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To Whom It May Concern

Please accept this letter from us as we have great concerns about the extension of the Martins Creek Quarry hours of business activities and how it affects our lifestyle and the lifestyle of the surrounding areas. We greatly oppose any proposed extension and or operating hours of the quarry, which already operates too much in the current environment.

The following list is a variety of problems and issues we have which are caused by the quarry already, and can only get worse with extended hours of operating the quarry:

- The noise during the day is already upsetting our animals (alpacas and poultry) and extended operating hours will add to their distress. The noise has steadily increased over the last couple of years as well.
- The noise of the quarry already affects our family causing stress and fear of our home and lifestyle being changed or lost by the quarry proposal as well as loss of value to the property the proposal will cause.
- The explosions during the day are absolutely deafening around the area, and are also causing- windows to shake almost breaking panes, cracks to appear in both floor tiling and slab, and cracks in gyprock.
- The explosions also cause our alpacas to duck to the ground and our poultry to run around scared meaning great stress to our animals. We lost an alpaca after the last time but cannot afford to follow up on an autopsy to prove otherwise.
- The dust from the quarry travels quite far causing our animals to sneeze (we have had the vet check our animals and they do not have diseases that make them cough), constant dust film on our house and on our furniture and cars making everyday household cleaning to be done more than normal. My son, as well as myself, have asthma and struggle on windy days. We moved from the city to enjoy the country air as well as get relief from asthma causing dust of the city, not to move to an area with more dust.
- The area is also known for vulnerable species of wildlife and flora, and am sure the dust and the clearing of habitat (for the extensions) would be affecting them as well.
- The truck movements already cause havoc on the local roads, blocking the streets when they are lined up, up to a dozen or more on any given day, and to add extended hours can only make that worse.
- Trucks are constantly throwing up rocks onto windscreens causing chips and cracks, even to the point we need a new screen every rego in one of our cars.
- Trucks are one after the other on our small country roads, and are not at all considerate most of the time to small cars. We have young adults (children) on L plates and P plates and find driving on these small roads quite scary instead of enjoying the quiet roads. One of these trucks will almost be sure of causing a very serious accident causing death with the number of trucks tripling.
- All these issues are current and can only get much worse with more trucks on our small country roads as well as extended operating hours.

Yours Sincerely

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