Dept of Planning and Environment.

APPLICANT: Eagleton Rock Syndicate P/L

LOCATION: LOT 2 DP 1108702 Barleigh Ranch Way Eagleton.

APPLICATION NUMBER: SSD 7332.

I wish to lodge an objection for the proposed DA regarding a quarry in Eagleton.

I am a support worker and have employment with Eagleton Ridge Respite Centre or E.R.R.C. I work with people who have various disabilities, and when I do shifts at the farm in Six Mile Rd, i enjoy working with the clients here because they enjoy the farm's atmosphere, which in turn makes it enjoyable for me as a support worker.

I have looked at a map showing me where the proposed quarry will be and am shocked how close it will be to our centre, in fact I can see the hill which would be affected from the kitchen window.

I believe that the noise and activities associated with a quarry would have to affect the centre if its so close. The 3 issues I see impacting on our clients and the staff are:

DUST: We have clients who have respiratory issues including Asthma and should there be times where the dust cannot be controlled from the quarry and we get a westerly wind, this will affect the clients and staff at the centre. It will be an OH and S issue in the workplace. Since I have worked here we have neverhad any issues like this.

NOISE: Most of our clients enjoy the farm here because they can relax in a peaceful environment away from the hustle and bustle of suburban life. There are no constant irritating noises here and when I do sleepover shifts the evenings are quiet for me and the clients sleeping here. This will not be the case if we have to listen to rocks being crushed, trucks being loaded, reversing beepers excavators and trucks rolling in and out. I shudder to think how this will affect the centre.

BLASTING: I have never been close to a quarry when they blast the rocks, and neither have any of our clients here, however we will be affected because we are so close. Our autistic clients if they dont know whats coming like a blast then its going to have repercussions, and some clients may self harm or become challenged by noises they dont understand. I hope there are no issues with the integrity of the building as this could cause disruption.

In the long run if the quarry affects the centre I hope I will not be made redundant and hope that the centre will not have to relocate. I would be sad for the people I look after and also for the centre if it had to close down.

I hope you read my submission and take it into account, thank you.

Amelia Jo Lodge Support Worker.

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