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FORMAL OBJECTION TO
Application Number SSD-11591659
279 Deep Creek Rd, Limeburners Creek 2324
Ironstone Developments 'DEEP CREEK QUARRY'

I Geoff MacDonald of the above address, would like to lodge a formal objection to the above project.

The environmental Impact submission (EIS) is a fanciful document based on half-truths, mis-information and blatant lies. This document has been fictionally created to mislead the State Planning department and the project should be thrown out and the cost to the Government time and the local taxpayers should be sent to the applicant.

The project has not followed due diligence and it is an insult to the many hundreds of people that will be affected dramatically every day and does not even mention the tens of thousands that will be affected when they travel to the area on the weekends and especially school holidays.

There are incorrect references in the following key areas

Safety

The Bucketts Way Road would need to be a DUAL LANE ROAD with every bridge between the site and Pacific Highway at 12 Mile Creek widened. Additionally at the Bucketts way/ Pacific Hwy Intersection the Pacific Highway North Bound road should be built as a flyover bridge so that the cars turning right onto the pacific Highway and proceeding south should not have to cross the highway but rather pass underneath the North Bound traffic.

If the above is not done there will be more deaths on the Bucketts Way and also the Pacific Highway/ Bucketts Road Intersection. We are already heading back to the dark old days when this intersection was the worst country intersection in NSW. Whilst this is not just the applicants issue their contracted trucks will dramatically worsen the road and the traffic volumes.

Fauna and Flora

This has already started with the applicant allegedly clearing their property already. A simple before and after survey of the property would have the appropriate authorities issuing fines. The poor animals including the Australian national Icon The Koala will be eradicated. I can send photos if needed.

Noise

This a tranquil/ beautiful part of Australia and the noise impact is unacceptable to our rural community and this is dramatically ignored in the EIS

Pollution

The project will create significant dust every day. That dust will end up in our water tanks, ruining our drinking and general water supply.

Business destroying.

On the 9th December it was highlighted that the applicant had made assertions that there was significant economic contributions. The issue is that the contributions go to the State coffers and the developer. The local tourism in the area such as our family business at Ocean and Earth Farmstay will be destroyed. It has been running for the past 20 + years and by us for the past 14 years.

We were not contacted in the preparation of the EIS document and just this one fact proves that the document prepared by the people PAID to prepare it by the APPLICANT will write anything and omit vital information to get the favourable result that they want but will completely ignore the local community that it will destroy because they do not care.

Recently I contacted the Honourable member for the Upper Hunter, Dave Layzell to inform him of the project. I commented to him that I noted that he is Pro mines for the obvious reasons that they can bring economic prosperity to a region in regards to jobs and royalties to our government and the economy. However I noticed that his platform was also built on safety and as a father of four this was integral. His comment back to me, was a simple one. He quoted That mines/ quarries and local communities had to work together to coexist. This Deep Creek quarry does not do that. The 8 people that it will employ does not even cut the pub test in regards to “ bringing employment to the area. Secondly the guiding principal of “ working with the community has clearly been ignored by the applicant, Ironstone Developments.

Finally the irony is not lost on me that the owners or Ironstone Developments and Woodbury Civil are the same people and Woodbury Civil proudly display their company core values on their website. These core values are as follows

1. Honesty
2. Work Ethic
3. Professionalism
4. Integrity

I would propose that in this project they should be transparent and identify what parts of the submission aligns with their core values or are they just lies as well.