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Mining & Industry Projects Dept. Of Planning and Infrastructure

G.P.O Box 39 Sydney NSW 2001

Mr M. Foster & Ms J.Harrold 355Farrants Hill Road

Eviron NSW 2484

Dear Sir,

RE: QUIRKS QUARRY Concept Plan (08 0167) Project Application number (08 0168)

Please be advised that myself and my partner, Ms Julie Harrold own the property located at 355 Farrants Hill Road, Eviron or more particularly described as Lot 31, Eviron Road on Plan DP 706846 with Title Reference Number 31/706846.

We **<u>strongly oppose</u>** this proposed landfill site for the following reasons:

By your own admission in the letter sent to us, "we own land near the site of the project". We object to having to reside within 900 metres of a "dump site" and the associated negative stigma.

On 2 November 2011 we received correspondence which was dated 1 November 2011 from the Tweed Shire Council. (Letter *enclosed* for ease of reference).

You will see that this letter refers to it being the third in a series of three. These letters were apparently sent to keep landowners up to date in relation to a proposed new landfill site at Quirks Quarry. It was at this point in time that we became aware that the proposed site would be approximately 900 metres from our boundary.

We were extremely perturbed by this correspondence and immediately organised a meeting with Mr Adam Faulkner who is the Coordinator of Waste Management on the Tweed Shire Council. This meeting was held on-site at on 7 November 2011 at 2.00p.m.

At this meeting we raised our concerns in relation to not having received the two previous letters described in the correspondence of 1 November 2011. Mr Faulkner's response was

that the Council had only been sending letters to Eviron Road addresses. You will note that we live on the corner of Farrants Hill Road and Eviron Road.

Mr Faulkner went on to explain that he had only targeted properties that he thought would be impacted by the proposed landfill. Obviously, there has been an extreme oversight on Mr Faulkner's behalf in this regard.

Mr Faulkner informed us that the land for the proposed site was zoned 5A in or around 2000. However, when purchasing the property in February 2003 searches were performed on the land and these searches did not reveal the zoning.

Mr Faulkner appeared shocked when he visited our property stating that he thought our views were to the West when in fact our views are from the West to the East. Again, we question how this was overlooked. He stated that he did not realise that homes on Farrants Hill Road had this particular outlook. He thought the view was to the west, which would have us looking away from the "dump site", when in fact our view is from west to east.

Mr Faulkner also informed us that day that surrounding properties had been purchased by the Tweed Shire Council due to odour and/or visual concerns that the Quarry may pose. We have not been considered for this or any form of compensation. It will only be truly realised the impact that this "dump site" will have on us financially when we try to sell our property in the very near future. We have worked very hard over many years to achieve what we have and feel that as a result of the proposed "dump", we will now lose what we have worked so hard for.

We are also concerned as to how the Tweed Shire council intends to contain the pollution and the impact the landfill sites, which will be servicing 75,000 Tonnes of putrescibles waste will have not only on the surrounding environment but also how they expect to deal with issues such as Ibis and Fly infiltration/infestation.

We also have concerns regarding noise issues related to the extraction of 200,000 tonnes a year of extractive material from the quarry sites. We chose to live in this particular location due to the peace and aesthetics. We feel that both will now be compromised.

We have also forwarded an objection to the General Manager of the Tweed Shire council. Kind Regards,

M.Foster & J. Harrold

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Council Reference: Quirks Quarry Your Reference:

Ms Julie Harrold & Mr Mark Foster



1 November 2011

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Please address all communications to the General Manager

Dear Residents

Operations at Quirks Quarry & information regarding the Eviron Road Quarry and Landfill proposal.

This letter is sent to you as a nearby landowner to Council's properties off Eviron Road. I hope that you find this letter useful to obtain information about (1) current Quirks Quarry operations, and (2) the application for future quarry and landfill infrastructure.

1 Quirks Quarry Operations

As a nearby landowner of Council's Quirks Quarry, located off Eviron Road, you may have noticed that operations at this quarry have ceased for the past several months. This was to allow Council's own Works Unit to wind down its own operations at Quirks, and to commence a tender process to engage a contractor to run this site.

This letter is to advise that Council has engaged South East Excavations to operate Quirks Quarry for up to two (2) years, or until the exhaustion of the quarry resource, whichever is sooner. South East Excavations will manage this site on behalf of Council under strict environmental and operational conditions outlined in a Plan of Management and the NSW EPA Environmental Protection Licence. It is expected that operations will re-commence late 2011 or most likely early in 2012.

2 Eviron Road Quarry and Landfill Proposal

Shortly, you will receive a letter from NSW Department of Planning regarding Council's application 'Eviron Road Quarry and Landfill Proposal'. This application for three landfills, two quarries and associated infrastructure will soon be out for public comment. The letter will direct you on how to access the application documents and how to make a submission on the proposal. I have attached a brief fact sheet for your information.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly on 6670 2659 for any information about Quirks Quarry operations or the Eviron Road Quarry and Landfill Proposal application.

Yours faithfully

Adam Faulkner Coordinator Waste Management

Encl: Fact Sheet 3 Eviron Road Quarry and Landfill Proposal

Eviron Road Quarry and Landfill Information Sheet 3



A new landfill is proposed for the Quirks Quarry site. This information sheet is the third in the series to keep residents up-to-date with progress on this proposal.

How has the proposal progressed over the past 16-months?

Council and its consultants GHD, have finalised investigations to address each of the requirements set by the Department of Planning NSW.

The documentation and engineered designs have been lodged to the Department of Planning NSW in the form of an Environmental Assessment.

What's next?

The Department of Planning NSW will write to you shortly explaining how you can access the Environmental Assessment and how you can make a submission.

Tell us what you think

This information sheet forms part of an informal community consultation process, which aims to keep residents, and in particular those residents with homes located nearby the proposed development, informed with the progress of investigations.

If you would like to view the Director-General's Requirements and the Preliminary Environmental Assessment, this documentation is available online through the Department of Planning's website www.planning. nsw.gov.au Tweed Shire Council values the Tweed community's views and thoughts, and invites public input into the assessment process for the Eviron Road Quarry and Landfill Project.

The formal community consultation process will begin now that the Department of Planning NSW deemed the Environmental Assessment adequate for public exhibition.

How to have your say

If you would like further information on this project please contact Council's Project Manager Mr Adam Faulkner (Coordinator Waste Management).

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