

Department of Planning & Environment
GPO BOX 39
SYDNEY NSW 2001

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Dear Sir,

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

I am writing to lodge my objection to the above 'proposed gravel quarry', because:-

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. The Karuah river is the main water source for the Port Stephens Estuary, which is the best preserved estuary and one of the most valuable fish breeding grounds in NSW as well as an important destination for tourism in NSW. The Estuary has been proposed as a Ramsar Wetland.

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

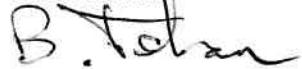
Noise and dust impacts from operations proposed (5.00am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday and 5.00am to 1.00pm Saturdays, with maintenance 24 hours a day in both instances) are unacceptable and will also set a precedent for other mines.

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

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.

Yours faithfully

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