



BOLWARRA PUBLIC SCHOOL
PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
An Incorporated body of Parents & Citizens Associations

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To Whom It May Concern,

Bolwarra Public School P & C Association would like to formally oppose the proposed expansion of the Martins Creek Quarry with strong concerns on the adverse effects it would have on the Paterson and Bolwarra Road intersection which is adjacent to the school and is a major access point to our school.

Bolwarra Public School consists of 475 primary school age children and we believe this proposed expansion creates great concerns for the parents and students that fall into the local catchment area due to the Education Departments zoning policies.

Children often walk or ride their bikes to and from school each day due to the proximity of the nearby housing estates and their parent's inability to transport them to school due to work commitments etc. The addition of teachers, ancillary staff and the large number of volunteers coming and going from the school at various times throughout the day coupled with the newly opened Tillys Childcare Centre adds to the already high traffic flow in this area such as cars, buses and the already large truck presence.

The proposed dramatic increase in heavy vehicle movements will make this already dangerous intersection even more difficult and dangerous than it currently is particularly when turning from Bolwarra Road into Paterson Road due to the short sight distance of oncoming traffic from the south.

The current volume of traffic requires traffic lights, let alone adding a significant increase like the proposed amount of 80 truck movements per hour meaning we will have at least one truck movement every 45 seconds which we find absurd and unthinkable, especially considering this is a residential zoned area. The truck movements would not only make congestion considerably worse it would also increase noise, dust, exhaust fumes (pollution) and damage to the road.

The option of using the existing rail lines just as the Hunter Valley Coal Mines do should be the only choice to keep our children safe as they travel to and from school or does the corporate bottom line mean more than a life?

Yours Sincerely,

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