

Stockton Sand Quarry Dredging

State Significant Development Application No SSD 9490

Objection

As a resident of Nelson Bay I am very concerned about the prospect of even more sand trucks using Nelson Bay Road.

There is only one direct route from Nelson Bay to Newcastle which I and most other residents use frequently along with a significant number of tourists throughout the year. This section of the road is also used by a large number of residents from Newcastle going to the airport or working in the Defence precinct at Williamstown.

The Greater Newcastle Metropolitan Plan identifies Nelson Bay as a strategic centre which is particularly focused on the tourist industry. It also identifies the Fern Bay area as an area where significant new housing and a new shopping centre is to be developed within the short to medium term.

The proposal of 284 truck movements (per day) up from 152 currently, an 87% increase is totally unacceptable.

The EIS doesn't consider the other 7 operational sand mines in the area which have already too many trucks on the Nelson Bay Rd and Cabbage Tree Roads.

The new sand mine on Cabbage Tree Rd which is about to commence operation requires all trucks to exit and travel east to do a U-turn at the same roundabout that most trucks from this proposed project will have to use at the intersection of Nelson Bay Rd and Cabbage Tree Rd.

The study has failed to take into the account the cumulative number of existing trucks, yet alone the potential maximum number that is legally allowed already to use these mostly single lane roads.

It is not right to consider a large sand truck and trailer movement the same as a small vehicle with a local resident or tourist who may not be familiar with the road conditions and truck movements.