

## Sand Quarry SSD 6334 Objection

I am a long-time resident of the Southern Highlands and I strongly object to this proposal.

**I can only begin with WHY.** Why would the state government even consider such a destructive project to take place in this pristine native flora and fauna corridor of the Sydney water catchment?

The southern Highlands is rapidly becoming a vital recreation destination for the increasing population of Sydney. How many places remain within a 90-minute drive of the Sydney CBD where people can get away and relax for a few hours or days?

If the government is considering **Jobs and Investment**, it needs to do its maths; the jobs and investment attached to this sand quarry in this area pales in comparison to the sustainable jobs which will be generated from future responsible investment in the Wingecarribee Shire. The mining industry is rapidly becoming more and more automated and will employ fewer and fewer people as opposed to the hospitality and service industries which are and will be employing more and more people.

**Pollution and Community Health Risks.** Although it is a very well known to people who actually live here and it would appear to have been conveniently ignored by the proponents, for the greater part of the year the prevailing winds, come from the south west, dust and noise pollution from the quarry would be carried to the more densely populated areas of the Southern Highlands. Silicosis, Fibrosis Cancer and Asthma are diseases the government should work to avoid not approve of projects which will knowingly promote them. The associated costs to governments and therefore the tax payers can be avoided by responsible planning.

The State Government's legacy should not be that of architects of this irresponsible, ecological disaster.

Owing to the complexity of this issue and the extremely limited time allowed for responding to SSD6334. This objection is interim and I reserve the right to add to my objection as information comes to hand.

Sincerely,

Rod Blay