

To : Director – Resource Assessments
Planning Services
Department of Planning and Environment
GPO Sydney NSW 2001

Lintje Tjahjadi
4 Wesley Street
Bolwarra Heights 2320

Ref: SSD 14 _6612 Martins Creek Quarry Expansion

Dear Sir/Madam,

I oppose the Martins Creek Quarry Expansion for the following reasons:

NOISE

I have lived in Wesley St, Bolwarra Heights for the last 18 years. Every morning for the last few years at around 4:30 to 5 a.m. I get woken up by the loud banging noises from trucks going towards Martins Creek Quarry. The truck run at high speed without any considering for the neighbourhood and residents at the time of a morning. These disruptions have affected my personal well-being and my quality of life and the life of others living in this neighbourhood.

ENVIRONMENT IMPACT & AIR QUALITY

The dust and fumes from the truck affect the air quality in the area and the emissions from the diesel contain substances that can increase the risk of lung cancer and, therefore this proposal to increase tonnage is hazardous for the community and should be stopped.

Martins Creek Quarry has been operating beyond its 300,000 tonnes p.a. for the last few years and as the result the traffic along the Tocal, Paterson, Belmore and through the third river crossing has become so congested. Tocal road itself is so narrow and winding that truck running at more than the speed limit of 60kmh is an accident waiting to happen.

The proposal from Daracon to increase its production to 1.5million tonnes p.a. is not viable because the infrastructure of the road is not suitable. Tocal and Paterson Roads are a corridor for tourists going to the Barrington Tops and the proximity of the quarry to the historic township of Paterson will further congest traffic with this expansion.

The 37ha vegetation clearance to accommodate this expansion is not appropriate as the area is home to endangered wildlife such as Koala and other habitat and to relocate their existence for one selfish greedy company is beyond comprehension.

The expansion will result in property devaluation along the haul routes as the road will become like an industrial zone rather than a semi rural environment.

In my opinion the operation of the quarry should be reduced to an acceptable operation and regularly monitored and apply heavy fines for any breaches.

My proposal would be:

1. Limit the operating hours from 7 am to 4 pm, Monday to Friday only
2. Impose the 40kmh limit on the Daracon trucks and its contractor and if they can't control their contractor's truck as David Mingay said at a community meeting then the company should not be allowed to operate anyway. The truck should not be engine braking as a consequence of driving more than the speed limit to avoid loud noises especially in the early hours of the morning.

I therefore urge the NSW Department of Planning and Assessment to reject Daracon's expansion application. This expansion will add little or nothing at all to the welfare of the greater community in the area. The potential job creation due to this expansion will only benefit a very small group of people. The fact that there were 300 residents from Lorn, Bolwarra, Tocal, Martins Creek and Paterson attending the meeting on 2/11/2016 was an indicator how this expansion is very critical to the wellbeing of many people living within the vicinity of the quarry.

It is also important to consider the impact of Martins creek and Brandy Hill quarry application to increase their production to 1.5 million tonnes p.a. and extend their operation to 24hrs Mon-Sun will result in even greater devastation to the greater community in this lovely rural community.

Thank you for your consideration.

I have not made a reportable political donation

Kind Regards

Lintje Tjahjadi