



# Port Stephens Greens

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

Port Stephens Greens object to the proposed gravel quarry at Karuah, primarily because of its potentially harmful environmental consequences.

The proponent seeks to discharge sediment laden water from the quarry's holding dams into Yalimbah Creek, which flows directly into Karuah River, and then into the largely enclosed waters of the Port Stephens estuary. This poses a threat to water quality, and will affect both the natural environment, including mangroves, and the aquaculture industry including oyster farms.

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.

Noise and dust impacts from operations for the extended hours proposed, and 24 hour maintenance, are also a major concern, as are the traffic implications of substantial heavy truck movements.

If approved, this DA would set a precedent for other quarries and mines to follow suit, in many cases with similar adverse effects.

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