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RE: 08 0167 (Concept Plan) and 08 0168 (Project Application)

We wish to lodge a strong objection to the Eviron Road Quarry Landfill Concept Plan.

Our Land butts onto the boundary of this Quarry, with our Home being very close to the boundary, according to the plan this operation will take place over the next seven years or more. Our concerns being dust and noise from truck movements to and fro. Also the devaluation of our Property if we need or want to sell. We live and pay Rates for Residential yet Council is operating an Industrial type business with the Quarry and intending to further this with a Rubbish Tip on this site which will not only have the dust and noise problems as earlier mentioned but also vermin which is the added problem that comes with all of these types of operations.

Landfill Objections

Tweed Shire Council's own environmental regulations for any other proposed Landfill Plan in the Shire is contrary to the rights that they are bestowing upon their own operation, which appears to be more lenient. Originally this site was publically proposed to become the Tweed Valley Botanic Gardens but now we are informed that the 'Quirk's Quarry' site is to become a Waste Disposal Facility first.

The proposed liner system, leach gate extraction system and gas extractor systems which were proposed in the Council's submission have not worked in other areas of the Shire with toxins polluting and poisoning land close to the (since shut down) Murwillumbah Rubbish Tip. Also the Stotts Creek Tip is known to have leached toxic waste on the land surrounding it but the Council does not acknowledge this, as far as they are concerned, they have exercised the best possible environmental practice even though this land would probably be unsuitable for future development – whether it be Industrial or Residential. So if the same so called "environmental safety procedures" are put into place for the proposed Tip in Quirk's Quarry, one has to wonder whether the area in seven years time would be capable of supporting or even growing a Botanical Garden owing to the contamination of the area.

Flood Plain

Having lived on this property (hill) of ours since 1980, we have seen many Floods, after heavy rainfall. Over this time the water has covered the cane land as well as the area where the

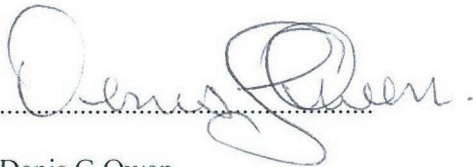
Quarry/proposed Tip is situated. This flood water as it subsides goes into the fragile environment of the Tweed River and the protected Stotts Island Reserve in the middle of the river adjacent to where the flooding occurs. It has been known of this area to be under water for a few days to over a week. The flooding has the potential to harm not only the Sugar Canefields but also the river – especially if the contaminated waste from the proposed Tip intermingles with the flood water.

Quarry Site

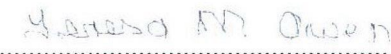
We have lived above this Quarry Site since it's inception – before it was even a legal operation (we were not aware of the illegality of it at the time when it was first use for commercial purposes). At times the dust can be very hazardous and we usually have to phone the Council or Operator to get them to use a Water Truck to keep it under control – which we shouldn't have to do. Also the blasting can create more havoc.

In conclusion we would just like to point out that the Tweed Shire Council has spent large amounts of Rate Payers' money on promoting this fragile caldera area, beauty and it's eco-friendly environment... this appears to be a contradiction in terms when they are blatantly scarring and poisoning the area so close to our River which eventually will help to destroy what the Tweed Shire is renowned for.

Yours faithfully,

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