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Planning Services
Department of Planning and Environment
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SYDNEY, N.S.W. 2001
ATTN: Minister 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 application and development of the Eagleton Hardrock Quarry. I have great concerns about the impact it will have on our community. I submit this as permitted by Michelle Kirkman. I lodged the original objection previously as per submission due date.

Please let it be known that [REDACTED] strongly object to the above stated development on the following grounds including but not limited to:

Noise – At the moment noise emanating from the area of the proposed Hard Rock Quarry is already a worry, what with the MX Central (a motor cross circuit) and the MG car. The last thing this area needs is another potential for noise pollution.

Public safety – The roads in the area are already inundated with trucks from the other quarries located in this region and as such contribute to the poor state of the roads in Eagleton as these roads were only built as country roads and not as main roads to carry heavy loads. Most of the time turning on to the Pacific Highway from Italia Road is a thrill seekers nightmare, add to this another 160 truck movements a week and you have the formula for disaster.

Operations – The fact that the quarry intends to work from early in the morning until late at night is concerning as there are shift workers in the area who need to sleep during the day and also workers who start early in the morning and need to retire early of an evening. I am one of those people.

Personal impact – I live here for the country life style not the industrial life style that seems to be being pushed upon me. I find the proposal of another quarry in the area to be an encroachment of my rights to live in a country environment as I was here a long time before these developers showed up. My family and I have been here for over 30 years.

Local business – 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 organization.

Water contamination - water from the area of the proposed quarry flows into the Grahamstown Dam and has the potential to pollute one of the main water supplies for Newcastle and the surrounding areas.

Pollution – As the residents of Eagleton rely on tank water for their daily needs, dust from another quarry would only add to our concerns for the quality of our drinking water. My family and I only have tank water. If this proposal is approved I will require roof cleaning, window cleaning and water tank cleaning. I will also require ducted air conditioning and double – glazed windows borne at the developer's expense. Why should I have to stay inside and have my family's health compromised?

Environmental impact – There are many different species of native wildlife in the area and day after day their habitats are being destroyed by developers without too much concern for the animals well being. We are rapidly running out of areas for Australian wild life to live .This proposal is just another infringement on the wild life's natural areas.

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

Yours truly,

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