

Martins Creek Quarry

I would like to object to the development in its current form.

According to the EIS for the Martins Creek Quarry expansion heavy truck traffic movements will increase by at least 25% down Brandy Hill Drive. Our Action Group has calculated that this could be up to an extra 80 (40 laden, 40 returning) truck movements per hour.

Brandy Hill Drive is unsuitable for an increase in heavy vehicles as the street already has a number of problems that will be exacerbated by many more heavy trucks.

1. The road is narrow and the road surface is poor. With current traffic the surface has pot holes and wash areas. There are very few areas for safe overtaking. There are limited opportunities for pulling off the road as the drains are just ditches of varying depth in the road side.
2. There is no footpath for pedestrians and riding horses. There are parts of the road where the only access for pedestrians is on the road as the surrounds are unsuitable.
3. Every 50 to 100m there is an entry into a house block. It already difficult to turn when there is a truck tailgating. With more trucks this will only be more difficult and dangerous.
4. The school buses have to stop on the road to pick up students especially in the wet as there are few pull off areas to pick up children. Buses have to pull out slowly. More trucks will increase the danger of a rear end bus crash. And there are no zebra crossings on the road for children to access the other side of the road safely with lots of heavy traffic.
5. The area is a residential area. People here work and contribute to the economy. We need to sleep. It is unacceptable for trucks to start down Brandy Hill Drive earlier than 6 am and to finish later than 6pm. To do so will reduce the amenity of Brandy Hill and reduce property values.
6. According to the EIS some of the truck drivers are not the responsibility of the quarry. When I am tailgated, or the school bus is overtaken by a truck over double lines, there are no consequences. Irresponsible behavior by truck drivers has no consequences (except if they injure someone). This behavior already happens. With the narrow road, residential access issues and hugely increased heavy vehicle use, it is settling up an unsafe situation. There needs to be a central contact point for all reporting of dangerous driving by truck drivers and reports produced for the public on the outcome of the reporting.