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Submission on behalf of

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Att: Carl Dumbleton

Dear Director

I am a CCC Member of Hanson Quarry, Bass Point and object to the above Modification. Several important issues have been ignored in this document prepared by R.W Corkery & Co on behalf of Hanson Construction Materials Pty Ltd Approval (PA 08 0143)

This submission, on behalf of the quarry's local community requests no further material be accepted or applied to Amenity Barriers outlined in this Modification Plan until the the material deposited on the southern headland, referred to incorrectly as the southern mound, is cleared of contaminated material or removed.

My understanding of the purpose of the Community Consultative Committee member is:

- \* to establish good working relationships between the proponent, local community, stakeholder groups and councils of State Significant projects
- \* Allow the proponent to keep the community informed about projects, seek community views on projects and respond to matters raised by the community
- \* Allow the community to seek information from the proponent and give the proponent feedback on projects to assist with the delivery of balanced economic, environmental and social outcomes of the community.

I have lived 2.5 to 3km to the south of Hanson Quarry on the Minnamurra Headland for 25 years and for 23 years the southern side of Bass Point had no visual environmental disturbance until a large section of the southern headland was stripped of its native vegetation in Nov 2019.

Since 2014 Minnamurra residents have been affected by blasting activity and disturbing dust consequences of the quarry's operations. (Refer to Hanson's complaints register)

Considering the major development to Shellcove and Bass Point in recent years this (southern headland) is necessary as an important wildlife corridor between Bass Point and the Killalea



Reserve. Photo 1 January 2013. This area is protected under the Coastal Management Act 2016 and the Act should be carefully considered with any future Modifications.

In November 2019, I raised a complaint that was referred to me by several residents of Minnamurra, to Mr Gareth Ward MP and Hanson regarding the massive earth works and dumping of material on the southern side of Bass Point Headland. See photo 2

When Hanson acknowledged this material was outside the development's approval the area was quickly graded, a stabilising seed medium applied and Jamberoo Native Nursery undertook the extensive planting of tube stock. A quick cover up that sadly neglected to provide the follow on care program of watering /weeding and replacement of dead plants.

At the Community Consultative Committee Meeting of 30 March 2021 (3pm to 4.11pm) We were briefly informed of this proposed Modification by Nick Warren, Principal Environmental Consultant for RW Corkery gave a brief presentation of the proposed modification.

Noted in the Minutes of this meeting I queried whether the southern headland/landscape mound was approved and Steve Butcher (Mgr) answered that that this Modification will be to approve the southern headland/landscape mound. See photo 2 below Nov 2019



This Modification is misleading in my opinion and attempts to shift the very real issue of unlicensed placement of material. Modification 3 contains 135 pages but no explanation is provided to the community that the material meets legal testing requirements of the DA. No current photos of the attempted rehabilitation is included.

Important information that should be included in this Modification for public viewing.

- 1 How many tonnes of soil were deposited on the southern headland?
- 2 Was this soil comprehensively tested and approved by government authorities?  
(Reference to the original toxic swamp where the marina material was excavated)
- 3 Was certification of the material provided by Hanson/Fraser to EPA?
- 4 An accurate, current rehabilitation report of southern headland native vegetation after two years of regeneration.
- 5 Resolutions to future quarry complaints register addressed.
- 6 Clear definitions of Amenity Barrier, Visual Amenity and landscape mound.

These items are detailed below:

- #1 The repatriation to this southern headland area should be resolved before more material is deposited on the site. The material in question on the southern headland/mound may have to be removed. There is a discrepancy in the amount of material that was originally deposited. Hanson states 250,000 tonnes while a Frasers spokesperson told Illawarra Mercury 23/11/2019 that the mound was 300,000 tonnes and further 150,000 tonnes was to be deposited. The severe drought conditions at the time caused disturbing levels of dust pollution to surrounding communities due to strong dry winds.
- #2 Not provided
- #3 Not Provided
- #5 The summary suggests “the proposed modification would not result in any additional environmental impacts that are not consistent with those currently approved under PA 08 0413 or that would be discernible by the community” so does that mean Hanson’s website documented \*dust complaints (see below) between October 2014 to November 2021 will continue. (dust pollution from wind exposure of the 200,000 tonnes (VENM) and (ENM) p/a in constructing the proposed Amenity Barriers.
- \*NB: Of the 79 complaints in the Hanson Complaints register from Sept 2014- Nov 2021 29 relate to blasting activities and ground vibration and 18 for dust related incidents.
- #6 Very little content refers to the primary reason for this Modification - the approval of the unlicensed material on the southern headland/mound of Bass Point. The report instead relates to 200,000 tonnes p/a of imported material for new ‘Amenity Barriers’ construction. No definition of amenity barrier or a time line is provided.  
Is there an example of a visual/amenity barrier on site that is complete with vegetation to refer to?

Les Brooks (CCC member) and I were disappointed that the Modification was not available for the December 14th CCC Meeting for discussion and Minute recording, especially given the untimely Modification display period over Christmas.

Steve Butcher, Manager, and Chelsea Flood (Compliance Officer) arranged a special meeting on 6th January for further discussion and a site visit.

The site visit was disappointing, reparation of the southern headland is neglected, terrible weed infestation and no evidence of trees in the plastic tree guards. There has been little attempt to repatriate this damaged headland environment.

The disturbing statement in 5.2.3 Consequences of Not Proceeding with the Proposed Modification - should the proposed modification not proceed .....is unfortunate and concerning.

Hopefully, Hanson/Frasers as responsible corporate citizens will commit to repair the environmental damage to the southern headland of Bass Point (subject to approval of the material) and replant/manage the area for 5-10 years to restore the wildlife corridor between the Bass Point and Killalea State Park.

I strongly oppose this modification in its current form.

Yours Sincerely

Vicki Steele