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Submission via Email: [REDACTED]  
RE: Calga Quarry MOD 3 – Crushing Plant DA: 94-4-2004 MOD 3

To the Commission,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak at the PAC Meeting Thursday 25 May 2017 and to respond by this written submission.

This submission is on behalf of Guringai Tribal Link Aboriginal Corporation and myself (I have permission from the members and board of directors of GTLAC to write this submission) We strongly object to the DA 94-4-2004 Hanson Pty Ltd are proposing for the quarry on Peats Ridge Calga.

#### CONCERNS

##### One – Sacred Sites:

Once again we have to display our concerns of the Sacred Sites not only those that are situated on the land owned by Hanson, but many others that are scattered around the quarry present on private land and the national park. After the court case against Rocla in the Land and Environment we thought that the said sites would be safe, but no we are fighting again for their safety.

The main I will discuss is the WOMENS SITE: As I stated at the PAC meeting this site is approx 500 metres from the centre of Hanson operations and no caveat or monitoring has been placed on it, whereas a similar important engraving area situated on Howes Aboriginal Area Grants Road Somersby has. The figures on HAA would be approx 600 metres from the centre of the quarry operations (Somersby Sands). Hanson Pty Ltd would know about the monitoring on these sites as they own and operate a larger quarry in Grants Road also, and placed objections against the second quarry.

So why has no plan of management been placed on Hanson, for the area around and on the land they own in Calga.

Operating a crusher could have major impact on these sites through vibration and dust.

##### Two –Water Usage:

I will be brief as others will be submitting more detailed concerns and data, as I stated at the PAC meeting the water table is dropping around Peats Ridge, Calga, Mangrove Mountain, Somersby and other surrounding areas, and when the table drops it effects Hanging Swamps, hence this effects the wildlife and the land itself. It also can affect engravings such as Grinding Grooves. I personally know of five hanging swamps that have completely dried up.

### Three – Dust and Noise Pollution:

Not only will the dust and noise pollution affect the WOMENS SITE, but also the neighbours of the quarry and could have HUGE IMPACT on the Walkabout Park operations, I have taken numerous students/classes (when a Lecturer at TAFE, UNSW and UON) to the Walkabout Park since its conception. When you take students off campus for studies you have to submit a Risk Factor Plan, the dust and noise the crushing plant may impact on these types of excursions, not only for mature students but school students that make up a major part of visitation to the park.

### Four – Corkery:

Again Corkery was commissioned to conduct the studies for Hanson, and again they are showing their true colours “Lack of Transparency” no proper consultation with the Aboriginal Community, whilst the heritage studies were been undertaken for the Rolca DA several possible new features where noticed, but we were told they did not have the time to investigate in more detail, and that it would be arranged at a later time that a further investigation would be undertaken WE ARE STILL WAITING. As I stated at the PAC meeting, we have located numerous new features, engravings, stone arrangements, grinding grooves just to name a few, a more detailed investigation/survey needs to be undertaken on the land owned by Hanson and also the land adjoining Walkabout Park owned by WP.

### Five – Hanson:

Hanson's have not complied with the conditions handed down in the Land and Environment Court, e.g. Access Track to the Women's Site and further investigation around the site and other sections.

### Conclusion and recommendations:

As I wrote on Corkery there needs to be a more detailed survey conducted, conditions from the LEC and that the Commission read the outcome from the Land and Environment v Rocla about the Women's Site and other heritage issues, water, dust, noise and impact on the local environment.

Please feel free to phone me on [REDACTED] if need be.

Yours truly,

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