

# **I wish to lodge an objection to the Brandy Hill Quarry extension.**

We are original residents of Brandy Hill, living on Brandy Hill drive.

When we bought our land, there was a covenant, which we had to abide by.

We were told the quarry would have a life span of twenty years, operate five days a week, between the hours of 6am & 6pm. Blasting would occur on Tuesdays at lunchtime.

The quarry was later sold to Hymix, the life was extended, the volumes & the traffic increased.

A further sale, was to the present operators Hanson, again changes were made, within the DA, without both consultation & approvals.

**Today they are applying to increase the tonnage, the hours of operation, scope of production and traffic volumes on the 30 year old infrastructure.**

These increases will impact significantly on the residents & roads with the forecast 924 truck movements per day, from the Brandy Hill operation alone, without the other 84 Martin's Creek, heavy vehicles already using the roads, soon to be increased under their expansion proposal.

Add to these numbers the through, local & residential traffic, we will be looking at a count in excess 2500 vehicles per day, on a two lane road with little verge & no shoulders.

If one of these heavy vehicles were to breakdown the result would be chaotic.

This does not include the impact on the other roads the vehicles will access around the community & only multiply the risks at the know blackspots.

The traffic survey in the EIS uses outdated figures, with no consideration of future needs, stating the Council would be responsible to maintain, repair & widen the roadways as the traffic volumes increased.

With the increase of traffic volume, the majority being heavy vehicles, the safety of the road users will be severely compromised, this also includes pedestrians, cyclists, and horse riders not mention the school buses & school children, which have increased significantly over the years.

Increase to traffic equals increase in potential accidents, increased noise 24/7, increased pollution, from exhaust emissions 24/7, diesel fumes & particulates are a known carcinogen.

With these proposed increases the road will need to be widened, to three lanes, overtaking lanes up the hills, a footpath for the pedestrians & school children. The speed limit should be decreased to 60kph. Without these improvements the residents will never be able to enter or leave their properties safely!

**Don't allow the quarry to expand without the responsibility for the consequences!**

We built our home in a clean, scenic, rural country setting, now we are being forced to live in a commercial, industrial area. This expansive intrusion, along with the increased noises, traffic, pollution & dust will seriously affect the property values of the existing residences. Not to mention the accumulative noise effect of the overhead planes combined with the huge increase in noise from the truck movements.

The final rehabilitation of the site as described in the EIS leaves a lot to be desired. We will be left with a massive hole that will fill with toxic, saline, contaminated water, left to drain into the existing waterways with a devastating effect. Or even more concerning, be sold or transformed into a refuse pit, at the end of our road.

**We have coexisted with the quarry for nearly 30 years at their present output, now they want to increase the environmental impacts on our community for their financial gain, without consultation or compromise, at our social, financial & environmental costs.**

**We strongly oppose any expansion of the existing quarry operation, extracting a common resource that is readily available from other operating & undeveloped sites.**

**Australia, remains a Colony, being raped & pillaged!**