

Attention Joel Herbert

Howlong Sand and Gravel Expansion Project. SSD 8804

I wish to object to the expansion of the Sand and Gravel Quarry project on the grounds that I am concerned about the Murray River particularly in times of flood resulting in erosion and overbank flows as the quarry is in such close proximity to the River embankment.

In day to day operation of the quarry, I am also concerned as to the water coming from the pit to the River and what condition it would be in and what minerals etc it may contain.

I am a long term resident and ratepayer of Howlong and have an interest in a farming property downstream of the quarry on the Victorian side.

I have concerns about additional noise and traffic from the trucks, safety of pedestrians and school children, parking for shoppers which is basically only available in Hawkins Street (the main street), the roads were not built to take this heavy load traffic and will be impacted by additional trucks.

I do not own a bore in Howlong, but many residents do and the Town water and the aquifers all draw water downstream of the quarry.

Human beings, fish and other aquatic life, birdlife, native animals and livestock, plants and trees all require the river to be in the most pristine condition possible. Murray River quality and flows downstream are of great concern to me overall - any changes upstream will have an affect downstream.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my concerns.