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Re Hanson quarry expansion - objections.

We live on Brandy Hill drive, and my concerns to the expansion proposal focuses on where we live - Brandy Hill drive.

Objections to the Hanson proposal

1. Out of the "main four" traffic route options, Brandy Hill drive will be the only route of the trucks (by default) because travelling via Seaham is a physically longer route to the same destination as Brandy Hill drive, and the other routes through Woodville and Hinton need to negotiate a single lane bridges - I believe council will prevent trucks using these bridges in the future because they are not built to take this amount of truck loads.

2. Brandy Hill Drive is not a suitably constructed road to potentially carry 800 plus trucks per day. After the recent rains, please re-inspect the road - it cracks and opens up constantly with the trucks. It has deteriated significantly in the last week.

There are no road verges in the event of an emergency, or to pull over and let traffic pass. Garbage days is a good example to show how inadequate the road is - please observe the garbage trucks emptying rubbish on a Wednesday and all the vehicles passing across double yellow lines to get around the garbage truck.

Current bus stops are inadequate (dangerous) with the traffic. There are no pedestrian facilities on the road. Quite often people walk along the road edge of an evening - if trucks movements were to double, and operate outside business hours, this would add even more danger to an already inadequate situation. Note there are no street lights along Brandy Hill drive.

3. The existing traffic generates significant vehicle emissions. I am concerned for my family's health with doubling the emissions in the long term - have the emissions been tested road side on Brandy Hill drive?

4. I am concerned on the precedence set in the event of the Hanson expansion going ahead. We are all aware of Martins Creek quarry, and once 24/7 operation is granted to Hanson, there will be no reasons to stop Hanson further expanding or any other quarry expansion going ahead. Business hours must be adhered to!

5. I currently work a 7 day roster. I already have issues with the noise every morning starting around 7am and throughout the day - please inspect the traffic and noise levels at this time of the morning!

We have been tolerant of the noise during business hours, however it is outrageous to think we must now endure trucks at night. I am concerned the community will suffer with lack of sleep, fatigue and other health issues.

6. We live at Brandy Hill because we have acreage for horses (as do many of the community). We regularly transport horses and it is already stressful negotiating our drive way, as we need to travel quite slowly at times. I am very concerned for our safety with the additional truck movements, particularly at night. Will the EP consider reducing the speed limit to 60km/h?

7. During the evening there is little traffic. Despite this, there is hardly a day without seeing dead animals on the road. Has anyone considered the impact on wildlife with the introduction of trucks after hours?

8. Hanson's have stated there will be 10-20 jobs created by the expansion? - I'm all for jobs however how can you justify a dozen jobs at the expense (quality of life) of our community, which is hundreds of families?

9. If the expansion goes ahead, the property values will be significantly affected, ie de-valued. How can you justify financial gain of a company on the financial loss to the community?

**Yours Sincerely** 

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