to extend its working hours 7am to 7pm to 5am till 11pm! This surely is in conflict with the regulations governing industrial noise.

It would seem unconscionable to put the interests of the O'Neill family, none of whom live in the area, before the interests of the local community and would surely raise questions about party donations.

Yours faithfully,

*Maggie Pail*

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