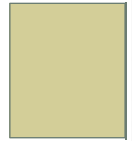


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497 SEAHAM RD NELSONS PLAINS ,2324



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Owner
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497 Seaham Rd Nelsons plains ,2324

NSW Department of Planning

RE : Brandy Hill Quarry Extension.

We are writing to express our concerns over the proposed expansion to Brandy Hill Quarry. From what we have learnt so far, this expansion means many more trucks travelling to and fro along Seaham Rd through Nelsons Plains. This extra activity will greatly affect our business activities as long term primary producers.

Geoff is a 3rd generation farmer on this property. Our whole income comes off the land as it was for his ancestors. This property was, for all those years a dairy farm, and runs on both sides of Seaham Rd as well as down Hinton Rd, this intersection was known by all the locals as "Foots corner" or "cow shit corner", due to the dairy cows coming up out of the paddock and walking up the Seaham Rd to the dairy. Geoff & I closed the dairy not long after the regulation of the NSW milk industry & we now grow angus beef and produce Lucerne hay on the property. Our youngest son William is starting with us after Easter to keep a 4th generation involved on our land.

Seaham Rd & Hinton Rd intersection has always been a trouble spot and the road has of course become much busier over all these years. Our problems will be more so if all these trucks are sent through at 90 km an hour, because we still need to cross cattle from one side to the other, not daily anymore, but when we need to change paddocks for feed or in flood times. Also getting in and out of our driveway with our cattle truck to back into loading ramp to pick cattle up for sale could become quite unsafe with the speed limit there now 90 km per hour and big quarry trucks full or empty travelling through at frequent intervals.

Apart from moving the cattle in the truck, or on foot, we also bring hay back to our sheds from the farm down Hinton Rd on hay trailers behind our tractor. Trying to turn into Seaham Rd, off Hinton Rd doing this exercise at maybe 30km per hour will be difficult if we have to factor in trucks travelling at 90km per hr. These normal business practices are a vital part of our day to day enterprise, all the extra truck traffic will definitely impact on our primary production.

On top of these concerns ,we have the added worry of trying to turn in and out of our driveways safely unless, the road can be widened, or speed limits dropped. Then there is the added noise, and dust, diesel, emissions from the truck movements, that no one living in our rural environment is going to want, and as yet won't know the affects from.

Geoff has lived on this road all his life and I have lived here for 38years, so we have seen many changes to the area in population growth .We have had no worries about the quarry , but the trucks now are a worry ,as to the speed they travel along here, we can only imagine the worst if these trucks are going to be one after the other 24 hour a day 7 days a week.

Regards

Geoff & Elizabeth Foot