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Hello Genevieve

I have been a resident of Brandy Hill for the last 20 years. I was originally attracted by the remnant native bushland, the associated biodiversity of flora and fauna and the peace and quiet of semi-rural living. Walking in this area was once pleasant and roadsides were comparatively safe in the absence of footpaths. However, over the years, the amenity of this suburb has been eroded, primarily because of the increase in heavy vehicle traffic on roads that are not designed or maintained to cope with trucks, semi-trailers or truck-and-dogs.

So I am extremely concerned by the proposal to extend the Hanson Quarry. My concerns extend to the loss of yet more remnant bush, the impact of crushing and blasting, and the increased traffic on suburban roads. I have participated in community consultation but have found Hanson reluctant to make any concessions or compromises, or to cooperate with Port Stephens Council in the provision of bicycle/footpaths or bus stops for safe travel for our school children.

Although Hanson maintains that its "flexible 24/7 operations would continue in a similar manner to those occurring presently" (3.12.1), it concedes that "the frequency of nighttime operations may increase due to the greater capacity of the Quarry under the Project." This is precisely what the residents fear.

I am not persuaded that noise management and mitigation (3.14.3) which "will be controlled by a Noise Management Plan" and/or a Driver's Code of Conduct will realistically be controlled, considering that Hanson trucks will represent 60% of the heavy traffic on Brandy Hill Drive.

So I feel I must register my disquiet, indeed dismay, at this proposal and trust that the offices of the DPE and the EPA will continue to protect our living environment.

Yours sincerely

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Sent from my iPad