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## **SUTTON FOREST SAND MINE**

I am writing to voice my concern about the loss of amenities to our local community by the proposed Sutton Forest Sand Mine.

### **Water**

Penrose residents and properties close to the proposed mine are all on tank water. We collect our drinking water from our roofs. If the mine goes ahead our water will become undrinkable due to the increase of dust in the air from the mine. Also the lowering of the water table caused by the mine will adversely affect the bores which are used by locals for agriculture and household use.

### **Noise Pollution**

Penrose is a quiet small community. Having a nearby mine blasting 24 hours a day will ruin our tranquility. At Penrose we can hear the trucks from the freeway. There is no doubt that we will hear blasting.

### **Water Pollution**

The mine will also clog up our local water systems with dirt and dust which will adversely affect Sydney Water, whose catchment we are in. It will also affect the wildlife who depend on this water for their survival.

### **Pollution**

There is no way I want a garbage dump in our locality – and the smell it will generate and the pollution it will cause to waterways and land. And that is the proposed use for the pit for when mining has finished.

### **Air Pollution**

The increase in airborne dust and dirt will cause disease. I live in Penrose for the clean air and low pollution. This amenity will be lost if the mine goes ahead. There will be a significant increase in dust and dirt which will cause diseases like asthma. The increase in the number of trucks using the highway will also cause more air pollution.

### **Local Fauna and Flora**

The proposed area for the mine is native bushland – home to many native plants and animals. Destroying their home will adversely affect the delicate ecosystem of the bush. The area is also part of the Great Western Wildlife Corridor. The native bushland and its inhabitants are of significant value to local residents and I for one don't want this area destroyed.

### **Kingsbury VC Park**

This park is well used by locals and travellers. I drive through here to access the highway at various times of the day and about 5 days a week. There is always someone there; taking a break from driving, staying overnight, camping or using the amenities. It is a beautiful park

bordered by the state forest. It is restful and convenient to travellers. It is needed by both travellers and the local community.

Many Penrose residents access the highway on the Penrose Forest Way. It is already difficult at times to get onto the highway due to the traffic. With the increase of trucks it will be come almost impossible. The huge increase in the volume of trucks will also cause more accidents and fatalities. There are already enough in this area. I don't want more.

### **Bush Fire**

We live in a high risk bush fire area. There is a grave danger that 24 hour/7day a week blasting could cause a fire, especially in the summer and the windy season.

The local Penrose area is a quiet, diverse and beautiful part of the world. These precious amenities would be destroyed forever by the Sutton Forest Sand Mine. I strongly object to this development.