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Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: Hornsby Quarry Road Construction Spoil Management Project – Application number SSI 15 -7066**

Please find attached the Northern Sydney Institute response to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Hornsby Quarry Road Construction Spoil Management Project located behind the Hornby Campus and accessed via Bridge Road. Please see TAB A - Map Hornsby Campus.

The Northern Sydney Institute has conducted an initial audit of the impact of the proposed quarry project and has identified several key issues that will directly impact on the operations of Hornsby Campus.

These areas of concern relate to the disruption to the delivery of educational programs to approximately 1000 students, particularly apprentices, the risks to the health and safety of students and staff and the impact on buildings and teaching equipment. The proposed project will result in constant and continued exposure over a 2 year period to noise, dust and vibration of trucks travelling in close proximity to campus buildings.

The quarry proposal will seriously restrict student and staff access to classrooms and parking at the bottom half of the campus and deliveries of teaching equipment (wood, sand etc.) as Bridge Street is proposed to be the access road to the quarry which provides the only access to that part of the campus. The proposed route to the quarry and the frequency of the trucks will pose serious risks to students and staff seeking to undertake normal teaching and learning activities. A key risk to the campus is that the disruption to educational programs may lead to a loss of students resulting in a reduction in revenue for the Institute and for the state.

The Institute analysis has identified that the relocation of some classes from existing locations to alternative areas at Hornsby Campus will be required. This will require the construction and modification to existing buildings for the apprentices in particular. Other buildings will require noise insulation, air conditioning and monitoring of building integrity, all resulting in increased costs.

The Institute's detailed response to the EIS is provided in TAB B. The key issues identified by the Institute include air quality, noise, vibration, traffic hazards, negative economic impacts and unacceptable health and safety risks.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require additional information.

Yours sincerely

  
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