

ATTN: DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

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SYDNEY NSW 2001

January 31st, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Bobs Farm Sand Mine Project (SSD6395)

I would like to express my objection to the above project both as a concerned resident and Deputy Mayor of Port Stephens.

My main areas of concern are the following:

- Traffic and safety concerns. The increase in truck movements along the already busy Nelson Bay Rd will make this road even more hazardous.
- Proximity to Bobs Farm Public School. This small 100 year old school provides education for local children. The truck movements and potential contamination from dust near the school is not acceptable. We need to ensure a safe environment for children to get to and from school and be able to learn in a safe environment.
- Environmental & ecological concerns. Impact on local and endangered flora and fauna is an unnecessary risk to our area. We already have enough threats to our local habitats.
- Impact on groundwater. I attended a community meeting with the consultants Tattersall Lander where it was explained that excavation to 15m below the water table may occur. It was stated that this would have minimal impact on the water table. I fail to see how digging this deep would not impact on the area. The proposed remediation of the area by creating a large lake also seems ill conceived.

This project does not seem to provide an increase in local jobs or contribution to the Port Stephens economy.

I am aware of very strong community opposition to the project over a number of years.

If you require any further information I can be contacted on 0421 317 173.

Yours Faithfully,

Sarah Smith