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MARTINS CREEK QUARRY EXPANSION

Please find following our submission regarding the proposed expansion of the Martins Creek Quarry currently being assessed by your department.

My wife and three young children are residents of Paterson. Our home being at 35 Maitland Road. 'Glen Ayr' is heritage listed having played an important role in the growth of Paterson and being a good example of early architecture in the district.

The timber house is situated directly adjacent to Maitland Road. Our four bedrooms being 1m from the road boundary. We are immediately impacted by traffic movement along this roadway.

We currently experience a variety of road traffic. This includes motorbikes, cars, and buses by local residents; motorbikes, SUVs and caravans carrying tourists heading further up the valley to Dungog and Barrington Tops; trucks carrying farming equipment, livestock, food and general goods; and empty and loaded quarry trucks.

We notice consistent movements between 5am and 8pm each day. Whilst becoming accustomed to the background activity there are some occasions which make us take notice. In particular, vehicles speeding through the 50km/hr zone, loud motorbikes, rattling and banging of livestock trucks; bouncing and rattling of empty quarry trucks and vibration caused by loaded quarry trucks.

We understand that Maitland Road is proposed to be a haulage route for the expansion of the Quarry. We also understand that the proposal will significantly increase the number of loaded (24 to 280 per day) and unloaded quarry trucks. To be operated by the Quarry or driven by private contractors.

We are deeply concerned about the impact this will have on our home and on the village of Paterson. Our fears are:

- My family currently make use of the school bus system and walk safely in our community. Increased truck movements will reduce their ability to do this and will be to the detriment of their safety.
- The noise of empty trucks will significantly increase with more truck movement. This is not commensurate with the Paterson village and will have a detrimental effect on my family's day-to-day living and well-being given our proximity to Maitland Road.
- Loaded trucks vibrate our house. Increased truck movement will further exacerbate this problem potentially causing damage to the heritage listed property but more importantly to the detriment of my family's well-being.
- The increased truck movement will have a visual impact on the character of Paterson. The sheer volume of trucks will dominate what is an historic, rural village.
- Uncovered trucks (including unloaded vehicles) cause spilling of dust and debris. This presents not only driving hazards but also health issues with our home being located so close to the roadway.
- Heavy haulage will cause damage to Maitland Road. Repairs and upkeep of this road would be at our and rate payers' expense.
- Truck drivers and operators are not controlled by the Quarry. Driving standards and behaviours are not monitored or addressed in an appropriate manner. Potentially leading to safety incidents.

The proposed Martins Creek Quarry expansion will significantly increase reliance on road haulage. We believe this is unnecessary given the Quarry's existing rail infrastructure. It will cause long term loss of amenity and safety concerns for the Paterson community and for my family. **We therefore ask the Department to consider the use of rail as the ONLY means for the Quarry to distribute its products.**

Should you require any further information in support of this submission please do not hesitate to contact me.

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