

It is even more untenable to consider truck usage in the context of the availability of rail expansion. This surely is the only responsible option. Operations should have **neutral impact** on the community infrastructure which is currently generally considered to be the case. There is no reasoning for anything but. There is no right for such an operation to impact detrimentally on the conditions that my family live in on a daily basis.

Of particular concern is the danger that 280 trucks a day will have on our school community. School buses travel on the same road as the trucks. There is a particularly dangerous intersection near the police station from the Paterson Primary school road. I am aware of at least one truck, overturned near this corner just on 3pm. There are no doubt other incidents. Imagine if another truck and a school bus were in the vicinity at the time. It could easily have happened, and been an incredible and avoidable tragedy.

Again, it is absolutely unreasonable to place these pressures on a tiny community whose infrastructure has been developed exactly for that – a tiny community.

The proposed operations are ridiculously out of scale with what Paterson can service.


In addition, any road alterations near the Post Office and main store are entirely inappropriate, and remove the ability to access *our* services with trucks given the go ahead to engineer turning circles, just for their convenience, speed and for the profit of one business. They should not be placing these pressures on the village.

Major concerns are additionally raised regarding the clearing of 21ha of native vegetation. Living in natural bushland ourselves, we are fully aware of the local native habitat home to important species including koalas and many birds – all of which also live on our land. Terrain is not highly fertile, and native habitat has evolved over a very long time. We need to maintain areas of native habitat for the good of the community, and not remove for commercial short term financial gain.

The road network clearly cannot sustain the impact of 240 trucks per day, let alone the increase of movements proposed. Why should the community have to suffer the inconvenience of major delays which occur throughout the year, to keep the roads in one piece? This, for the profits of one company, who bring no benefit to Paterson.

We have attended the community meetings and witnessed the anguish that the proposal is genuinely causing people.

These concerns must be taken seriously, and the expansion proposal not supported in the interests of the entire locality, households and surrounds where the quarry is located.



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