

To Whom It May Concern

I am submitting my response to the proposed expansion of the Hanson owned Brandy Hill Quarry at Seaham. I am a resident of Giles Road, Seaham and understand that the quarry has been in operation for roughly 30 years but the expansion proposed has so many negative implications for the community and the environment and for these reasons I **strongly** object to the proposal and list my concerns as follows:

- Seaham and Brandy Hill are rural residential areas with abundant wildlife and a quiet, peaceful, country atmosphere. Hanson propose to destroy this by increasing the heavy vehicles on our roads 24 hours a day/7 days a week, increasing noise pollution, creating light pollution, putting at risk the already threatened quality of our air, destroying undisturbed natural habitat and therefore driving out already vulnerable wildlife, namely the koala and the brush-tailed phascogale. I have seen countless koalas, wallabies, echidnas and kangaroos on my regular morning or afternoon walks, mostly on quarry land along Giles Road and Croft Road.
- We choose to live here for the peace and serenity. We presently put up with the regular tremors, which vibrate through our homes and rattle our windows. We put up with the constant noise from the crusher and heavy vehicles on our country roads, the plumes of dust which can be seen kilometres away and the bright lights which pollute the night skies. However, Hanson's proposal to expand and operate 24/7 would be utterly unbearable and have detrimental effects to our health and quality of life. This proposal is ludicrous, unacceptable and cannot be allowed to go ahead.
- I cannot understand how Hanson's noise and vibration conforms to standards and is within guidelines and I am not satisfied by the level of testing undertaken.
- Our biggest investment, our homes and properties, will be significantly devalued if this proposal goes ahead.
- I am also concerned about the 78metre below sea level void which will be left by the quarry after Hanson have finished raping the land. This void will most likely become a toxic pond at the end of Brandy Hill Drive.
- I do not believe the quarry is located close to regional and state road networks, there are three heritage listed bridges (two being single laned) and therefore this would not promote efficient transfer of materials and would not reduce transport impacts on local roads.
- I do not believe that the creation of an extra 10 jobs would be *that* beneficial to the socio economic status of the community.

In conclusion, the residents of Brandy Hill and Seaham have co-existed with the Brandy Hill Quarry, in reasonable harmony, for over 30 years. We live here because we love our homes, our lifestyles, our country and the vibe. Don't let Hanson destroy our lives. Put people and the environment before profit and reject this proposal.

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Yours sincerely,

Giles Road, Seaham Resident

Some of the Koalas recently photographed on Giles Road and Croft Road, Seaham

