



SOS Alliance aims to protect environmentally sensitive areas, water systems and native flora and fauna from reckless sand mining, publicise the damage done by uncontrolled mining, and advocate for people whose properties, livelihoods, or health are affected.

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Planning Services
Department of Planning and Environment
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Attention: Director – Resource Assessments

Dear Director,

This is an Interim Submission on Sutton Forest Sand Quarry Project (SSD 6334).

SOSA represents a large group of NSW residents concerned by the recent proliferation of inappropriate and environmentally irresponsible sand mines.

This project poses risks of disastrous consequences on many fronts.

We strongly object to the proposal on community, environmental and legal grounds. We will submit that this development application should be rejected outright.

Consultation with local community has been lacking.

The EIS has been rushed to completion and poorly presented. It fails to meet DGRs on many fronts and has not been inspected sufficiently closely by Planning Services before release. It is complex, deficient in data, and lacks detailed evidence and appropriate analyses in important areas of concern.

We request to engage independent experts over the next 6 weeks to assess the information provided by the proponent in the EIS and conduct appropriate studies.

These reviews will cover:

- Environment and bio-diversity effects
- Surface Water
- Groundwater
- Pollution (dust, diesel, noise and light)
- Transport
- Social Impacts
- Legal aspects of the application

On completion, we request that community and experts consider submissions with the proponents and government before final determination is made.

Sincerely,

Bernadette Lawlor
for Save Our Sands Alliance (Inc. NSW)