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Martins Creek Quarry Expansion-Application No SSD-6612

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the proposed increase in operations at the Martins Creek Quarry.

My concerns are to do with but not limited to:

1. Property damage and devaluation
2. Quality of air and risk to health (respiratory diseases such as silicosis)
3. Effect on roads and road safety
4. Increased dangerous traffic conditions
5. Loss of quiet and pleasant rural lifestyle due to quarry noise and truck and train operations
6. Concern for wildlife welfare, both fauna and flora

Some personal experiences that I have gained over the past 50 years living at Martins creek, in relation to the quarry include:

1. Damage to the brickwork in my house including large cracks which appeared after blasting (2 photos uploaded)
2. Speed of trucks through Paterson. Several times I have witnessed trucks coming over the railway tracks too fast and nearly tipping as they turn right around the Post Office. It's always dangerous getting out of the car to use facilities when trucks pass.
3. I have lived for years with trucks going too fast and veering onto the wrong side of the road on other roads in the area such as Dungog road, Gresford road, Tocal road and Martins Creek road
4. I have lived with the deteriorating and unsafe conditions of the public roads caused largely to do with the movement of these trucks. I pay rates to fix these damage
5. Noise and air pollution in and out of operational hours. Increased hours will intensify this immensely and contradict why people choose to live in the country.

6. Over the years the amount of dust in the air which settles on surfaces inside my house, has increased greatly.
7. It concerns me that the quarry was allowed to operate illegally for so many years without consequence and strongly oppose any increase in operations at all.

I have invested my whole life to living on my quiet, peaceful property which was destined to increase in value over the years. If the quarry expansion goes ahead my valley will be noisy, busy, unhealthy and unsafe, decreasing the value of my property and completely change the environment I live in forever. I have supported local businesses and organisations in the area for 50 years, am a long term member of our community and I believe my opinion should count.

I have not made a reportable political donation.

Thank you for your time.

Kind regards,

Susanne Long

Note: Please find 2 photos attached showing damage to my brickwork caused by explosions from the quarry



