

SUBMISSION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT CONCERNING THE STATE
SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

EAGLETON QUARRY – APPLICATION NUMBER SSD7332

Location: Lot 2 DP1108702, Barleigh Ranch Way, Eagleton

Applicant Eagleton Rock Syndicate Pty Ltd

Attn: Minister for Planning

Reference: OPPOSITION to Eagleton Hardrock Quarry Development

Opposition From John Pomfrett , 203 Winston Road Eagleton NSW 2324

I am writing to express my opposition to this proposed development as a resident of the area which will be impacted by this development.

Amongst my concerns relating to the proposed quarry is the subject of roads in the area. The road system in the area is typical country with the roads being narrow and not built to withstand the rigors of semi-trailers. This point is evident already with the poor state of the roads from trucks using this area to take short cuts in and out the quarries already in the region.

The proposed quarry also lies within the Grahamstown Dam catchment .This in its self is a worry as the area frequently floods and the runoff is straight into the dam which means pollution from silt ,oils and chemicals from the site is a great risk. This dam is one of the major water supplies for Newcastle and the lower Hunter.

Eagleton is also the location of the Eagleton Ridge Respite Centre that deals with many types of disabled people. 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 organisation.

Finally but certainly not least, the people of Eagleton moved here for its country life style but every day we find ourselves having another business venture forced upon us by Council and Government just so somebody can make a quick dollar. This is fine for the business people as they don't live here but for the residents of Eagleton this quarry would be nothing more than another nail in the coffin.

In the event that the application for the Eagleton hard rock quarry is approved I would like to insist that the following safeguards be installed in and on my property for the following reasons.

- 1 - A meter to monitor both noise and vibration given out from this quarry. My reason for this is that we were told that we would not hear the motor bikes at MX Central (a motor cross bike track adjacent to the proposed quarry site) and yet on Sundays you would think the bikes were racing in our front yard. So if I can hear them I would say it's a fair chance that I'm going to hear blasting and rock crushing coming from the same vicinity.

- 2 - Double glassing in my windows to ensure that the blasting and rock crushing is not a nuisance and annoyance.
- 3 - Some sort of filtering device for our water supply as the residence of Eagleton all rely on tank water for their water supply. This is particularly important in the summer months as the proposed quarry is located in a North East direction from my location and as the summers here are usually dry and hot and the winds predominantly North Easterly there is a great potential for dust pollution to my water supply.

I hope that Department of Planning will take all my concerns into account. This proposed development is causing considerable stress to myself, fellow residents and family. 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.

Kind regards,

John Pomfrett