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Attention: Howard Reed, Angela Felton, Thomas Watt

As a long term resident of Tocal Road Bolwarra Heights we wish to make known the full extent of our opposition to this development proposal and the massive impact that this development stands to have on our amenity of lifestyle.

We absolutely love the tree lined, peaceful area we have grown to call home. We accept graciously the current operating levels at Martins Creek Quarry but are mortified at the extent of the current proposal and the disregard for life as it stands not only for the residents of the many suburbs surrounding the quarry itself, but along the transport routes and the fellow road users travelling everyday.

We no longer sleep past 5am any day and no longer have visitors to stay as the vibrations and noise levels as the trucks that pass through our suburb are just too much for any normal person to bear the mere fact that we have become habituated to this behaviour I find makes me very sad. The only time we get to enjoy our beautiful home and surroundings is after the quarry trucks stop running and you can hear yourself think again. We avoid being outside in our yard during the hours that the trucks run as the loud engines and vibrations have caused myself to suffer increased anxiety and asthma attacks, we get a few hours peace during daylight savings once the trucks finish to sit in the garden we have worked so hard to build and enjoy the birds and wildlife that also call the area home.

Below are some key concerns I as a resident and taxpayer would like to bring to your particular attention.

- Daracon as a company are not trusted by any of the communities within the surrounding areas, they have broken current operating terms with no accountability many times. They offer no communication, compromise or compensation to the communities whose lives stand to be so negatively impacted by this development. In short they have not earned the right in any way to increase their production and if the DPE recommends an approval without consideration to the previous operations of this company it will be so with extreme negligence and arrogance.
- Transport Routes between Martins Creek and Maitland were built to service rural lands founded in 1822. These roads still exist as mainly single lane bitumen surfaces never built to stand the loads of heavy haulage trucks and as seen on your recent visit they just crack and crumble under these trucks. The noise, vibrations and dust that these trucks generate is akin to that of one hell of an earthquake and thunder storm passing through your home, it is unacceptable of any individual to ignore the detriment caused to one to benefit another for monetary gain. As a mother I refuse to let my children catch the bus as there is nowhere on

the single lane roadways for buses to pull over to allow trucks to pass and I have witnessed many times these trucks going up gutters and over front yards to avoid rear collisions with traffic. As an asthmatic I have had to increase the level of my asthma medication to double in the last 3 years and now keep our home shut up all the time to avoid the dust and diesel pollution that the trucks generate.

- Railway Transport as an alternative is already built and exists right alongside the quarry, as a family that has seen 3 train drivers within our immediate family lose their jobs with Pacific National in the last 6 months I cannot understand how and why Daracon are not being forced to utilise the rail corridor. Surely our peace of mind ,families and homes are worth far more than the supposed too high cost to Daracon. This company has been able to pillidge and abuse the lack of local government control for too long and have taken advantage of these long suffering communities for their own benefit. They must be made to operate without destroying our homes and lifestyles.
- At the last community meeting Daracon suggested that residents like myself should just sell up and move, that it was a foregone conclusion that this development would proceed. We have been advised by a local real estate agent that market values have fallen anywhere from \$90k to \$150k depending on how close to the road you are and that some banks now will no longer even finance a home loan if you are located on these roads. Given this situation I ask who is going to compensate us the difference in what we have lost in equity and how will we ever be able to afford to move our family to a new suburb. We have made lifelong friends in our community and do not want to be forced out and financially disadvantaged due to this unnecessary expansion.

I acknowledge that business is essential for the sustainability of the economy however as research shows, we now know that business developments such as these that have so many negative repercussions for the environment, wildlife and residents alike are not sustainable to anything in the long term and stand to do so much more damage than imaginable.

Please support our communities in saying NO to this development.

Thankyou.