



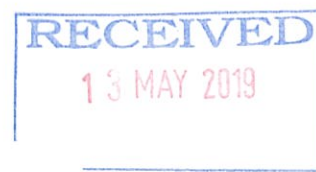
Kate Washington MP

Member for Port Stephens



7 May 2019

The Hon. Robert Stokes MP
Minister for Planning and Public Spaces
GPO Box 5341
SYDNEY NSW 2001



Dear Minister

I wish to make representation to you on behalf of Mr Rob Trotter of Karuah.

Mr Trotter has contacted me about his concerns regarding the proposed Kiely's Karuah Quarry.

I have attached the original correspondence from my constituents that details the concerns of air pollution, environmental impact of a nearby creek and surrounding environment from the resulting explosions and blasting from the quarry.

Mr Trotter is also concerned with the potential damage the quarry processing will have to his home.

Your consideration of this matter and any advice you are able to provide would be appreciated.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

Kate Washington MP
Member for Port Stephens
Shadow Minister for the Hunter
Shadow Minister for Early Childhood Education

PROPOSED KARUAH SOUTH QUARRY SSD 17 - 8795

A. PROXIMITY TO QUARRY WORK

Distance to Property DWELLING (22) - R. Trotter

(A) BLASTING

- 1, KARUAH QUARRY (EXISTING) 600 - 1000 m
- 2, KARUAH EAST QUARRY (EXISTING) 900 - 1200 m
- * 3, KARUAH SOUTH QUARRY (PROPOSED) 300 - 800 m

Have complained 3 times (verbally) regarding Blast vibration from Karuah Quarry.

Proposed South Quarry is 2 to 3 times closer than existing Quarry. Therefore expect major increase in ground vibration from Proposed South Quarry.

(B) CROSSLING & STORAGE SITES.

- 1, KARUAH QUARRY (EXISTING) 500 m
- 2, KARUAH EAST QUARRY (EXISTING) 900 m
- * 3, KARUAH SOUTH QUARRY (PROPOSED) 250 m.

Expect significant increase in noise & Dust. Proposed South Quarry is 2 to 4 times closer than existing Quarry.

Will noise monitoring be carried out at Quarry sites?

2

C/ STUDY & REPORT ON BUILDINGS
WITHIN 1.0 KM OF PROPOSED QUARRY
SITE

Recommend that an annual inspection of private owned buildings and as requested by landholders that a site inspection & report be carried out by an independent inspector at the cost of the Karuah South ^{Quarry} Management. The repairs be carried out as soon as possible ^{to} at the owners standard and paid for by Karuah South Quarry Management.

D/ NUMBER ONE CREEK CATCHMENT AREA.

The proposed KARUAH SOUTH QUARRY IS in the catchment Area of ~~the~~ Number One Creek. It is expected that dust from the quarry will significantly effect all lands with the catchment area. What works at the Quarry site would mitigate this problem.

YALUMBATH

E/ DISCHARGE OF DIRTY WATER FROM RAIN WHEN THE DAMS ON SITE ARE FULL. DIRTY WATER WILL EFFECT ~~IS~~ DOWN STREAM NEIGHBOURS. NEED TO ENSURE QUARRY SED. DAMS ARE LARGE ENOUGH.

Overall REDUCED WATER TO FLOW INTO CREEK. DUE TO QUARRY SED. DAM OPERATION. HAVE BEEN DEPENDANT ON THIS WATER FOR GARDEN WATERING.

F/ STOPPING OF TRAFFIC ON PACIFIC HIGHWAY WHEN BLASTING ~~road~~. ALL SITE IS WITHIN 500M OF HIGHWAY. THIS WAS A CONDITION ON PACIFIC HIGHWAY RECONSTRUCTION

G/ ENDANGERED ANIMALS ON PROPOSED QUARRY SITE AS STATED IN EIS DOCUMENT. WHAT IS ACTION REQUIRED BY PROPOSED QUARRY OPERATORS?

H/ THE NP&WL OCCUPIES 66% OF LAND downstream of Quarry Site. What are NP&WL requirements OF THE PROPOSED QUARRY MANAGEMENT?

I/ RECOMMENDED RELOCATION OF AIR POLLUTION METER. These meters indicate minimal air pollution from Hunter Quarries. They are presently located in central to quarries. They only register above standard

It to be submitted
in New year.

ISSUE

KIELY'S KARUATI QUARRY

MANAGEMENT

AIR POLLUTION

- Not by Mich. Kiely - By Contractor (not signed)
- 2x Meters on Property, owned by Hunter Quarries.
- By KKP - ~~Not~~ (?)

GEN. NOISE

- Need instrument to measure
- Record every 6th Day for 24hrs
- Instrument Req \$379

✓

VISION OF SITE

- Not an issue.

WATER IN Creek

- KKP to install Dams for their own use. This will in part stop flow in creek.
- (How much restriction)
- (Water Quality - KKP to measure)
- (BT to measure)

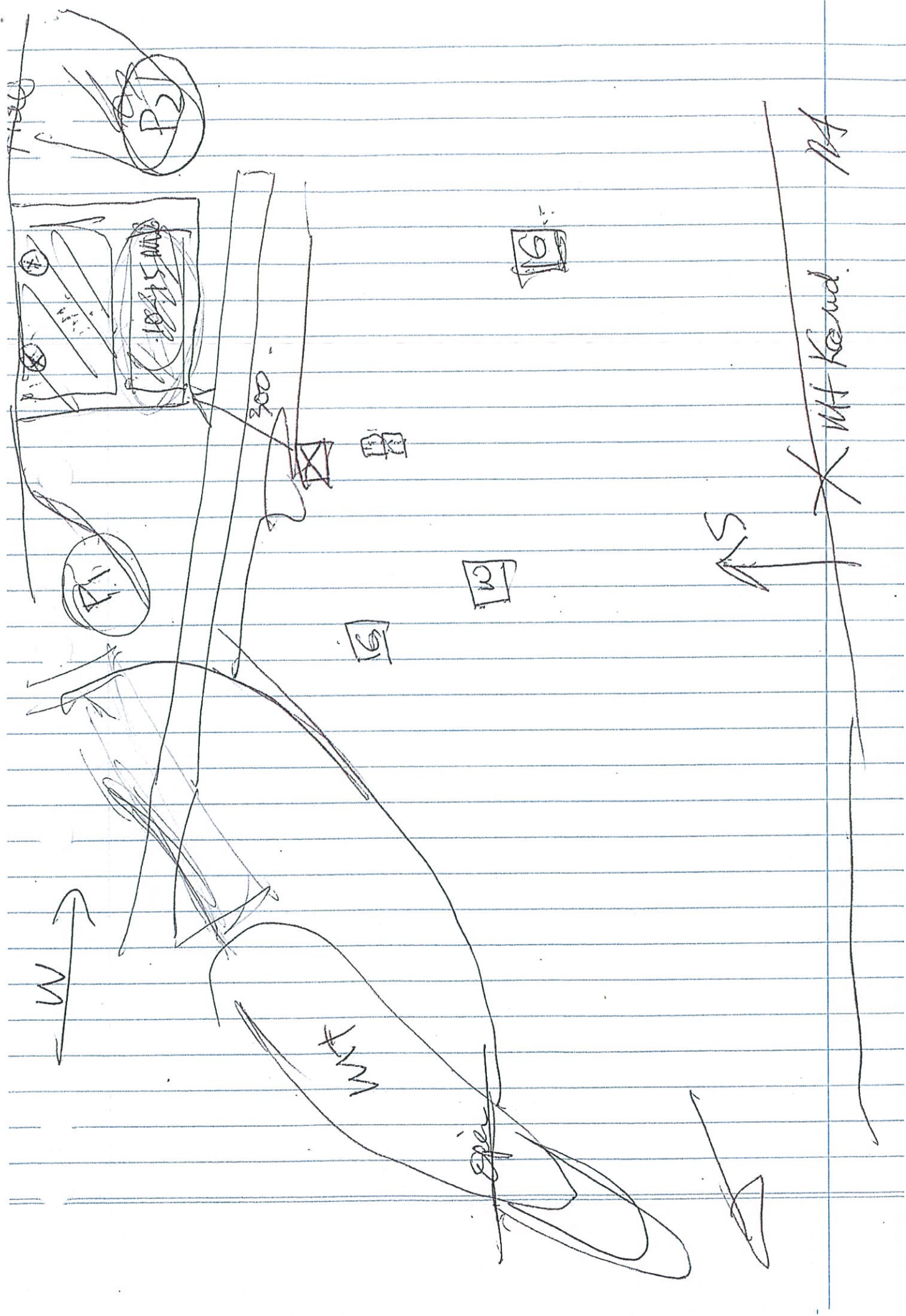
EXPLOSION

- KKP to measure - Contractor.
- (Records to me)
- (Notify when to Blow)
- ~~Not~~
- HUNTER QUARRIES.
- (Notify when to Blow.)
- records to me

DAMAGE TO MY PROPERTY

- (Condition report of House Sheds & tanks)
- (Process of claim for damage)
- (Repair of Property now)

(VALUATION OF PROPERTY) (No. Quarry)





I:\Jobs 531 to 1000\958\Reports\95802_EIS - 2018\Consultation\95802_R.Trotter_I_20181204.docx

4 December 2018

Mr R. Trotter
64 Mill Hill Close
Karuah, NSW 2327

Sent Registered Express Post – No.: 05700 05300 00319 85601

Dear Mr Trotter,

Re: Karuah South Quarry Proposal

Thank you for taking the time to prepare and send your letter dated 28 November 2018 regarding the proposed Karuah South Quarry. We appreciate the feedback you have provided and will address your concerns in the *Environmental Impact Statement* for the application.

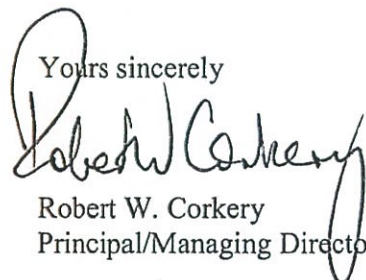
For your information, we are hosting a community information session on Wednesday 12 December 2018 to provide more information to the community on the application and the provide the opportunity to answer any questions from those present. The meeting will commence at 6:00pm. I have attached a flyer for the event for your reference.

I would be pleased to call into your property on the afternoon of 12 December 2018 to meet with you and gain a better understanding of your location and the issues referred to in your letter. If that would be convenient, could you please telephone me on 9985 8511 so that we can organise a mutually convenient time to meet.

Please be assured that the application will be accompanied by thorough assessments of potential impacts relating to water resources, air quality, blasting and noise.

I hope to meet you on 12 December at your home and/or the community meeting.

Yours sincerely



Robert W. Corkery
Principal/Managing Director

Encls: Community Information Session Flyer

Received 10.30 Am
Monday 10/12/18

Brooklyn Office:
First Floor, 12 Dangar Road, PO Box 239, BROOKLYN NSW 2083
Telephone: (02) 9985 8511 Email: brooklyn@rwcorkery.com

Orange Office:
62 Hill Street, ORANGE NSW 2800
Telephone: (02) 6362 5411 Email: orange@rwcorkery.com

Brisbane Office:
Suite 5, Building 3, Pine Rivers Office Park, 205 Leitchs Road, BRENDAL QLD 4500
Telephone: (07) 3205 5400 Email: brisbane@rwcorkery.com

KARUAH SOUTH QUARRY

Community Information Session

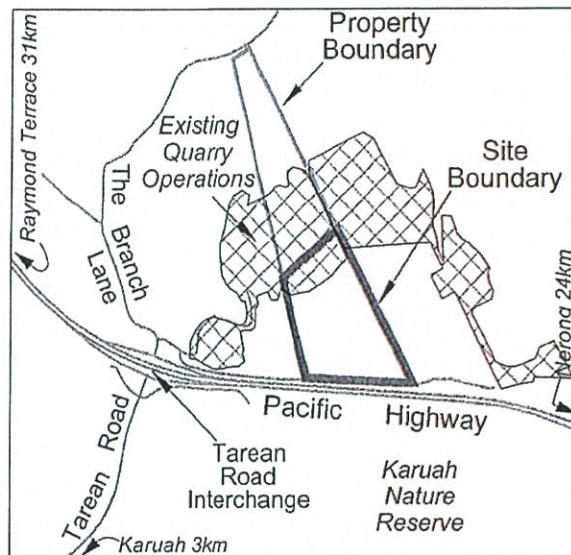
Wednesday 12 December 2018

6:00pm to 7:30pm

Karuah Community Hall - 2 Engel Ave, Karuah

Wedgerock Pty Ltd is proposing to develop and operate a hard rock Quarry on the southern section of Lot 11, DP 1024564 (see map). The proposal includes production of up to 600 000 tonnes of construction material per year and an operational life of approximately 25 years.

R.W. Corkery & Co has been commissioned to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement to support the application for development consent and is currently inviting members of the local community to attend a community information session on Wednesday 12 December 2018 at the Karuah Community Hall between 6:00pm and 7:30pm



The information session will include a brief presentation on the Project, the assessments undertaken to date and provide an overview of the approval and assessment process and how the community may be involved. We will also be answering any questions.

If you have any questions in the interim, please contact RWC on the following details. Otherwise, we look forward to meeting you on 12 December 2018.

Nick Warren
Senior Environmental Consultant
R. W. Corkery & Co Pty Limited

Email: nick@rwcorkery.com
Phone: 02 9985 8511
Mobile: 0437 635 975

IRONSTONE COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP (ICAG Inc.)

16th November 2018

ATTENTION: To all Property Owners & Residents

Dear all,

Re: Gravel Mine impacts to continue from a new Gravel mine seeking approval.

BACKGROUND: My name is Amanda Albany, Secretary of the above Community Group. ICAG Inc. spoke against Michael Kiely's proposed 'Mining Application' (advertised on his property) in 2006, when I contacted him, he told me he was taking out a mining licence over his property to stop Hunter Quarries. When mining submission periods commence, ICAG Inc. have notified the community and lodged objections from 2006 on.

In 2014 ICAG Inc. tried along with impacted property owners to stop Hunter Quarries in 2014 start another gravel mine out of the footprint they were currently in (formerly Karuah Red). Hunter Quarries proposal was to remove further intact bushland, rainforest, wildlife habitat and known Koala habitat area. The Planning Department forwarded to the PAC (Planning Assessment Commission), where we attended the meeting held at Karuah Community Hall. The PAC panel refused to meet property owners ahead of the meeting (requested by ICAG Inc.), stating they MUST meet the people who were already impacted by Hunter Quarries which PAC refused to do. Yet PAC spent a day or part of the day with Hunter Quarries. Like other mining companies, PAC Members meet the mine staff at the expense of the people already impacted by the mine or will be impacted by the mining application/mining exploration/mining licence...

Michael Kiely also spoke to media as ICAG Inc. did, objecting to Hunter Quarries' proposal entirely being allowed to expand into another new bushland area (Koala habitat etc.) during the PAC hearing and previously to Planning Department and OEH. Michael while still a mining company himself I believed, 'assisted' the Halloran Road Residents (North) North Arm Cove, Karuah Residents and ICAG Inc. with information he had been gathering for some time on his property. Hunter Quarries had moved onto his property without paying him due royalties he advised us all. ICAG Inc. and impacted residents spoke against Hunter Quarries in 2014 being given approval to start a new mine on land closer to Halloran Road North Arm Cove, removing more natural forested areas with massive sized gum trees, rain-forested areas all to be removed, with wildlife deaths and flora removal going undocumented (a catastrophe). A state significant plant had also been identified, one of the largest intact colonies not protected by OEH, Planning or PAC.

Michael in 2014 had met ICAG Inc. representatives and other property owners personally on different properties that were already impacted by Hunter Quarries gravel mine attributing health issues, sickness and death of family member who lived across from Hunter Quarries, believing their family member (child), was impacted as a contributing factor to drinking contaminated tank water and breathing silica laden dust in and outside their house. Other people's symptoms included nose bleeds every day, respiratory issue. This was all reported at the PAC meeting in 2014. Michael also held meetings with us at his property. **Sadly PAC approved the proposal for Hunter Quarries at the expense of people/environment and wildlife.**

NOTE - Mail Box

-2-

URGENT NOTIFICATION TO ALL: I was contacted Friday afternoon on the phone, by Nick of R.W. Corkery & Co. a representative of the Consultancy Company, for Michael Kiely the new proposed gravel mine of 'Kiely's Karuah Quarry Proposal'. He is preparing a 'social impact assessment' for the project and wants to ensure he is reflecting the views of us/general public in that document. 'I would be happy to discuss the project with you before Monday so you can make a considered contribution on behalf of the Ironstone Community Action Group'. ICAG Inc. will be seeking more time for us and the community.

From the mining consultant 'I am preparing a social impact assessment for the project and want to ensure I am reflecting your views in that document. I would be happy to discuss the project with you before Monday so you can make a considered contribution on behalf of the Ironstone Community Action Group'. (ICAG Inc. will be meeting the Mining Consultant on Monday 19/11/18 at 2pm, location to be advised). Anyone that wants to attend, please contact Amanda over the weekend or Monday.

'KIELY'S KARUAH QUARRY PROPOSAL' - 'KARUAH SOUTH QUARRY'

- Michael Kiely is proposing a new gravel mine on a section of his property (natural bushland, wildlife habitat, and known Koala habitat area).
- Wedgerock Pty Ltd is proposing to develop a hard rock quarry on Lot 11 DP1024564.
- Proposal 600,000 tonnes over a 25 year, (consultant said to Amanda a staged development) - up to 10 jobs.
- Ticked the Government (tick box) for state significant resource.
- Meeting Midcoast Council on Monday 19th November 2018 at 10am, then will meet ICAG Inc at 2pm with anyone else that is from the community. Please phone Amanda for details: 0403 645 521.
- R.W. Corkery & Co is the consultants to prepare the 'Environmental Impact Statement' and 'Social Impact Assessment'.
- 'Kiely's Quarry will operate "in a manner which will minimise impacts on the surrounding community"; (stated in their documentation, though sadly no amount of mitigation will stop impacts unless mine does not start).

Mining impacts: Health impacts (nose bleeds, respiratory problems) from blasting, drilling, digging, wind, all producing dust. Noise vibration impacts (ground) and (audio/hearing). Machinery, crushing plant noise. Drinking contaminated tank water. Dust inside and outside your house. Destroyed bushland, wildlife habitat, wildlife deaths unknown, flora removal/life extinguished. Removal of old growth mountain forest that survived clearing from farmers and loggers is now being permanently destroyed the natural environment/landscape removed. Your Property devalues immediately. People MUST remain supportive to those people impacted by mining companies. **From our property we see every day the shameful removal of old growth forest/bushland/wildlife habitat from Hunter Quarries. A known Koala Habitat area.**

We walked around Michael Kiely's property on guided walking tours many times conducted by him. The bushland is spectacular and intact. Gum trees so tall that they make our tallest trees on our property look little. Trees at least 4-5 people holding hands around the girth of trees, with rainforest areas throughout his property. Creek areas, that all run making their way into creeks that run under the highway eventually ending up in the Karuah River. Any sediment laden water will run into Karuah River to Port Stephens.

If anyone wants any further information or wants to attend the meeting with the Consultants Monday 2pm (location TBA) after he has spoken to Midcoast Council at 10am - phone Amanda Albany ICAG Inc on: 0403 645 521 OR 4997-5979. Todate sadly, Council's have not rejected mining in the above areas. We live in hope!

Amanda Albany ICAG Inc. Secretary (M) 0403 645 521 (H) 4997-5979 Email: icag.inc@gmail.com

7 Trees
Koolah House
Environment





19 December 2018

Mr Rob Trotter
64 Mill Hill Close
KARUAH NSW 2324

Dear Rob

Re: Proposed Karuah South Quarry

I am writing to thank you for the opportunity to meet last Wednesday to discuss the issues of concern to yourself regarding the proposed Karuah South Quarry. I appreciated that you outlined your concerns regarding property values, the quality of water in Yalimba Creek and downstream maritime reserve, noise from blasts and air pollution (dust) within the Yalimba Creek Valley.

I trust you learnt more about the proposed quarry at the community information presentation on Wednesday evening.

Should you wish to discuss any other aspect about the proposed quarry or matters arising from the community information presentation, please don't hesitate to contact me in our Brooklyn office or on my mobile 0428 635 975.

Yours sincerely

Robert W. Corkery
Principal/Managing Director

Brooklyn Office:

First Floor, 12 Dangar Road, PO Box 239, BROOKLYN NSW 2083
Telephone: (02) 9985 8511 Email: brooklyn@rwcorkery.com

Orange Office:

62 Hill Street, ORANGE NSW 2800
Telephone: (02) 6362 5411 Email: orange@rwcorkery.com

Brisbane Office:

Suite 5, Building 3, Pine Rivers Office Park, 205 Leitchs Road, BRENDALD QLD 4500
Telephone: (07) 3205 5400 Email: brisbane@rwcorkery.com