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Land & Environment Court of NSW.

Through Hon Kate Washington Member for Port Stephens.

Dear Members

I would like to object to the **SAND MINE PROPOSAL FOR BOB'S FARM.**

My main concerns are that if allowed the mine will go below the level of the water in Port Stephens. So, if there is excess water in the operational void, what will happen to this water? There is a large oyster farming area close by, so what happens if contaminated water escapes into Tilligerry Creek & destroys these oyster leases? As you would understand oysters are very sensitive to changes in the water. So, if the mine is allowed to proceed & contamination occurs will the mine owners or the government compensate these farmers?

N S W & the Federal government already has a huge contamination crisis at Williamstown ! So, do you wish to have another huge contamination disaster on your hands?

Next is the local public school. With so many truck movements per day & being very close to the school, what will happen to these children's education?

Now the big issue, what about the children's health? They will be subject to extremely fine dust particles being blown over the school. This will lead to siliceous! You cannot say this does not happen. I know of 3 relocatable villages along Nelson Bay Road that have sand blowing over the villages. This gets into their gutters & settles on their cars. I know of 2 lots that have had to sell because of health issues from the sand.

What will happen with so many trucks turning right from Bob's Farm Road onto Nelson Bay Road? To stop this, you need sever penalties like loss of licence & \$1,000.00 fine. Also, Bob's Farm road has a load limit of under 5 tons.

If you allow this sand mine to proceed your department will be held liable for any damage to our roads & any costs for health issues of children & residents.

Kind regards

Ken Shadler.