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**Planning Services
Department of Planning and Environment
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ATTN: Minster for Planning**

REF: Opposing the Eagleton Hardrock Quarry Development

Application No: SSD 7332

Location: Lot 2 DP1108702, Barleigh Ranch Way, Eagleton

Applicant: Eagleton Rock Syndicate Pty. Ltd

I am opposed to the development of the above quarry. I wish to lodge a more comprehensive and strong objection to the proposed Eagleton Hardrock Quarry and am deeply concerned about the impact of the quarry on our community. As permitted by Michelle Kirkman. I lodged the original objection previously as per submission due date.

Concerns regarding the impact on our environment and community are

Noise – At the moment the noise from MX Central (a motor cross circuit located on the same site as the proposed Hard Rock Quarry can be heard easily on a Sunday when it is operating. So I think that a quarry blasting and rock crushing is going to be quite auditable and as it intends to operate all week and all hours the potential to ruin our life style and health with constant noise is a truly big worry.

Public safety – This is of great concern with the increase in the number of truck movements every day. The roads in the area are not built to withstand large trucks moving hundreds of tons of rocks a day. This is already evident by the condition of the roads at the moment from trucks from other quarries using them as short cuts in and out of the area and with increase in truck movements the roads are only going to worse and increase the risk of accidents.

Potential employment downturn for local businesses - Eagleton is also the location of the Eagleton Ridge Respite Centre that deals with many types of people with disabilities. The centre has over 3500 clients on its books and provides employment for 23 staff. The proposed quarry and its operation would be located straight behind the centre and would cause stress and inconvenience to both patients and staff and impair the great work done by this organization. If the quarry were to go ahead and it's operation was to interfere with the operation of the Respite then the potential for job loss would be great as the Respite employs far more people than the quarry intends to hire and provides a far greater service to the community than another quarry would.

Water contamination of Grahamstown Dam catchment - The proposed quarry also lies within the Grahamstown Dam catchment .This in its self is a huge dam which means pollution from the processing of the rock from the site is a great risk. This dam is one of the major water supplies for Newcastle and the lower Hunter.

I hope that Department of Planning will take all my concerns into account. This proposed development is causing considerable stress to myself, fellow residents. There are enough quarries and certainly no need for this one. Please consider the community and the environment when determining the outcome.

I appreciate your time in regards to this matter. Please notify me of the Department's decision with regard to this application.

Regard,

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