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Major Projects NSW

Dear Sir / Madam,

Re: Sutton Forest Quarry EIS SSD 6334
Objection

I refer to the EIS regarding the proposed Quarry on the Hume Highway at Sutton Forest Sutton Forest.

We own the property 'Dochairn' which is 140 acres - Lot 2 of DP 1213201 and have been coming to the area for 40 years. My wife's parents bought the adjacent property 'Roseneath' in the 1960's and 'Dochairn' in 1997. We leased 'Dochairn' from them for 15 years and purchased it in 2016.

We run the property as Primary Producers and engage a manager to run the operations. We intend to live there permanently within the next 2-3 years and it is important that it continues to be a viable financial proposition for us. We have a bore which is a vital part of our business plan

We object to the proposed quarry on the main following grounds:

1. Water

We have numerous dams on our property and a licensed bore. These are vital to our agricultural operations both now and in future years

This proposal is for a 42 hectare open-cut pit to a depth of 60 metres, 39 metres below the current water table! Study of the impact on the water table in the EIS is limited to a very small area around the quarry and there could be could more far reaching impacts.

Also, this proposal does not mention the proposed Coal Mine promoted by Hume Coal also in Sutton Forest and there could be combined detrimental effects if both project proceed concurrently

Any impact to the current water table would not be acceptable.

2. Environmental

The proposal will remove 63.2Ha of native vegetation. This is simply not acceptable!

3. Air Pollution

Dust can carry a long way in windy conditions and dust from both the mining could be a threat to health.

4. Traffic

The applicant advises that there will be on average 134 truck movements per day via the Hume Highway. But they do not state the route that the trucks take to and from the quarry. We would be very concerned if any trucks used the Illawarra Highway through Sutton Forest

5. Remediation of the site

The Executive Summary makes no mention of how the quarry will be filled in. Later in the document it states that only VENM/ENM will be used but where would these huge quantities of material come from?

Conclusion

Our concerns are not just for our property but for the whole area which is inherently beautiful due to a balanced combination of air quality, water and aesthetics. The quarry will be visible from many vantage points, create noise, dust and excessive truck movements. We believe the impacts will be long term and permanent.

We strongly object to the application due to the possibility of permanent and unacceptable long term impact to some of the finest areas of the Southern Highlands and indeed NSW. The State Government has a responsibility to protect this area.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Richard Turner', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Anna and Richard Turner