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Martins Creek Quarry Expansion Application no SSD-16_6612

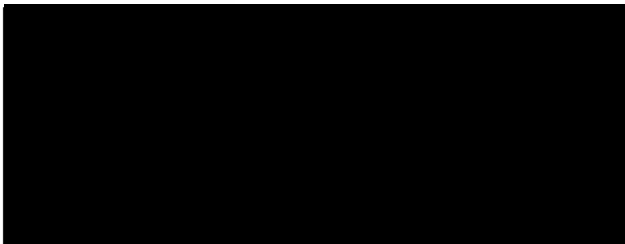
Dear Sir / Madam

I oppose the Martins Creek Quarry Expansion

We are not opposed to the Quarry expansion but we are opposed to the 7 days a week processing and trucks loading/despatching (residents are entitled to at least one day a week to have a truck free day to go for a ride or walk with safety) and the extra volume of traffic that will be an estimated 400 to 600 truck movements per day along local government roads through rural and urban residential roads like Paterson Road, Martins creek Road, Seaham Road, Brandy Hill Drive and Clarence Town Road. We have extreme concerns for Brandy Hill Drive of not having footpaths, no properly constructed off road bus shelters and general safety for residents especially children needing to use the roads considering the large increase in truck traffic that will be generated by Martins Creek. The old licence by State Rail transport 70% of their produce by rail and 30% by road. Currently Dungog Council is in dispute with Daracon as it is vastly exceeding the licence that State Rail had, and almost all is being sent by road.

The DA for the expansion of Brandy Hill Quarry is still to be submitted to the NSW Department of Planning. The production of Brandy Hill Quarry at present is 620,000 tonnes per year with plans to increase to 1500,000 tonnes per year. Approximately 190 vehicle movements per day and at peak time hourly traffic volume of 84 vehicle trips per hour for Brandy Hill Quarry. Although the Brandy Hill Quarry Traffic impact assessment by Intersect Traffic Pty Ltd in their report said the Martins Creek Quarry extension will not increase traffic on local road network significantly and will not impact on the efficiency of the network. It is my understanding that the volume from Martins Creek Quarry and Brandy Hill Quarry will have a huge impact on Brandy Hill Drive and it is not only Brandy Hill Drive that is being impacted upon but all our local roads and that includes Seaham Road which we use daily. We will be looking at a truck movement every minute and in peak it could be 2 truck movements every minute this is a huge concern for the safety of the residents.

We have lived 42 years in Seaham and in that time we have seen the Brandy Hill Quarry commence production along with the establishment of the community of Brandy Hill and the population growth of the village of Seaham



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