

November 23rd 2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Martins Creek Quarry SSD 14 - 1612

We are writing with great concern over the recent development of proposals for expansion to the Martins Creek Quarry.

The concerns relate to the completely unbalanced impacts of a single business over many communities including not just Paterson, but Bolwarra Heights and other residential hubs along the truck routes.

In our experience of living in this area, the road conditions are frequently a hazard and it would seem to be a threatening decision to give any further credence to the political and economic demands which the company are no doubt perpetuating.

There are many considerations required as part of EIS investigations, and it appears that the proposed operations have extreme negative impacts on many fronts – traffic, roads, noise, vibration and long term viability of maintaining a healthy and happy community. This is not considered an acceptable compromise for an operation which is entirely out of scale with its location.

We would request that a quick and sharp end be put to the mine expansion proposal assessment as it is entirely unfair to be creating such a high degree of anxiety over so many peoples lives and well being.

It is even more untenable to consider truck usage in the context of the availability of rail expansion. This surely is the only responsible option. Operations should have neutral impact on the community infrastructure – there is no reasoning for anything but. There is no right for such an operation to impact detrimentally on the conditions that my family live in on a daily basis.

Of particular concern is the danger that well over 400 trucks a day will have on our school community. School buses, including the one that our daughter catches, travel on the same road as the trucks. There is a particularly dangerous intersection near the police station from the school road. A truck, only in recent days overturned near this corner just on 3pm. Imagine if another truck and a school bus were in the vicinity at the time. It could easily have happened, and been an incredible and avoidable tragedy.

Again, it is absolutely unreasonable to place these pressures on a tiny community whose infrastructure has been developed exactly for that – a tiny community.

The proposed operations are ridiculously out of scale with what Paterson can service.

In addition, the suggested road alterations near the Post Office and main store are entirely inappropriate, and remove the ability to access *our* services with trucks given the go ahead to engineer turning circles, just for their convenience, speed and for the profit of one business. Is that not ridiculous? They should not be placing these pressures on the village.

The road network clearly cannot sustain the impact of trucks already, let alone the increase of movements proposed. Why should the community have to suffer the inconvenience of major delays which occur throughout the year, to keep the roads in one piece? This, for the profits of one company, who bring no benefit to Paterson.

We have attended the community meetings and witnessed the anguish that the proposal is genuinely causing people.

These concerns must be taken seriously, and the expansion proposal not supported in the interests of the entire locality, households and surrounds where the quarry is located.