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OBJECTION TO MARTINS CREEK QUARRY EXPANSION

I believe the expansion of the Martins Creek has two major impacts,

A . The effect on the residents of the village of Martins Creek and nearby surrounds.

B. the effect on the current transport route, being the roads, the buildings and the people along that route, especially between the quarry and to the south of the village of Paterson.

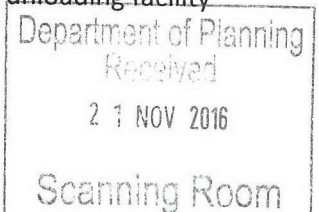
The history of the quarry, in brief, was a small quarry commenced for railway purposes, with its workers living in the village that grew up at the quarry. Product from the quarry was removed by rail.

THE CURRENT PROPOSAL IS GREATLY REMOVED FROM THE QUARRY AS WAS, AND WILL IF PERMITTED BE A MAJOR EXTRACTION SITE, BEING 1.5MILLION TONNES PER YEAR, AND OPERATIONS COVERING THE HOURS OF 6AM TO 10PM, WITH TRAIN LOADING 24 HOURS A DAY AS REQUIRED.

The usual E.I.S. for any project almost always paints the project in its best light, so it can be expected that the volume will be greater than that stated in the E.I.S. similarly the hours of operation, if it is in the financial interests of the operator. The people to be effected are fortunate to have already been subjected to close to the proposed volumes and times of operation, and their effect, for short periods in the recent past, and as such are fully aware of what this operator wishes to LEGALLY inflict on them. This operator has already inflicted it on the locality without the necessary approvals, and has shown that they are not a good corporate citizen, in respect to the area they work in. I am informed that they have not made any contribution to the road maintenance costs, and are very difficult to deal with on most issues.

In respect to A above, the people who live in Martins Creek and its surrounding are not associated with the quarry, and are intitled to the quiet enjoyment of the their homes, particularly in respect to what a quarry operating at this volume and the proposed hours means, noise, dust and light. The Electricity Commission of N.S.W. set a precedent for this situation in respect to BUYING out the Village of Ravensworth, because it coal mine was operating directly across the New England Highway, from the village. At least the people of Ravensworth had the width of the highway as their minimum distance from the mine, not at their back fence. The land owners in Martins Creek should as the bare minimum be given the right to be bought out, at a fair price by the quarry operator, and if he/her wishes to stay, all windows should be double glazed and heavy curtains provided , all at the cost of the quarry owner. Court injunctions in respect to the operation of the quarry could be a means of disruption should the owner of the quarry feel the buy out is unjust. The quarry owner can recoup his costs by renting the purchased house over the long term, with the tenant knowing of the problems prior to acceptance.

In respect to B. above, the only solution that removes all the transport problem, is to carry the product out by rail. All road maintaince costs, traffic problems ie. Noise from trucks, their interaction with other road users, damage to buildings, in many cases heritage listed, are removed. A precedent was also set for this in the extractive industry section in the hunter valley, when the N.S.W. government made all coal shipment be removed from the roads and put on rail. This occurred in the 1970/80s. Yes there is cost involved, but unlike the coal companies who had to put in the rail loops for loading, the rail loading facility already exists. An unloading facility would need to be built, but this could be funded by an increase in the royalty. The location of the unloading facility would be determined by the industry.



The spokesperson for the quarry operator, on radio, when questioned about removal by rail dismissed it as too difficult to arrange with the railways, however Gloucester Coal in the year 2015 put 1.43 million on rail, on the same line that passes Martins Creek. The Gloucester Coal production is declining, which should make room, assuming the line was at capacity. The availability of rail capacity should be investigated

The removal of the product, which we are led to believe is an essential material, must be done in a manner that is acceptable to all people effected by such removal, and NOT by the method preferred by the operator, which is driven by profit and ease of operation.

The transport of bulky goods in the 21st century should be by rail, and with the best judgement of the approval makers this should be made to happen.

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I have not made a political donation.

To Oppose the Martins Creek Quarry Expansion choose one of the following options

Option 1 – Online

Via NSW Department of Planning website, Martins Creek Quarry Expansion. Lodge your own online letter by going to www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au and searching "martins creek"

This process is easy, follow the online instructions to lodge a submission, just say what you believe and focus on the issues that impact you. Remember to state "I oppose the Martins Creek Quarry Expansion" at the top of the letter. You have a choice whether your name is released publicly or not

Option 2 – Snail Mail

Via regular mail service, post your own letter. Put this at the top of the letter:

Name.....*COLIN REDMAN*

Address.....*79 KEPPIES Rd Paterson 2421*

Delete my personal information before publication ~~yes~~ *no* ✓

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Martins Creek Quarry Expansion – Application No SSD-16_6612

Dear Sir/Madam

I oppose the Martins Creek Quarry Expansion.

(Give reasons why you oppose the project. It is simply whatever you believe and does not have to be long)

(Write this at the bottom) I have not made a reportable political donation

SEE OBJECTION ATTACHED

Option 3 – Ask for Help

Contact us for more information or help, we can drop over and give you a hand with your submission simply call Darach Saunders 0428 508 135 or James Ashton 0413 616 677

Visit our website for more information www.mcqag.org



Martins Creek Quarry Action Group

19th October 2016

Dear Neighbour

RE: MARTINS CREEK QUARRY – EIS EXHIBITION & PUBLIC MEETING

The Environmental Impact Statement for the Martins Creek Quarry expansion proposed by Buttai Gravel (Daracon) was put on public exhibition by the NSW Department of Planning on 13th October for comment and submissions by 24th November 2016.

The proposal to expand quarry operations comprise the following components:

- Extract up to **1.5 million tonnes** of hard rock material per annum
- Expanding into new extraction areas and clearing **37ha of existing native vegetation**
- Increase the hours of operation for:
 - Quarrying from **6am to 6pm (Monday to Saturday)**
 - Processing from **6am to 10pm (Monday to Saturday)**
 - Mixing and binding from **4.30am to 10pm (Monday to Saturday)**
 - Stockpiling, loading and dispatch of road transport from **5.30am to 7pm (Monday to Saturday)** and train loading **24 hours per day, 7 days per week**
- **80 truck movements per hour**

The above increase in truck movements represents a 100% increase on the nightmare experienced in 2014 and 2015 when upwards of 40 trucks per hour thundered through our communities on the haulage routes without any planning consent.

The EIS is an extremely lengthy and detailed document, mcqag.org website has links to notes that provide an overview and assessment of the proposal. If you wish to review the EIS document in full you may do so by visiting the website: www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au and searching "martins creek"

NSW Department of Planning is holding a **Public Meeting at the Paterson School of Arts Hall at 6.30pm on Wednesday 2nd November 2016**. This will be an opportunity for you to **HAVE YOUR SAY** and you are urged to attend to make your views known to the Department representatives.

It is important that as many residents as possible affected by this proposal attend the public meeting and make their views known in a formal submission to the Department of Planning. Advice on how to make a submission is overleaf, but if you require assistance please contact James Ashton on 0413 616 677 and arrangements will be made for a member of the MCQAG Committee to assist you in the preparation of your submission. Alternatively, members of the MCQAG Committee will be available outside of the Paterson Post Office on the 5th, 6th, 12th and 19th November to assist with submission lodgements.

Please make your views known so that this proposal is rejected or modified to reduce the impacts on the communities and settlements that surround the facility and haul routes. **NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT.**

We look forward to seeing you at the public meeting. Thank you in advance.

Darach Saunders

On behalf of the MCQAG Committee