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Dear Mr. Watt,

I wish to tender my submission re: Martins Creek Quarry
Development.

BLASTING:

When we first moved here into Paterson Valley Estate just over twenty years ago we didn't have any problems with the quarry. We had no damage to our house and neither did our neighbours. Since Daracon have taken over we have had cracks appearing in our walls and ceilings. We have been told that it is to do with the soil under our houses...if that was the case you would think that it would have occurred from the start but it has only since the quarry was taken over by Daracon. We have had blasts that have shaken our house, windows and crockery in cupboards and cabinets which we have reported to the EPA with no response other than a reference number.

NOISE & POLLUTION:

There are days when there is continuous noise from the crushers and other machinery and depending which way the wind is blowing there are days when you cannot open your windows or doors because of the dust generated from the increased production and strangely enough we have never sighted any kind of dust monitor in our area . We came here to enjoy the quietness and clean air that this region used to have but now it's like living in an industrial area. They now are apparently operating a Pugmill and we have noticed the increase in dust coming out of trucks carrying this product.

PROPOSED NEW EXIT ROAD:

The site for the proposed new exit road from the quarry is going to be a very dangerous intersection. It is just over the crest of a hill on Dungog Road when traveling from Dungog and our area. With the increase in the traffic now using Dungog Road being people on their way to and from work and school buses I can't see how that plan can be suitable.

ROADS & BRIDGES:

The local roads and bridges are not built for the amount of trucks now travelling on them to and from the quarry let alone what will happen if any increase is granted. The roads are not wide enough and the bridges are all one way not double lane which causes significant delays in traffic at certain times of the day. There are times when you are being approached by trucks that you have to put you left side wheels off the tarred surface into the gravel to save being sideswiped by the trucks. The bridges are not constructed to take the amount of trucks travelling over them and are continually being repaired to fix the damage that is happening to them which also creates frustration for drivers travelling around the area.

PROPOSED WIDENING OF INTERSECTION IN PATERSON:

Has anyone involved in this quarry expansion even thought about the heritage of Paterson Village! This proposal will take away the look of the village and will also take away parking spots that will no doubt affect the businesses on that intersection. I don't think much thought about the public went into this or any other plans related to the quarry but I suppose that is typical of any developer.

SURPRISE VISITS:

I would suggest that if your Department and others like the EPA would pay a surprise visit to the quarry that you would get a

completely different outlook towards the quarry operations and the effect it is having on the public.

Yours truly,

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