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Attention: Director - Resource Assessments
This is a submission on the Sutton Forest Quarry Project: EIS SSD 6334

I strongly object to this destructive mining project and consider that it must be disallowed. I have many concerns, including:

Environment
This mine will destroy 63 hectares of native vegetation at this environmentally sensitive location at this critically narrowest point of the Great Western Wildlife Corridor. The ensuing dust, noise, light pollution that will be continuous for 30 years, will irreparably damage the wildlife habitat, endangering many species whose survival is are already classified as vulnerable.

Water
This open-pit mine will excavate 39 metres below the current water table and lower the aquifer. Mining processes and the replacement of sandstone with backfill and toxic finings will pollute the adjacent Long Swamp, permanently damaging the Nepean/Sydney water catchment. The huge water license requirement means diverting precious water from agriculture to industry.

Rehabilitation
At the end of the sought 30-year approval, we will have a 47-hectare hole that has only been partially filled (12%). Thereafter, there is not only a risk of further mining and/or inappropriate filling, but also little chance of rehabilitation, given the appalling record of the mining industry.

Social environment
Dust, blasting, noise and trucking pollution will damage the human habitat of the Southern Highlands with its cultural heritage of agriculture and tourism that are based on a healthy environment and jeopardise the health and wellbeing of many residents.

This is a flawed proposal at many levels and I urge the Department and NSW Government to reject it.

Signed

Dated 9/6/2018

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