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## **EcoNetwork – Port Stephens Inc.**

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Department of Planning & Environment  
GPO BOX 39  
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Sirs,

### **RE: Objection to 'Karuah South Quarry' – SSD 17-8795**

EcoNetwork-Port Stephens is a grassroots community-based environmental and sustainability network comprising 26 community and environment groups and eco-businesses with a focus on sustainable planning. We are non-party political and do not donate to political parties.

EcoNetwork would like to register our objection to the above 'proposed gravel quarry'.

The proponent seeks to discharge sediment laden water from the quarry's holding dams into Yalimbah Creek, which flows directly into Karuah River, threatening to compromise water quality, and affect mangroves and oyster farms.

If approved, this DA will set a precedent for other quarries and mines to follow suit.

Pristine bushland will be removed from almost the entire 22ha property, destroying habitat for wildlife including koalas, quolls and phascogales.

Noise and dust impacts from operations proposed (5.00am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday and 5.00am to 1.00pm Saturdays, with maintenance 24 hours a day in both instances) are unacceptable and will also set a precedent for other mines.

Offsets such as species and ecosystem credits will never compensate for the loss of natural bushland habitat, particularly for koalas, experiencing diminishing populations in NSW.

Sincerely,



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### **EcoNetwork - affiliated groups & eco-businesses**

National Parks Association (Hunter Branch) Inc.	Port Stephens Koalas Inc.
Native Animal Trust Fund Inc.	Tilligerry Habitat Inc.
Port Stephens Park Residents Association Inc.	Soldiers Point/Salamander Bay Tidy Towns Inc.
Myall Koala & Envir. Support Group Inc.	Mambo Wanda Wetlands Reserves C'ttee Inc
Pindimar/Bundabah Community Association Inc.	Ocean & Coastal Care Initiatives (OCCI) Inc.
Shoal Bay Community Association Inc.	North Arm Cove Residents Association Inc.
Soldiers Point Community Group Inc.	South Tomaree Community Association Inc. Boomerang
Park Preservation Group Inc	Salamander Recycling Inc.
Tomaree Residents and Ratepayers Assn. Inc.	Destination Port Stephens Inc.
Irukandji Shark & Ray Encounters.	Tomaree Bird Watchers
Williamtown Residents Action Group Inc.	Port Stephens Native Flora Gardens
Marine Parks Association Inc.	Tomaree Community Garden
Wanderers Retreat	Mambo Wanda Wetlands Conservation Group