

20th May 2019

Department of Planning and Environment

RE: Wedgerock Pty Ltd Karuah South Quarry

We, The NSW Farmers Port Stephens Branch are lodging concerns to the quarry stated above.

Our concerns are:

1: As a food producing industry we have had no correspondence with anyone in regard to the quarry and the fact that they will be discharging water in any capacity into Yalimba Creek.

2: Potential affects that could jeopardise our harvest ability which are not stated in the EIS.

1. Biotoxins
2. Algal Bloom
3. Heavy Metals

Our concerns are

We feel that these concerns were not addressed in the EIS in a manner that gives us clear understanding or confidence that once the quarry is operational and starts to discharge water into Yalimba Creek which flows directly into Number 1 Cove and Carrington Bay Harvest Zones that we will have the same current ability for us to meet harvest criteria to safely harvest oysters for human consumption from a harvest zone that is currently classified as a Direct Harvest Zone. We also have concerns for the general health of the stock held in these zones and are concerned that the discharged water generated could also be carrying sediment that could be harmful to oysters.

We currently or in the past have not had to be concerned with these issues in these zones and the fact that the quarry will be discharging water has raised them.

We are requesting some form of consultation directly to our local Oyster industry in a way that helps us to gain a better understanding of exactly how the quarry intends to conduct their water discharging procedures and how they are going to address our concerns.

Regards

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