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Ms May Patterson
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NSW Department of Planning and Environment
320 Pitt Street
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Dear Ms Patterson

PROPOSAL: SUTTON FOREST QUARRY PROJECT
APPLICATION: SSD 6334

SUBMISSION – OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Thank you for your email confirming that the above project is on exhibition from the 24th May 2018 to the 21st June 2018. Unfortunately, your email (dated 13th June 2018) was the first indication that we have had regarding the project. This has not allowed adequate time within which to properly consider this proposal and provide meaningful feedback, particularly given the scale of the proposed development.

Please accept this letter as a summary of our key concerns. A more comprehensive submission will be provided to the Department within the next two weeks to better articulate our concerns regarding the proposal.

We **object** to the proposal in the strongest terms possible. The following points outline our key concerns:

- Filetron Pty Ltd owns an extensive land holding immediately north of the proposal and shares a common boundary along Long Swamp Creek with the subject site. At no time has the proponent contacted or engaged with us to discuss the proposal despite assertions of 'consultation with adjoining land owners' within the Environmental Impact Statement;
- Whilst it is asserted that *State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007* makes provision for the proposed development, the proposal abhorrently contradicts the intended development objectives and outcomes as anticipated within the *E3 Environmental Management Zone* of the *Wingecarribee Local Environmental Plan 2011*. The proposal may be considered permissible, but its appropriateness must still be assessed in the context of the locality. This proposal is not appropriate in this locality;
- We remain very concerned by the scale and extent of noise and vibration impact resulting from the proposed development, particularly in relation to our property. Little regard has been given to Filetron's land holding on the basis that no residential dwellings currently exist on site. We anticipate providing a more detailed critique of the proponent's assessment in due course;

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- The extent of biodiversity impact proposed is unreasonable and unacceptable given the characteristics of the site and locality. We anticipate providing a more detailed submission in this regard;
- We are concerned by the depth of excavation and the resulting impact to the ground water table. Impacts on the ground water table will potentially affect Long Swamp Creek and surrounding vegetation. In particular, we are concerned about the potential impact of a changing water table on the biodiversity offset areas and thus question their conservation value and future viability;
- The proposed traffic impact on local and regional road infrastructure is extensive and will vastly change the rural character of the locality, particularly in the immediate vicinity of the site.

The proposal is of a scale that completely disregards the characteristics of the site and surrounding locality, in the context of the natural and social environment. The proposed development will result in unavoidable land use conflicts that cannot simply be resolved through approval conditions. The proposal will result in immeasurable environmental and social impacts for this locality given the scale of operations proposed. We do not believe that the resulting impacts justify this proposal proceeding and as such, it should be refused.

Should you have any queries in relation to this documentation, please contact the undersigned on 8117 5104.

Yours sincerely
Filetron Pty Ltd



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