

Dungog Regional Tourism's Objection to the expansion of Martins Creek Quarry

Dungog Regional Tourism Inc is a not-for-profit, industry-based organisation which was established in association with Dungog Shire Council and Dungog and District Chamber of Commerce. It aims to support and grow tourism in the region.

The proposed expansion to Martins Creek Quarry is of great concern to Dungog Regional Tourism.

The Village of Paterson is a gateway to the Dungog Region, and the impact of 280 truck movements per day on tourist traffic and local businesses is enormous.

We are working very hard to increase and diversify the visitor economy of the region, and a sustainable tourism industry is a cornerstone of this goal. To this end, a Destination Management Plan was prepared by DRT with the support of Council and the industry. It is now being implemented in a staged process.

Our tourism industry is not just weekend visitation. Many people visit the area during the week for week-long breaks and events such as the weddings at Tocal Homestead. Many are now held on week days.

The haul route from Martins Creek to Maitland has three major function centres adjacent to it, and at least six accommodation venues, all of which will be severely impacted by truck movements and noise.

If the quarry is to expand it ought to be only operated to extract material that is moved by rail.

The narrow country roads, which were not designed to carry such traffic volumes, and the lower Paterson Valley, which attracts many tourists, must not be destroyed by quarry trucks.



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