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Dear Sir or Madame,

Re: Proposed 'Karuah South Quarry' – SSD 17-8795

I wish to object to the proposed gravel quarry at Karuah South Quarry on the following grounds.

The proposed quarry will discharge water from its holding dams containing harmful sediment into Yalimbah Creek, which will then flow into the Karuah River. This polluted water will be harmful to the mangroves and local oyster farms.

Noise and dust impacts from operations proposed (from 5.00 am to 6.00 pm Monday to Friday, and 5.00 am to 1.00 pm Saturdays, with maintenance 24 hours a day in both instances) are unacceptable and if this proposal is permitted it will also set a precedent for other mines which create water, air and noise pollution.

Pristine bushland will be removed from almost the twenty-two-hectare property, destroying habitat for wildlife including threatened species such as koalas, quolls and phascogales.

Offsets such as species and ecosystem credits cannot replace the loss of natural bushland habitat in the short and medium term, particularly for koalas, given the widespread deterioration of their habitat throughout the State.

Yours faithfully

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