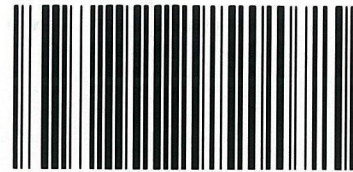


Note From ICAG Inc. - Attached are our edited minutes.
Sorry I had to fill this in as I am still
typing for ICAG Inc. We claim Submitters
rights to be able to add further documentation.

Department of Planning & Environment
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SYDNEY NSW 2001



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16th
May 2019

Please find 11 letters of objection
including this one for ICAG Inc.
As listed in email to planning 17/5/19

Dear Sirs,

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

Department of Planning
Received
20 MAY 2019
Scanning Room

ICAG Inc is:

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

- The EIS is written miss representing the truth on so many issues, I won't have enough space here to explain fully. please Refer to my
- misrepresented meeting minutes with ICAG Inc. as the unedited version is in EIS which is wrong. (attached is the complete edited document as requested by R.W. Corkery. The black writing is theirs the Red is the ICAG edited. When I went around or called people to check what had been written around them was correct. As you can see our red writing notes gives an in depth account of what was discussed.

EIS does not adequately cover ^{threatened, vulnerable} endangered ecological communities and that Bio offsets would not be adequate due to around (60) 400 year old gum trees with hollows. These trees have not been written up at all. Gov. needs to look at this closely as nothing can be done.

photos of bushland to be destroyed in EIS is ^{inadequate} and the above gum trees and fig trees have NO mention at all in the EIS.

The value of 400 yr old trees is not to destroy or offset

ICAG is concerned that the Council has advised that the minutes in the EIS from the RW Corkery Consultants does not reflect the Council's position.

A Document signed by EPSC in 2012 as "Not a controlled Action". Raised concerns within ICAG Inc Committee and the community. Who were not privy at this time and could not request the relevant Departments. We are greatly concerned that this 'proposed Quarry' advertising to the Community ~~that~~ in May 2019 has adopted the 2012 approval away from public comment.

ICAG Inc requests that all relevant Departments the issue of approval adopting a 2012 approval should be rescinded and look at the evidence and give the general public and ICAG Inc the ability to address the Federal / Commonwealth Departments. The impact is major on wildlife species, plant species including 400 year old gum trees that should be protected and the Down Stream users of port Stephen with the Billions of Dollars annually to the oyster industry. The proposed Quarry is seeking creek / River (Kaniwh River) discharge written throughout Documentation "No discharge".

"This proposed Quarry if approved must have state / Fed / com Conditions of Consent" and must be a "Controlled action."

No amount of bio-credit for flora/fauna species and these 400+ yr old trees could ever be replace, mitigated or replanted.

All the trees bushland must remain as this property is more valuable in its natural state to the Qualls, Phascagales, possums, bats, turkey, Koalas, wallabies, Reptiles and the giant Banded frog (No 32 on world protection list).

If Sadly approved crushers must be covered by sound proof enclosed (fully) building to reduce noise + dust as one of many Conditions of consent in a "Controlled Action"

If approved these 60+ 400 yr old gum trees, fig trees must be retained as it is not appropriate to have any of this bushland removed.

ICAG Inc is breaching conditions of consent and has not covered their crusher CNR Blue Rock close + The Branch Lane and planning Dept must step in and hold them accountable and like their other quarry (North) cover their crushers.

Yours faithfully

for Anthony (Secretary)

Ironstone Community Action Group Inc

MEETING NOTES

RW Corkery & Co Pty Ltd/IRONSTONE COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP Inc.

CLIENT: Wedgerock Pty Ltd



PROJECT: Karuah South Quarry

MEETING LOCATION: Blue Rock Close (street address of meeting location)

DATE: 19 November 2018 TIME: 2:00pm

PERSONS PRESENT:	A. Albury	S. Albury	G. Schraer	S. Emanuel
	D. Clarke	P. Wood	A. Pery	N. Warren (RWC)
	C. O'Connor (RWC)			

Valued Aspects of the Local Area

1. Bushland/**wildlife** habitat e.g. Koalas, **Quolls, 'Old Growth forested areas', trees 400 years+ & rainforest**
2. Flora/fauna **wildlife and plant species on Government Protection lists e.g. Koalas and Black Eyed Susan**
3. Clean air
4. Quiet

Key Issues Raised

1. Dust **from Hunter Quarries / impacting air quality inside and outside people's homes and in tank water, visibility impacts from dust on highway north & south**
2. Health impacts relating to dust **with concerns about (silicosis) impacts**
3. Noise & Vibration, **truck movements from Hunter Quarries**
4. Ecology e.g. **and the greater value of wildlife/habitat protection 'In Perpetuity'**
5. Visibility e.g. **of bushland mountains/wildlife habitat being removed by HQ Gravel mine/s. visibility of overburden dumps**
6. Surface water quality / runoff from **Hunter Quarries. Concern of impacts to creeks (significant breeding hatchery), with these creeks running directly into Karuah River**
7. **No adequate dust monitors of Hunter Quarries (1 glass bottle, 1 glass funnel in plastic pipe is not adequate or sensible dust monitoring for impacts to people), it should be automated dust monitoring machines for particles from 2.5 down.**

Specifically, the following concerns were raised by community members regarding the current Hunter Quarries (HQ) operations and the proposed Project.

Dust / Air Quality

- Dust is a major concern with clouds of dust **being visible and coming directly from** current HQ operations crusher and overburden dumps – A. Albury, S. Albury, D. Clarke, A. Pery
- Concern expressed that HQ is not implementing sufficient mitigation / management controls to minimise dust / air quality impacts, **they are not using water to suppress dust from leaving mine site** – A. Albury
- Water trucks/ **(irrigation sprinklers)** are not adequately addressing dust concerns **at all** – A. Albury, D. Clarke

- Dust from HQ operations reaches residence(s) / property(ies) **inside, outside houses & tank water** – A. Albury, S. Albury, D. Clarke, P. Wood, A. Pery
- In the process of cleaning out water tanks and approximately 3-4 inches of dust settled at the bottom (**thick dust/dirt sludge in bottom of tank**) – P. Wood
- Automated dust monitoring (**of particles 2.5 and less**) is required to ensure accuracy / compliance – A. Albury

Health Impacts

- Dust is causing nose bleeds and respiratory problems in community – A. Albury
- **Lung collapsed from the dust impacts from Hunter Quarries. He has concerns for impacts of silicosis. His property has dust inside and outside his house & tank water. He is directly impacted by HQ operations crusher plant (which is not in a building as per Conditions) and dust also from overburden dumps that are not covered or planted and remain un-irrigated** – D. Clarke
- **It would be interesting to know how many respiratory related deaths have been in Karuah since HQ operations took the quarry to 5 ½ days a week to before HQ started** – D. Clarke
- Capped **water** tanks should be provided to impacted residents to ensure (potable) **drinking** water is not contaminated. **Water in tanks must be replaced at the expense of HQ where the people living in impacted houses by dust, can choose their own water carrier as needed without incurring any water bills, as collection of rain water off dusted roofs have contaminated their drinking water tanks and is no longer suitable as drinking water. Note: these properties are not on town water supply** – A. Albury

Noise & Vibration

- Noise from HQ operations is especially noticeable in the morning and has a major impact on amenity **of people living on their properties.**
- Wind direction **can have/** has a major influence on noise impacts experienced from current HQ operations – A. Albury, G. Schraer, D Clarke
- HQ operations operating outside DA conditions (6am in the morning until up to 10pm at night) – G. Schraer
- **HQ should not be operating the crusher or in production on Saturday (as they are doing), as it should be a “maintenance day”** – D Clarke
- **Hours of operation for HQ should be 8am to 5pm (as per Conditions) Monday to Friday with a maintenance ½ day on Saturday and closed on Sunday** – D Clarke
- Concerns expressed about “development creep” i.e. operation just outside limits such as operating hours / activities under consent but not enough to be noticed by authorities – G. Schraer
- No noise barriers or enclosures are in place at HQ operations although required in DA – G. Schraer
- Blasting can be heard from residence **houses and properties** – A. Albury, S. Albury, G. Schraer, D. Clarke, P. Wood
- Blasting was undertaken just prior to meeting (before 2pm) and **does** contribute to dust cloud from HQ operations – P. Wood
- **HQ trucks can be heard as they travel up the westbound / southbound onramp to the Pacific Highway (50 to 100 trucks). I have adjusted to road noise from the highway and during the fires and a truck accident, the Pacific Highway was closed (twice in 5 years) and you can feel isolated due to lack of traffic noise and I realised how quiet the place used to be. Sunday is the only day that is quiet from Hunter Quarries as they do not operate** – P. Wood
- There is a big difference between traffic noise and noise generated from quarry operations – A. Albury

- Noise generated by the Project is expected to be worse than HQ as the quarry faces a different direction – A. Pery

Ecology

- Clearing of bushland is a major concern especially considering Koala habitat, **other wildlife** and significant vegetation **of tree size that 4-5 people holding hands around** – A. Albury
- Old Growth habitat trees for wildlife living in hollows 50-60 trees 400+ years old would be removed on Michael Kiely's land if gravel quarry approved** – D Clarke
- Concerns expressed relating to endangered species (Black Eyed Susan, **Dark Brown** Eastern Quoll) – A. Pery, D. Clarke, S. Albury
- Wedgerock Pty Ltd should use this property** as a biodiversity offset in perpetuity on **'Michael Kiely's land'** rather than a quarry – A. Albury
- Concerns that no biodiversity stewardship agreements have ever been set up in NSW – A. Pery
- AS part of the EIS and public meeting Consultants paperwork should already show the 'offset details. Should the 'the proposal' proceed, ICAG Inc. & community** Must be informed where the intentions for biodiversity offsets will be located and **'Must' be "In Perpetuity" with no mining/vehicle access, discharge events, irrigation or wilfully being set on fire as a underhanded and false 'control burn'.** – A. Albury

Visibility

- HQ operations can be seen from **many residences / properties**, including the crusher and overburden dumps – A. Albury, S. Albury, P. Wood
- HQ stockpile / overburden is over 50ft high and visible over vegetation from property – P. Wood
- Overburden dump higher than tree line, un-retained fill and not irrigated to suppress dust. HQ do not have any plants growing on overburden dumps to blend back into surrounding area/s** – A. Albury

Surface Water

- Dam at the front of HQ operations is dirty suspended **dirt/dust material** and **would** release water into the estuary **as this dam and other dams on HQ property would overflow in rainfall events including ground water run off** – A. Albury
- Contaminated runoff could have major impacts on commercial operations e.g. fishing, oyster farming **and tourism** – A. Albury
- HQ Contaminated dirty water runoff would cause impacts on natural water sources and flows downstream to the marine park. Youlumba Creek known locally as Number 1, and Bulga Creek are significant breeding hatchery for Karuah River. Any impacts written up as "minimal, insignificant, unlikely" by Mining Consultants, Council, Government Departments (of many), when in reality they are 'major, significant and likely impacts' on these Creek & River Systems. Therefore Michael Kiely's mine should be stopped from proceeding at all** – A. Albury
- Dirty runoff is often noticed from HQ operations – D. Clarke
- Cumulative impacts on water from HQ and proposed 'Kiely's quarry' **must be considered and how Michael will stop these impacts that HQ does not?** – A. Albury
- Runoff from dirty water holding dams, irrigation dust suppression sprinklers and ground water running through open cut 'project area' must be managed 'properly' and not leave the property, how is Michael going to do this?** – A. Albury

Other Concerns

- Safety – two personnel have been killed at HQ operations **yet the mine continues** – A. Albury, S. Albury
- **Truck drivers from HQ operations littering / illegally dumping their lunch rubbish at the front of people's properties and on the shoulder of the road. Dog trailers are left and trash is thrown out of their windows** – D Clarke
- There is no need for more mining / quarrying – sufficient operations currently in place to supply market demands – G. Schraer
- Concentrating industry in one location makes sense, however, must be managed properly – A. Pery
- **Concentrating (gravel quarries/mines) in one location sadly means impacts by 1, 2, 3 gravel mines is this issue at hand. 3 lots of noise, 3 lots of dust, 3 lots of wildlife deaths etc. All at the one time. How many gravel mines need to be operating at the same time? How many gravel mines do we 'state significant' really need? The wilful destruction of our natural environment and wildlife deaths happening in numbers going completely undocumented by these gravel/mining companies is the sad reality** – A Albury
- HQ has no accountability and can't be trusted – why would M. Kiely be any different? – A. Albury, D. Clarke, G. Schraer
- General distrust expressed towards M. Kiely – "two-faced" and unable to be trusted.
- Project is driven by **greed**/money and not in the interest of the public – A. Albury
- Concerned that M. Kiely will apply for a modification to extract resource over the entire site. **With the areas on the map not shaded for bushland clear felling/removal. If in-fact these areas are not to be cleared then it needs to be put on the legend (of maps) and this bushland area needs to be put "In Perpetuity" as currently this land is actually not safe and could well become a MOD/stage 3 development** – A. Albury
- General distrust towards NSW Government / Council. **She expressed her concern and stated that they are not** honest enough to come forward and state actual impacts of quarrying / mining – A. Albury
- Exhibition period should not be over Christmas, **January or School holidays. As people would not be home or able to comment. The EIS should come out no earlier from March when School holiday period is over** – A Albury
- Requests the maximum review period allowable **for the submission period** – A. Albury
- ICAG has regular meetings and organises impromptu events / activities e.g. meeting today – A. Albury
- Concern expressed that a public community meeting would result in pro-mining bias as HQ is actively involved in community sponsorships etc – A. Albury
- Concerns expressed about a drop-in meeting as it isolates people with consultants / mining representatives which may make people uncomfortable – A. Albury
- **Suggested to the Consultants they hold a public meeting with presentation and people can ask questions at end of meeting. Not keen on a 'drop in meeting' as that ends up isolating property owners with the mining consultants**– A. Albury
- **ICAG Inc. has been advised that infrequent trucks (4-5) are coming empty from Branch Lane. Amanda stated that this is a public residential road and not a back road for Hunter Quarries.**

- I was asked to describe in a word. I could not. I can have documented as follows:- I have major concerns of a person who shows complete disregard for people he spent time with in 2016 when he spoke against Hunter Quarries (gravel mine 2 proposal) as he wanted HQ to stay on his land (Gravel mine 1 - Hunter Quarries formerly Karuah Red) for 25 years at least, which would mean he hoped that HQ would then keep paying him royalties than to start the new mine on HQ owned property. HQ would not do this and was granted by Planning and PAC approval to start a new (gravel mine 2) impacting Halloran Road residents and removing Koala habitat and other wildlife/areas that until the approval (2nd mine for HQ), the bushland was untouched, undeveloped bushland/wildlife habitat areas intact. Sadly now the mega gravel mine footprint/impact zone in some capacity is running full length of existing gravel mine north along Pacific Highway to where their 2nd mine is now operating south of Halloran Road. To met people in their homes and listened as I/we did on those days of their health impacts etc from Hunter Quarries and yet now in 2018 he seeks to continue to impact the very same people with his gravel mine 'proposal'. I just can't think of one word to describe the above – A Albury

The Branch Lane

- Trucks utilising Branch Lane from the north are mainly related to timber production – A. Pery, (take out S Albury he doesn't know anything about this and he doesn't know if timber is being taken out of properties in the Branch or not.
- Concerns that HQ is using The Branch Lane to access Karuah Quarry. HQ vehicles have been seen exiting a property along The Branch Lane **Lot 5** – public residential roads should be used by the public and not **mining/gravel quarries** – A. Albury

Actions

- RWC to provide figure of the Site with updated aerial photograph and the areas of vegetation to be cleared (e.g. Stage 1 Extraction Area, Stage 2 Extraction Area).
- ICAG members to review RWC meeting notes and provide feedback / further comments to be considered by **7th December** 2018.
- Community meeting (presentation **and question time / drop-in removed**) to be set up prior to Christmas to provide further Project information – to be held at approximately 6pm at the Karuah Community Hall. **Confirmed for Wednesday 12th December 6pm to 7.30pm Karuah Community Hall.**
- RWC can provide details of ecologists if any community members are interested in **protecting** their property for biodiversity offsetting.

NOTE: ICAG Inc. was asked to clarify from meeting on Monday 19th Nov. at MK gateway entrance of his property. The inquiry for some property owners was regarding offsetting on their own properties and not necessarily working in with any mining companies and/or gravel mines.

Thank you
Amanda Albury ICAG Inc. Secretary
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