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**SUBMISSION ON SUTTON FOREST QUARRY PROJECT EIS SSD 6334**

The scale and impact of this project would have many significant adverse impacts on the Southern Highlands and I urge your Department to reject the application for a number of reasons.

This will be a noisy, light polluting operation which will operate 24 hours a day. The vast open pit mine will be excavated to a depth 39 below the water table severely damaging the aquifer. The proposed replacement with random landfill will pollute the local Long Swamp and damage Sydney's water supply,

The proposal to remove 63 hectares of native vegetation will destroy habitat and interrupt the important Great Western Wildlife Corridor. The impact of constant noise, light and dust will also drastically reduce wildlife habitation.

I have no confidence that the plans for rehabilitation are adequate or will be implemented. As a Southern Highlands resident I have learnt much about the damaging impact of mining. We know that the Wingecarribee River will be polluted for years to come due to the pollution from a disused mine.

We live in a particularly beautiful area of New South Wales which is becoming a popular residential area for many forced out of Sydney by rising house prices. This proposed sand mine will be a disaster for the natural environment and have unacceptable consequences for the health and well being of residents.

Yours faithfully



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