

The Minister for Planning
Department of Planning & Environment
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Dear Minister,

I wish to register my strongest objection to the proposed expansion to the Hanson Brandy Hill Quarry.

My understanding is Hanson is seeking to have the existing operating hours changed from 6.00am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday and 6.00am to 1.00 pm on Saturdays, to a 24 x 7 operation, with up to 844 truck passing our house every day. Just from that one quarry.

I do not oppose the continued operation of the quarry so long as the existing hours of operation remain unchanged, and there are no more trucks on the road than there currently are. As it is my freedom to move around our residential area is greatly restricted due to the increase in the number of trucks on our road some of which we are sure are coming from Dracon's Martins Creek quarry

Let me make it clear, we live on Brandy Hill Drive, and **hear and see** the trucks going to the quarries from as early as 4.30am to 4.40 am with a steady increase through the morning with empty trucks going north to the quarries and loaded trucks go south from the quarries. As there is no shared pathway at all along this road way, I am scared to ride my bike and as just north of our place there is not even a shoulder on the road, it is no longer safe to go walking in the morning through fear of being hit by a truck.

For my health, it is important I go walking daily and it is ridiculous that we live on a country road yet, for the morning walk, I have to drive away to a safe place.

So, I would say that, even for the continued operation of the quarries, improvements to the road and the building of a shared pathway should be supplied. I know Port Stephens Council has a responsibility for our roads and role to play. Council's Senior development planner wrote to Hanson on 15 April 2013 and noted that "*potential traffic impacts appear to be a critical issue*" and "*Council would like to note that its records indicate that a number of complaints have been received from nearby residents regarding traffic impacts during operation of the existing quarry*". Traffic numbers and noise are critical issues for our family.

We have grand children that come to stay from time to time and who want to venture out of our driveway on their bikes, but are restricted by us to stay within our boundary.

Also, I would like to be able to take my young grandchildren for a walk in their pram as I consider this is a normal thing for any mother or grandmother to be able to do. BUT NO. Not if you live on Brandy Hill Drive at the moment with the size of the trucks and the number of movements of the trucks.

It is not fair as I see. Our amenity is taken away.

Yours faithfully



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