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Applicant- Eagleton Rock Syndicate p/l

Location- lot 2 dp 1108702 Barleigh Ranch Way Eagleton.



To the Planning Department of NSW.

I OBJECT to this DA to build a quarry in this area for these reasons.

- It will affect my workplace and the clients I work with all of whom have a disability. I have been working at Eagleton Ridge Respite Centre for over 12 months now as a support worker and love my job especially at the farm in Six Mile Rd. We currently have 4 people who now live here permanently and 2 more are soon to settle in so there will be 6 clients. I work in shifts so sometimes I am on the mornings, afternoons and sleepover shift. The evenings and nights are quiet and there is no noises that are unnatural in this area. The quarry would bring with it noises that are not present now. The clients and staff would have to contend with these noises and I know some of us would not cope too well.
- The clients who come here for their day activities would now have to put up with continuous aggravating noises from the quarry as well as dust issues and then blasting on top of that. I know some of our Autistic clients may not be able to come any more should they happen to be here when a blast occurs and this becomes a bad memory of an unpleasant experience. This would be a shame as they come here for the open space, freedom to wander, mix with the animals and immerse themselves in their own world as Autistic people do.
- The **BLASTING** could be a very serious issue seeing as the proposed quarry is so close to the centre. I sometimes take people out when the horses are being fed and groomed, these horses are used to our clients and were born on the property even before the respite centre started. The clients who are capable enough love brushing the horses and feeding them carrots and bread. We take wheelchair clients to see the horses as well and some of these clients are **CEREBRAL PALSY** clients who have a **STARTLE REFLEX** which occurs when a sudden unexpected movement or noise happens close to them. Could you imagine if a group of us were attending the horses and the quarry carried out a blast which shook the ground and air? I don't need to tell

you what the consequences could be,i dont want to ever be in that situation.We could reschedule activities if need be however it could not be at short notice,the horses and goats are fed in a routine so sometimes clients would have to miss out.All this has been happening on a regular basis for years,it is not right that a developer can just walk in and dictate terms and affect peoples lives especially the clients who have been coming here for so long now.

I hope you can consider my submission and understand the special work we all do at the centre,it would be a shame to see this quarry impact on a much needed service like this.

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