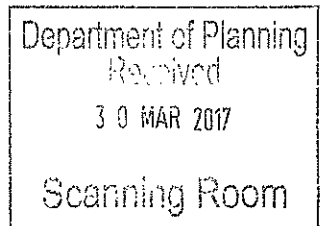


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FOR ATTENTION : HOWARD REED - RESOURCE ASSESSMENTS

Dear Mr. Reed

Re: APPLICATION SSD 5899 - HANSON CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS Pty Ltd

979 Clarence Town Rd; SEAHAM

I wish to make a submission - **OBJECTION SUBMISSION** to the above Application on the following grounds:

1. **PROPOSED EXPANSION TO INCLUDE A CONCRETE CRUSHING PLANT AND INCREASE TO HOURS OF OPERATION.** new proposal to allow operation 24 hours per day 7 days per week ; would mean **B LASTING , CRUSHING AND TRUCK MOVEMENTS NON-STOP** using Brandy Hill Drive as the main thoroughfare. This is **UNFAIR IN THE EXTREME** and would be **INTOLERABLE** for the residents living along the roadway. The roadway is already under significant stress from the present truck traffic. Heavy laden - B Doubles 30-40 ton approx over a road already pot -holed , tar patches upon tar patches, broken edges for most parts along the entire length of the roadway ANY Increase in the number of Heavy Trucks on the road in all kinds of weather will only exacerbate the condition of the roadway and make driving more dangerous for all road users . This does not take into account the time or expense of repairs passed on to some extent to resident rate-payers and tax-payers no doubt.
2. **NOISE IMPACTS:** A working Quarry produces noise No getting away from it. **BLASTING, CRUSHING, MACHINERY** all generate **NOISE !!!!!** The impact on the surrounding rural countryside and the inhabitants will bear the brunt of it.. By its nature **BLASTING** is earth-shattering, and **LOUD**, added to that the noise impacts from the **CRUSHING PLANT** will impact severely on the locals in this pastoral country area..... the sound is magnified at night timeand the proposal to increase the hours of operation for this venture to **24/7** And the ongoing unceasing noise impacts from its operation including heavy truck movements along the roadways day and especially night When most people sleep ... Is far too excessive for any fair-minded person to accept. Sensible regulations need to be put in place around those hours of operation so that the Quarry can remain viable and employment retained... for example , the Building Industry in NSW has clearly stated operational hours because of noise when building and impacts by Tradies using power tools etc. and they are 7am to 9pm . That's it. Clearly the Quarry Expansion Proposal is a case in point for regulated operation times / restrictions to operation hours. Is there way for sensible compromise? I would hope so.

3. **HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:** Proposals to increase truck movements bring with it the risk to public health and the environment of increased emissions of diesel fumes and suspended particles of toxins from the diesel fuels. The facts speak for themselves; increased trucks on the road equals increased fumes and emissions. . . potentially harmful to man and nature. No argument about it... just one more negative impact of the proposed changes.

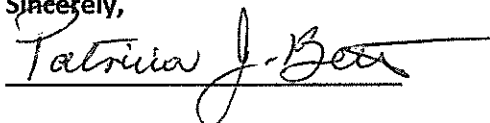
4. **SAFETY ISSUES :** Most if not all the properties fronting Brandy Hill Drive; have access directly onto the roadway, the roadway is not completely straight but undulating with some corners and curves which obscure or partly obscure some property driveways till the driver is almost upon them. Even at this present time it is dangerous when one or two and three and four trucks pass by in succession, and one needs to take caution when exiting or entering the property. The case is more and more these days, the trucks seem to travel 'in convoy' . Forseeably, it will surely become even more hazardous if the number of truck movements were increased as the Proposal suggests. My concerns about SAFETY and the points raised here are valid and need be taken seriously.

Another safety issue is the lack of proper turn -ins for bus pick-ups along the road, or the position of some of those already there. Unbelievable one is situated on the down side of a small hill . The school children are cautioned to stand back from the road, but still it is a dangerous situation. If it happened that a school bus were stopped there and a truck came over the hill the truck would have to pull out well over the centerline bad luck if anyone , or even another truck were coming up the hill at that moment. A graphic scenario, but more than that, an ever present safety concern. There are some real dangerous issues now... and NO it won't get any better if more trucks are on the roadway day and night.

5. **INCOMPATIBILITY WITH LIFESTYLE:** Brandy Hill and neighbouring locations like Wallalong, Woodville, Seaham Clarence Town, Hinton, are mainly pastoral, rural, small to large acreages . A fairly countrified quiet location with a community that still operate farming, dairying, livestock, and vegetable growing farms. Others have animals . Horses, alpacas, sheep, goats, dogs and even peacocks. Others work in various occupations throughout Newcastle and the Hunter. It's possible that some may be SHIFT -WORKERS. This Proposal to extend operating hours, and the increases that are forecast, will have far-reaching impacts, just one is the thought of operating throughout the night. At present it's bad enough with the trucks that are operating day after day.... the Quarry's present hours seem to be reasonable enough. The area has been degraded already, safety , lifestyle and the peace and quiet of this beautiful location , which drew many of its residents here in the first place, has been changed so much over time, degraded by the constancy and noise impacts of the trucks going by, the pollution, and road safety issues.

I would say to you that the issues raised by the impacts of this Development Application just some of which I have addressed here, are not compatible with the best interests of the community or the environment. And I would say also that I hope consideration will be given to the issues raised in this submission, and hope that whoever gets the final say ...The Minister perhaps, will be a fair minded man And that the little people like me..... the residents of the actual location where the greatest impacts are going to be felt for the rest of our lives.... Where the environment , lifestyle, health and safety of a place and community ... will be changed forever. FOREVER....now that is a BIG word.

Sincerely,



Patricia J Betts.

I WISH TO STATE I HAVE MADE NO REPORTABLE
POLITICAL DONATIONS IN THE LAST TWO YEARS.