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Planning Services  
Department of Planning and Environment  
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ATTN: Minister for Planning

**REFERENCE: 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 writing to express my opposition to this proposed development as a resident of the area which will be impacted by this development. I am totally opposed to the application and development of the Eagleton Hardrock Quarry. I have great concerns about the impact it will have on our community. I reside next door to yet another Eagleton quarry -Gilson's Quarry and cannot begin to fathom that there is now an application for another quarry.

I wish to lodge a formal objection to the proposal as I feel that this development is totally inappropriate for this location and poses major concerns for the residents and environment.

As per allowed by Michelle Kirkman from NSW Government Planning and Environment. The correspondence forwarded stated that individuals could provide more detailed comments and a supplementary submission within 2 weeks. I chose to do this.

I Cheryl Barnden strongly oppose Eagleton Hardrock Quarry Development

My son and I reside next door to the Gilson's quarry and have both been in ill health. The stress of this new proposed quarry is causing us both much anxiety.

There are many and wide-ranging reasons affecting both us personally as well as our neighbours and our community as a whole. There are also serious health and safety issues including the real risk of bush fire, water contamination, air pollution and environmental and financial concerns which stand to impact all those affected by this application.

We believe we do not need another quarry we need to safe guard our environment for ourselves, future generations and look after and preserve our flora and fauna! The removal of 30 hectares of native vegetation will have an adverse and irreparable impact on local biodiversity. Surely this far outweighs any rationale to approve such a development purely for some businessmen who do not even reside in our community. Please consider our environment and not their profit.

My son and I have worked hard and poured everything into our home. Along with our neighbours who purchased and or built their properties to bring up their families in a peaceful rural environment which is increasingly under constant fire by developers who do not care about the rural vistas, flora or fauna. The Eagleton Rock Syndicate has little regard for the people in this area who have invested their lives, time and money and have to live with the resultant consequences of their actions. The Eagleton Rock Syndicate's only interest is that of making money! Our interest is our community and the tranquility and preservation of our environment.

Our home and all of our surrounding community rely heavily on our fresh tank water for our survival. We bathe in and drink this water! The levels of dust and contaminants that will be generated from the benching and excavation of the hill and proposed excavation, blasting etc will undoubtedly impact us all with contamination of our air and only water supplies. We do not want health related dust and contaminated water issues!

Despite the developer's unrealistic claims of being able to control air and water contamination 24hrs a day, 7 days a week, they obviously have not lived through our dry, hot and windy summers and our wet, windy and rainy Autumns!

Noise issues will also be of a major concern with heavy machinery operating at all hours without much respite, according to the totally unreasonable proposed hours of operation being tabled. Monday – Friday 5am to 10pm, Saturday 5am to 4pm!!

The proposed development involves eliminating the hill which will be the removal of the natural barrier that the existing hill provides. This will increase the noise from Boral Quarry and we will be exposed to this along with the noise from proposed Eagleton Hardrock Quarry, blasting, rock crushers, loaders, trucks, earth moving equipment and rock hammers.

We already hear the local Gilson's Quarry in Winston Road and the MX Central motor bike track. Take away the skyline and this will intensify and there will be no peacefulness at all any day of the week. Enough is enough. Please no more quarries in Eagleton!

Myself and my surrounding neighbours will not be able to sell or give our properties away despite pouring our lives and entire financial assets into our properties if this development is approved. Why should we have to move or put up with this!? We came here to enjoy the glorious bush surrounds with all the beauty and tranquility it has to offer. The noise will not just affect us but the birds and animals as well!!

Not only will we suffer the impacts of the new quarry but this will be compounded by the exposure to the already operating Boral Quarry operations that we are currently mostly protected from creating an entire new set of problems.

After to speaking with members of our community and Councilors from Port Stephens Council it was recognized that there could not be that much demand for the materials being produced that would justify and facilitate a second quarry being wedged in between residents and an existing quarry,

all the while right in the middle of the Grahamstown Dam water catchment.

The impacts on the local wildlife are also of concern, at least to our community anyway. There are huge numbers of native wildlife including a Koala population. We have seen koalas on surrounding properties. The Koala corridor is part of the proposed quarry site and takes in a small corner of my own property according to maps. If the intended vegetation and hill is to be cleared and decimated, where are these animals to go?

The proposed quarry site should not be permitted particularly with Wildlife Corridor passing right through the proposed site. This would be a travesty!

Overall the site is used by koalas as stated in surveys and I request that an extensive survey be conducted over a minimum of twelve months, to fully assess the species on site.

The economic and social benefits put forward in the EIS does not outweigh the benefits that an existing business 100 Six mile Road -Eagleton Ridge Respite Centre currently brings to the community. The Centre has been operating for 17 years and presently employs 23 staff working around the clock 365 days a year.

The Respite Centre has over 3500 clients on its books and this is growing all the time. The Respite Centre is a facility that houses people with a disability and serves as a respite to families who are care for people with high needs.

The noise and dust impact from the proposed development could dramatically affect their clients and staff, forcing this business to withdraw its service. If this was to happen than 25 employees would lose their jobs and this would have a wider impact on the local community, as the majority live in the immediate area. The proposed Eagleton Hardrock Quarry is approximately 1000 meters from the Respite Centre. Please we do not need or require this Quarry. Boral Quarry is already there and that is enough!

On behalf of my family and my fellow residents, thank you for your consideration of our concerns regarding this development.

Yours sincerely,

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