

To whom to may concern,

This is to register my opposition to the proposed expansion of the Martins Creek Quarry.

I am a resident of Bolwarra, and feel that I will be directly impacted by the proposed expansion, in particular I am concerned about the proposal to allow up to 280 extra trucks onto the roads in the region. I live directly on Paterson Road, close to the proposed route for full vehicles, there are no assurances that empty vehicles will not travel along the road I live on, through heritage Lorn and Bolwarra. I do not believe that the road is fit for this purpose, I have a driveway where the views are restricted, the thought of the proposed increase in fast-moving trucks is terrifying.

I strongly object to this project and would suggest that the quarry operator be limited to using the installed rail spur for current transportation. The proposed road route is not fit for the purpose of carrying large heavy vehicles, the route runs through beautiful heritage areas, for example Paterson, which will be severely impacted.

The current road is already not fit for this purpose, and the trucks pose an undue hazard on roads that are very narrow and susceptible to breaking up. Also, the speeds these trucks are meant to adhere to appear rather arbitrary, as when traveling between Bolwarra and Paterson, at the speed limit, there always seems to be an impatient truck driver trying to get past. More of these can only exacerbate the situation.

I will personally be impacted by this proposal as I live close to the proposed route for the vehicles and fear for my safety during my morning exercise routine. I regularly cycle along Flat Road, to Morpeth, it worries me to think of how exponentially more dangerous it will be to me as an individual with the increase of truck traffic, as the existing vehicles already cause concern.

I also work from home, the added noise and vibrations from the proposed route will distract and disrupt my work.

So, again, I strongly register my opposition to the proposed expansion of the Martins Creek Quarry.

Regards,