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I, Luke Barker Object to Daracon's proposal for the Martins Creek Quarry Project,
Application Number: SSD-6612

I fully object to the proposal as the Quarry is not needed due to the recent approval of the Brandy Hill Quarry (owned by Hanson) and the recent establishment of the Karuah East Quarry (owned by Hunter Quarries). These two quarries combined have the capacity and longevity to support current and future demand of the Hunter and wider NSW requirements. Further, the Martins Creek quarry was originally utilised with all distribution of its output via its dedicated train line. It was not distributed through small village roads and did not destroy the amenity and community of its neighbours.

The quarry's proposal to use the local roads and infrastructure is disruptive and damaging to the local community of which we are proud members of. The tight Paterson community and its surrounding communities of Vacy, Gresford, Dungog, Martins Creek, Duns Creek, Woodville, Hinton, Largs, Bolwarra, Lorn and East Maitland will all be impacted from the increase in traffic from the excessive truck movements both to and from the proposed Quarry. The roads in all of these areas will become inherently more dangerous with the additional traffic and are themselves not designed to take the volume of traffic that this proposal will add. This additional wear and tear on the road infrastructure will not be able to be maintained, again, making the road even more dangerous.

My house is on Gresford Road, only 1.5km from the Paterson township and the movement of trucks on this road (as it is the proposed main haul route) is already incredibly busy and not well regulated for its current speed zone. My house is very close to the roadway and the constant noise and rattling of the home with more heavily loaded trucks would be truly devastating. The noise from the unladen trucks as they make their way back to the quarry to get further loads would be even worse.

I have also recently learned that the habitat of an endangered Quoll species would be under threat and any expansion into this would be destructive and only serve to endanger the Quoll further.

Having reviewed some of the submissions for this proposal, I'm disappointed to learn that there are a very large number of these from back in 2016. Surely, these should not be given any merit due to the original proposal being rejected? I also know that many of those who gave their "support" in 2016 would no longer be in agreeance with the Project in its current state. It is fundamentally different to the 2016 proposal and would need to be judged again on its merit or lack thereof.

This quarry is not needed or wanted. To reiterate, I fully object to the proposal.

I confirm that I have not made any political donations.