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To: Stephen and Amanda Albury
Subject: IPIC talk

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Good afternoon my name is Stephen Albury & I live in Forest Glen Road Limeburners Creek. My wife & I have lived there for 21 years & initially purchased our property with dreams of establishing a wildlife reserve and to provide affordable ecotourism type accommodation for Kids and their families with Camp Quality or similar organisations. Initially we established our property in Land for Wildlife with Council & over a number of years have planted hundreds of habitat trees & shrubs and in recent years established Wallaburra Wildlife Reserve with signage on the Bucketts Way. All of our dreams and aspirations have been shattered with this new quarry proposal at Deep Creek. If approved our property, inclusive of Wallaburra Wildlife Reserve will be less than 1300 metres from the quarry extraction pit. The dust, noise and huge increase in trucks on the Bucketts Way will make our dream unviable. If IPCN approve this quarry, both you and the proponent will together steal this dream and opportunity to help others doing it tough as well as any potential income for us as an ecotourism wildlife reserve. We already have 6 operating quarries in our area with another 6 being proposed within a 20 km radius to our property. We have all witnessed a coal boom it appears like a hard rock quarry boom is happening and us the real victims of the pollution they all produce, both air, noise and water, as well as the psychological and physical stress and effects on health that will have a massive impact on us Receivers every day. For quarry consultants and Ironstone Developments and the Woodbury family to list us as Receivers/Receptors is both disrespectful & demonstrates any real time care or consideration for us whatsoever, and just rams home the fact that we are insignificant compared to this beefed up State Significant development. The word Receiver/Receptor means "to receive" or receive something. So as Receivers what are we going to receive from this new quarry proposal. Noise, dust, water pollution, excess truck movements, property devaluations and amenity loss. This proposed quarry will produce a large quantity of silica dust concentration of approximately 72%, studies in the US have shown that these fine particles can remain airborne for up to 12 days, so any desktop analysis cannot and will never show the real time effects of this deadly pollution. Any reporting of breaching these conditions usually only means that the EPA & operator just reevaluate the original dust consent conditions. I know that this is not a true Independent Panel because we all know that they are employed and paid generous salaries by the State Government, you have forgotten that you are all Public Servants who are in position to serve your constituents NSW residents and not sign off on whatever SSD comes onto your desk next. In regard to truck movements and our current roads we are all aware that excessive heavy vehicles cause ongoing damage to our roads due not only to their laden weight but also when they are empty they bounce on any dips or imperfections in the road surface to literally force the surface to break especially in wet weather conditions. One heavy truck can potentially cause damage to our roads that is equivalent to 10 thousand cars due to this constant weight transfer. This will only be made worse with the current road upgrades where a spray seal is used which is by far inferior to proper bitumen being laid down on major highways. The small Contribution to council (\$370000 per annum) which really is divided amongst 2 councils is only \$185000 each council per year will go nowhere compared to the road deterioration that will occur. These heavy truck & dog gravel haulage trucks take so much longer than a normal car to reach the

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Re: objection of Stephen Albury for SSD 1159-1659

Truck/traffic movements

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COUNCIL:-

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TRUCK MOVEMENTS:-

Using the example written up in the Wedgetail Consulting: 25 trucks per hour in peak periods over 10 hours, in Real non desktop analysis, this could mean up to 300 truck movements per day from this proposed quarry. Will the consultants and the IPCN panel return and re-evaluate the increased risk to locals, with this quarry if they approve it. I don't believe you would, as the Assessment has stated that these extra trucks will not affect road use and in the EIS it states that there will be little or No delay at this highway intersection which includes Peak times. Amazing how from their traffic count currently and desktop analysis, that day to day motorists including "Receivers" will hardly notice any delays, including peak times with up to 300 truck movements per day !!

EMPLOYMENT:-

In the EIS executive overview it states that this quarry will employ up to 10 fulltime employees, yet when I read the Economics section below this, it stated that between 17 to 31 jobs will be created in years 23/24 to 43/44. **So which is it?**

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TAX:-

Also I note that in the EIS they have spruiked about the huge income tax benefit returning to the Federal Government \$23.8 million in fact, what seems misleading is they assume that the jobs will be all taken up by workers that are currently not employed therefore not contributing any income tax.

SELF REGULATING, SELF MONITORING, SELF REPORTING:-

As with any approved development including mines, and quarries. If the proponent in this case Ironstone Developments is also approved, they will be given the State Government gift of being self-regulating, self-monitoring and self-reporting, from the beginning of the project to 30 years later rehabilitation, that if it's not extended in between this period.

So the State Government authorities are relying on this proponent to report & investigate any breach of their Conditions. Trust is a huge undertaking when profit is the main driver in any of these Developments.

NOISE:-

The noise emitted from this proposed quarry will affect us as people, who they refer to us as “receptors” in their documentation. The ongoing blasts & crusher noise will be way above our real current background level of approximately 32db is wildlife noise.

The proponent highlights the background level to be 45db. My research shows that Hard rock crushers are rated uncovered at around 86db. My research also showed, that if crushers are fully encapsulated the levels can decrease by as much as 60%, which would minimise one of the loudest noise emitting machines on any quarry/mining site.

I have noticed that the documentation does not make clear, if their proposed quarry crushers will be covered. This should be a requirement for every coal and quarry etc. company proposed and/or operating. This should have been written up from the DPIE as one of their proposed conditions of consent and as one of the referenced “Receptors”, this needs to be added as a requirement in the documentation by the Panel, whether they approve and/or refuse it.

In summary I strongly urge the IPCN Panel to reject this proposed development on the grounds as mentioned and by an inappropriate development such as this quarry, where the proponent is only focused on profit & not on us as Receptors is totally unacceptable. With current legislation this proposal does not directly return 1 cent back to State Government per tonne and will have catastrophic impacts to us all, for the operational life of this quarry.

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In summary I strongly urge the IPCN Panel to reject this proposed development on the grounds as mentioned. Wallaburra Wildlife Reserve was always a dream of ours which was to include respite holidays to those less fortunate, both health wise and to make it affordable for those that are not able to enjoy this property and all the wildlife it currently sustains.

To have this dream stolen from us and guests by an inappropriate development such as this quarry, where the proponent is only focused on profit & not on us as Receptors is totally unacceptable. With current legislation this proposal does not directly return 1 cent back to State Government and will have catastrophic impacts to us for the operational life of this quarry.

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Stephen Albury objection to SSD1159-1659 proposed quarry - located in the Deep Creek Valley Limeburners Creek

Stephen Albury
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Started December 2021 finalised 12th April 2022

Attention: DPIE C/- [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Major Projects Department

Dear Sirs/Madams,

RE: Stephen Albury objection to SSD1159-1659, proposed [REDACTED]

My delay in sending my follow-up objection letter, against the 'proposed quarry' seeking to operate around Deep Creek, in Deep Creek Road/Valley area of Limeburners Creek. No one will be able to live here if this project is approved. The Government must reject this DA completely, so that the natural bushland mountains for wildlife, the headwaters of Deep Creek that flows directly into the Karuah River Port Stephens and the people living here are all protected.

Attached is sections of the EIS/Appendix documents, I am referring to in my objection letter as well as a copy of the MARA survey I completed. Also maps, photos and other documentation are attached, as part of my objection to this proposed quarry.

The MARA process was not fare to the very people that will be permanently impacted should this proposed quarry be approved and failed their SEARS requirements towards the local people in our hundreds living here in the peace and quiet of the natural bushland.

- MARA did not report truthfully the actual impacts this project if approved would have on us (the local people).
- DPIE and MARA also did not have the decency to notify people the submission period had started (yet they had people's email address, phone numbers and names including the details of ICAG Inc. Secretary).
- [REDACTED] MARA, Kleinfelder, EIS & Appendix documents, have neglected to write the actual impacts this proposed quarry will have on the environment, on wildlife/aquatic wildlife, water quality of Deep Creek to Karuah River, or the impacts to domestic animals, people's properties, accommodation businesses, eco-tourism/wildlife Reserves and people's physical health including ear-drums and mental wellbeing.
- The EIS/Appendix documents do not truthfully reported The Bucketts Way will not be suitable for this type of industry, nor their haul road s-lanes that are grossly inappropriate and will cause dreadful accidents. The EIS & Appendix documents, have failed to report

truthfully that The Bucketts Way does not cope with the amount of vehicles/trucks on the road already, let alone adding the vehicle/truck numbers to The Bucketts Way and other local roads, this project would generate should they be approved.

- The proposed haul road entrance/exit also is unsuitable and they are kidding themselves to think this is adequate, safe and in keeping with the area. The S-Lane lengths would have to be many Km's long either direction. If they build an intersection there or anywhere, with slow trucks pulling onto The Bucketts Way where cars are travelling 90Km then there will be dreadful accidents that this project would generate if approved. In their documentation, they have also downplayed the intersection of the Pacific Highway and The Bucketts Way as being suitable. It is not suitable for cars, let alone truck/truck and dogs. Even on a weekday, depending on the constant traffic on the Highway, only one vehicle will get out at a time. This also includes the S-Lanes In and out of The Bucketts Way/in and out from the Pacific Highway, are not suitable to add more trucks/truck and dogs to the vehicle numbers. Once again their documentation does not report fact, truth, or what is actually the case.

I do not believe that this was fair process by DPIE at all, and once again an orchestrated attempt to run the submission time period out, through untruthful means and keep it a secret from the very property owners that will all loose if this proposed quarry is approved. The written notification of the submission period started arriving almost a week or more after the EIS submission period had commenced, which is anything but "above board and transparent". Amanda realised on Sunday night/Monday morning, and then called to clarify from the DPIE. Amanda lodged her objection on behalf of herself, the Community, as the Secretary of ICAG Inc. Yet the DPIE was determined to push this through under false pretences. How rude to treat people in this way.

It is extremely bad taste, for the companies to have written on the front inside page that their documentation cannot be copied/reproduced or referenced against and can only be (in effect read), also stating it can only be referenced by Government Departments after the submission period is finished. This is beyond sense and shows their arrogance and mockery towards the very people (the community/property owners), who will be dreadfully impacted for life, if this project is approved, which will destroy everyone else's lives, while the ██████████ add another company and quarry to their resume, while destroying the environment and everyone else's lives and businesses/properties. How rude to write these reports (with the above contained in their front pages) and be assisted by DPIE to submit these wrong/incomplete documents to all Government Departments including the Councils and the general public. These reports have so many errors, omissions and threatened consequences (to the general public/property owners) in their written threats against people reading/referencing and needing to copy the EIS and Appendix documents to form part of their objections. We were all made to feel that if we did this, we would be charged with copyright fines etc. I am aware that it was not until Amanda brought this to DPIE staff's attention in 2021/2022, as she was receiving phone calls from people who believed they could not even reference the documents in their objection submission letter. Amanda contacted DPIE staff requesting that they force the changing of the wording to remove that threat. While the documents wording changed, they still had written threats inferred and this should have been sorted by DPIE again at Amanda's requests that Kleinfelder/other engaged companies documents, removed the inappropriate written threats. Their intentions to scare the general public worked

and shows how ruthless these companies are towards the victims of these types of proposed developments seeking approval. It also shows how determined they are engaged by the [REDACTED]/companies, to attempt to stop people speaking in opposition of the proposed quarry and rebutting, holding accountable to what they have written or missed entirely in the EIS and Appendix documents.

I am aware that Amanda had notified [REDACTED] of DPIE in 2020 that the area did not have suitable internet service, and had requested a hard copy of all documentation and the documents also on USB sticks. Amanda asked for 200. Amanda advised [REDACTED] that this would also need to happen with the EIS/all documents, at least one hard copy and 200 USB copies of the EIS for people that have little to no internet service. Amanda did not receive the hard copy of the EIS and Appendix documents until the public meeting on 9th December 2021 and DPIE only brought 30 EIS USB sticks. So other property owners including us, copied the documents onto memory sticks to give to people. This should not have happened and we should have been supplied with the documents and USB stick numbers as requested.

Amanda was requesting from 2020 to have representatives from poponment and staff to meet us on the footpath of our property. Amanda was met with silence across the email, then end of last year, we received an email to be available on a certain date and time, yet this was not suitable. We asked advised MARA they would need to meet us on the weekend. As they live/work in the area, this should not be a problem. Yet they expected us to take the day off work. So once again this also shows that we being one of the properties that will be dreadfully impacted, if this proposed quarry is approved, the ~~Woodbury Civil~~^{Forest Glen} would not come and meet us as we requested. What this also shows is they will not work in with property owners such as us, with our request to meet us on one of the days of the weekend. So our requested meeting with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and/or staff, have not happened, yet they are in the street and working in the street or driving through 180 regularly at times and recently brought up 4 trucks of gravel a few weeks ago, and their machinery coming up on flat top trucks, where Amanda asked one of the Woodbury Civil workers what were they doing, and he said many things and was rude to her, yet advised that they were fixing the bridge of Forest Glen Road across Deep Creek. Considering we are 1300 metres from the proposed open cut pit, they have failed their SEARS requirements and the impacts they will have on us, in our home, on our property, our accommodation/eco-tourism and wildlife reserve, they have not had the decency to meet us, and advise how their proposed quarry will not do all these impacts and more and how they intend to compensate us, if they are given approval. We can see the mountain ranges, from our property they intend to mine out, all 4+ mountains within their proposed pit, as well as other impacts to other mountains in other areas, which was only realised by the aerial photos and film we had taken.

The company also refuses to tell the truth, that ^{that} [REDACTED] did actually come into Forest Glen Road and just drop in on people, as he did in Fords Road and other areas. This has been confirmed to other neighbours in these areas and elsewhere. Yet he did not come and see everyone in the street and did not come to see us. The company refused to acknowledge that [REDACTED] is door knocking the street and other areas and has been doing so for years. He has also been successful in scaring people into selling their loved properties. Then there are other property owners that receive phone calls directly from him.

The community has been given a false sense of security, that they say they are staying on the valley floor and use the mountain as a buffer from the quarry pit. In reality; the mountains will all be removed leaving the south cliff/side, thin edge (as they say), yet this will not stop the noise, dust or visual impacts. At the MARA computer session of which I could not log into at the 6pm session, and had to watch it after the fact. They said that they will be seen and heard when they are on-top of the ridge line. We see these mountain ridge lines from our gate and property and they intend to explode many mountains, not just one and dig up all these mountains in their proposed open cut pit. (see map attached).

The State Government needs to make a stand for climate change and our Threatened, Vulnerable, Endangers species of Fauna and Flora, yet the Government continues to hand over natural bushland areas, with little to no value to the Community 'ear-marked to be destroyed if these types of DA's are approved. Yet forever the loss of habitat and wildlife species continues with each dreadful approval.

Their documentation does not take into any consideration that people will be dreadfully impacted from 6am to 6pm over 6 days a week is what they are seeking is beyond offensive. Yet they have not considered people don't want to hear these types of noises, impacted by dust, or fumes. The companies have also not wanted to write that these times are not suitable for the area, that the proposed project is also not suitable for the area. The documentation has also not taken into consideration any of the shift workers that work in Forest Glen Road, Fords Road, The Bucketts Way and surrounding areas, that are sleeping during the day time. How does the Government and the ██████████ plan to compensate for everyone impacted by this dreadful industry if they approve such a project that does not possess the Merits for the majority, infact the project is for the minority and will destroy the area for those of us in the majority. Our background noise is the wildlife during the day and night-time and does not have industrial/mining/commercial noise that a proposed rock mine/quarry would have and take over and change the area for the worst.

There is little to no reports done on the impacts this proposed project (if approved) would have on our Wildlife Reserve/Eco Tourism Business and how we utilise our property for Community functions. MARA also did not report truthfully on other Eco Tourism businesses in the area that will also be adversely impacted and those properties like our property will cease to exist, if this quarry is approved in any format. Other than Amanda mentioning to MARA staff about some of the things we do on our property, and we have people come to stay at our property and the other accommodation places around us, they said they were not aware of accommodation places in the area and they also said that they were not aware of any Community Groups, even after Amanda advised she was Secretary of ICAG Inc., the Community Group was withheld crucial information and stopped from making comment on the Preliminary EA and the surveys that MARA said they had posted (20 copies), did not come at all.

FOR THE RECORD:- One of the accommodation places that looks East over the proposed quarry footprint was approached by the ██████████ family and employees as they did with other people around the area and our street. The property in Fords Road sold in 2021. There are many properties that have sold with this pending proposed quarry hanging over all of us and the stress of this impacting people and our properties, homes and wrecking people's lives forever, is making many people in the Community unwell, including us.

No one will be able to live in our homes, or conduct accommodation businesses and wildlife tours if this proposed quarry is approved.

At the public meeting on 9th December 2021, that Amanda organised as the ICAG Inc. Secretary for the general public and the Planning Dept. to attend and present the proposed quarry, while MARA Staff used the COVID crisis and the [REDACTED]/companies excuse, as the reason for not meeting the general public with their proposed quarry information in a public meeting at Limeburners Creek Hall and would not even meet us on our footpath, which was something Amanda asked from 2020. It was at the public meeting, I was approached by people we know, who advised me that Amanda was being slandered by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The words these men chose slandering Amanda were so graphic that the property owners would not repeat what they had said to them. These property owners had also advised Amanda, who was catching up on this fact, when one of them was advising the Planning Department staff after the public meeting what [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had said about her and that they had used "very, bad, bad words". **This shows the degree that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] will go to, in discrediting anyone who stands against their proposal.** To falsely state to people, as they have been doing over years, that the proposed quarry if approved would not have any impacts on them, their property/home, regarding the noise, dust etc. is wrong, false and misleading. What is also shows is that they don't want anyone to know what is happening in advance or in any opposition from the Community or Community Groups such as ICAG Inc. operating now for 18 years.

Should the Government approve this proposed quarry, then no one would be able to live in our homes.

NOTE - Public Record:

- I (in the background) to Amanda who was being interviewed by MARA staff on the mobile. I did not contact MARA to be interviewed as this is extremely stressful for us both and others. For myself I did not want to be put into this position of being interviewed by people that do not care about me, Amanda, anyone else, wildlife, natural environment, our animals/our health and wellbeing etc., all while they attempt to (tick off all is well, for the proposed project to proceed).
- **This Social impact requirements failed the very people that will be forever impacted if this proposed quarry is approved.** Although I was present and listening as Amanda was being asked questions and Amanda did say to MARA staff that I was there and asked them who was on the phone call from their end. They asked Amanda if she agreed to be taped. Amanda said only if she is given a complete copy of the voice tape. The MARA staff said that they would not do that and they would take notes. Amanda has not received a copy of the notes she asked for. It was only after Amanda mentioned to MARA staff about people staying on our property for 18 years and the other accommodation businesses around us, that the staff said they were not aware of these types of businesses in the area. This only came out in the conversation after Amanda asked the MARA Staff this question- ***How is the [REDACTED] intending to compensate us and others for their loss of business and not being able to live in their home and enjoy their properties and local areas, should the proposed quarry be approved?*** This question has not been answered by [REDACTED] and family through MARA staff. Our property will always have to be here for any wildlife, though we will not be able to live here if the rock mine quarry is approved.

- **How do the [REDACTED]/companies plan to compensate us?**
- **How do we generate an income from a property that will be destroyed if this proposed quarry rock mine is approved?**

I also object to the [REDACTED] operating as many different companies, (three of which to the general public, for this proposed quarry – Ironstone Developments P/L, Woodbury Civil P/L and taking a new business name of a local creek, Deep Creek). Deep Creek is a significant zoned protected creek system of the valley and to take this name as their new proposed quarry, I object to the [REDACTED] or anyone being supported to do this. In reality Deep Creek and its mountainous bushland headwaters must be preserved and protected and our wildlife, including Koalas, downstream to Karuah River, Karuah National Park, Port Stephens Marine Park, Oyster industry, tourism industry and the natural “greenfield area”, must be protected and preserved from State/Federal Government Departments, Ministers, Midcoast Council and Port Stephens Council must oppose this proposed quarry/rock mine entirely.

To clarify; Deep Creek is a Protected Creek of Karuah River Great Lakes, Port Stephens Marine Park. No company should be given any approval to dig up the headwaters of creek systems or be approved to build their infrastructure around Deep Creek or discharge into Deep Creek, regardless of the [REDACTED] family owning this land, or have put a (option to purchase over other properties) in the area. Regardless of the [REDACTED] working directly with properties in Forest Glen Road and The Bucketts Way, that have given them access through their property, shows the lack of concern for other people living in streets, surrounding the [REDACTED] properties and other people living in their homes on their properties and for those of us running eco-tourism wildlife friendly businesses, we will all lose out for the [REDACTED] family of many company names. The consequences of environment destruction, will be permanent if the [REDACTED] quarry is approved, and will continue to showcase the general public the flawed approval system of State and Federal Government, should this proposed quarry be approved in any format.

We moved from Lake Macquarie to Forest Glen Road Limeburners Creek 18 years ago to enjoy a natural bushland property and area on a (rural sized property of 25 acres). Over this period we have planted thousands of plants/trees all habitat for wildlife (along our boundary fence frontage) for privacy and wildlife (particularly the little bird species). We have established our property “Wallaburra” into a Wildlife Reserve, to have our property preserved for wildlife and plant species. We were in process of discussing bequeathing our property with a Wildlife organisation in perpetuity. This proposed quarry if approved will also stop this from proceeding in the manner in which we had all intended, to do many activities on this property in the present is now ALL currently on hold. Any wildlife that can will move out of the area if this proposed quarry is approved, will do so, including off our property. Therefore this proposed quarry must be refused to operate under any circumstances.

If this proposed quarry is approved, it will destroy our dream of setting aside our property for wildlife species including Koalas (now listed as Endangered), our eco-tourism accommodation business, we have been renovating buildings and have brought in cabins over the last 18 years. Our wildlife reserve would cease to operate as it currently has for 18 years, and would stop any further wildlife education workshops or surveys/studies, Community functions & Open Gardens held on our property.

Our yearly Open Garden in October uses our property to fundraise for various wildlife organisations, Community Groups, including the RFS. In previous Open Gardens we have raised money for an organisation that provided activities for people with a disability, and we donate money to wildlife carers and wildlife organisations (out of the donated proceeds over the Open Garden weekend). We were also working towards having people continue to stay on our property (children in crisis or people with disabilities and children/families with cancer as our free gift for them to come and stay on our purpose built accommodation, some buildings are still in process of being finished. All this and more would all cease to happen, if this proposed quarry of the [REDACTED] was approved.

I was working towards retiring in the next few years, to focus on full time preservation of our property, and continue to share our wildlife reserve with other people to experience and enjoy by extending our property to paying guests in this peaceful and quiet bushland experience, once this part of the business was officiated with relevant Government Departments. People that come and stay with us over the last 18 years also can assist us with jobs on the property.

Anything contained in the proposed quarry/their EIS or documentation, will have detrimental impacts to our property, surrounding neighbours properties, with the environment, Deep Creek to Karuah River, wildlife deaths, permanently impacted. Nothing this company has written in regards to mitigation of effects of wildlife, the impacts to Deep Creek, Karuah River, National Park & Port Stephens, that would be impacted from noise, dust, traffic, blasting, crusher noise and dust or the effects this company will have everlasting on the natural environment; wildlife, water quality of Deep Creek/Karuah River, air quality to the immediate property, surrounding properties like ours and our neighbours and downstream impacts will all lose out for one family operating as many different companies at the expense of everyone else, our health and wellbeing.

TRAFFIC

Having travelled The Bucketts Way since moving here for 18 years, driving to Newcastle for work. I have noticed the huge increase in heavy vehicles specially truck and dog carrying gravel and landscaping or construction products. The road has always been degrading with minimal funding to only reconstruct small sections of the road. During these sections being reconstructed The Bucketts Way has also been raised in height, which has created a very dangerous problem of the road being built up, as there is no shoulder widening.

In most places the shoulder is only 30 to 50 cm in width, this does not allow vehicles with flat tyres or mechanical issues to have anywhere to pull over and also when wide loads and emergency vehicles go past, there is nowhere for other vehicles to pull over.

Any increase in heavy truck and dog vehicles will only multiply this issue.

Heavy trucks cannot accelerate like a car and when they attempt to turn out onto the Highway, it is very dangerous, the same problem will occur if this quarry is approved, entering and exiting the haul road off The Bucketts Way.

These truck and dog units will be queuing before 6am in the morning until the weighbridge opens through to the end of the quarry day (if approved).

Where will the trucks park awaiting the gate to open at 6am?

In the EIS its states, that The Bucketts Way & Pacific Highway intersection is adequate and that only a 2% increase per annum of traffic is acceptable.

As most people know, heavy vehicles like truck and dog that weigh up to 50 tonnes, significantly contribute to wear and tear on a road surface, which equals up to approximately 10,000 cars. The proposed quarry alone states that up to 110 trucks per day would enter the site, which in real terms is 220 truck movements on The Bucketts Way, which is approximately equal to two (2) million additional cars per day, travelling on this road.

NOTE: As per the roads contribution in the EIS:- Payment of road levy to Midcoast Council would be 1.1 Million dollars over the 30 years of the proposed quarry. Which equates to \$36,000 per year. This in itself is ridiculous and shows clearly that the amount of truck movements and the impacts to the road surface would equate to more money needed, leaving a HUGE shortfall for the programmed road maintenance and repair.

These heavy vehicles contribute a small amount in both registration and fuel excise, to help pay for this enormous damage to roads and this proposed quarry will only increase the road deterioration further. I also note that the traffic assessment states on (Appendix K Page 7) that at the time of inspection The Bucketts Way was in good condition and considered suitable for use by heavy vehicles associated with this proposed quarry, yet the road standard for heavy vehicle traffic is for a 3.2 metre travel lane with a 2 metre shoulder.

Therefore the traffic assessment in the EIS and Appendices are incorrect.

NOTE: The Traffic Volume Study was undertaken on the 21st February 2019, which is almost 3 years out of date.

NOTE: In regards to The Bucketts Way and Pacific Highway intersection, there is no acceleration lane turning left onto The Pacific Highway and the right slip lane heading turning needs to be at least 50 metres longer.

Question: Who is going to pay for that? The proposed quarry should if they are approved.

NOTE: In Section K of their conclusion; 252 vehicles per day, during major sales days. ***Please explain?***

NOTE: This is all contradictory to their 110 vehicles a day in peek per day.

AIR QUALITY

The products to be mined at the proposed quarry is predominantly Rhyolite, which is known to contain up to 78% Silica content. Silica is known to be the major cause of Silicosis and other serious respiratory issues. Small dust particles of less than PM 2.5 can remain in the atmosphere for up to 12 days (US Study) and on medium wind currents can rise up to 800 metres in altitude. It is noted and I do not agree with their conclusion, written in their EIS and Appendices that; **"PM 2.5 levels, is too low to be measureable and therefore would not result in any discernable health affects at any of the receptors near any of the roads"**.

There are dust monitors in coal affected areas where they measure PM 2.5. It is these smaller particles that travel further and get in people's lungs. To have the EIS/Appendix's state falsely that the particles are too small to measure, and yet draw conclusions there would be no "discernable health affects at any of the receptors near any of the roads" is more than offensive. Also please note, that the majority of people they will impact if their proposed quarry is approved, do not live near roads, or busy roads. So this also shows that their conclusions of dust impacts by their proposed quarry if approved on actual properties around them, has not been taken seriously at all of these impacts their quarry if approved would have on the surrounding hundreds and hundreds of people, in this "greenfield area" in our homes and on our properties. The smaller the particles of dirt/dust, the further these go into people's respiratory systems.

NOTE: Receptors are actually people living in their homes on their properties that will be adversely affected if any of this proposed quarry is approved.

NOTE: Background monitoring is from Beresfield and Mayfield (Suburbs of Newcastle), which is nowhere near us and/or similar areas to us, to the proposed Deep Creek site.

Question: *Why wasn't back ground air quality monitoring done on site, prior to the EIS?*

NOTE: Our property should have had dust monitors that monitor Hunter Quarries direct impacts to us here. We have requested this from EPA/DPIE for all this time. As this would have shown the direct impacts we have on an automated dust monitor. As stated we are impacted (unless raining), every day by Hunter Quarries dust contaminating our tank water and inside our home, being 11.4 Km away on DPIE documentation September 2019. This map/measurement clearly shows how far Hunter Quarries dust travels, and how far HQ is located and clearly shows how Hunter Quarries is impacting us inside our home/tank water, which also the dust has killed lichen in the garden and around the property. The dust impacts we suffer show how far the dust from Hilton Grugeon Hunter Quarries pit actually travels to Forest Glen Road and further when blasting in the wind which they do and has been witnessed from our property. **Therefore the proposed [REDACTED] quarry should not be approved at all, as people's homes are too close.** The proposed quarry on the [REDACTED] properties, would not be in keeping with the immediate area and is surrounded by private homes, hundreds and hundreds of people living less than 1.3km, 1.5km, 2km to further, even the same distance as we are away from Hunter Quarries at 11.4km and still impacted by Hunter Quarries dust. At 11.4 km from our property south, takes us past the

Pacific Highway, or West further than Clarence Town, Glen Martin or Glen Williams, north to almost Stroud and across the Karuah River East to Hunter Quarries. The DPIE measurements for dust impacts/distance on their maps in September 2019 from Hunter Quarries to our place, clearly show that the distance from a gravel quarry as we and others are, will still be impacted by dust, even if far enough away thankfully to not hear or feel any of the explosions, excavations, equipment noise/fumes that are noticeable from Hunter Quarries. Therefore the proposed quarry is not fit and not merits based to be approved.

NOTE: Similar to the traffic noise assessments (though not adequate in data collection) which were also done prior, and none of them were done on site?

VEHICLE POLLUTION

As truck and dog vehicles will be already waiting prior to 6am for proposed quarry to open, these unknown number of diesel trucks will be creating a smog haze on The Bucketts Way and also waiting to be loaded.

In winter with lower air temperatures and fog, this haze will sit just above natural ground level, creating a cancer causing toxic fog.

NOTE: There has been no mention of vehicle pollution in the EIS. They could NEVER mitigate this. As our property is 82 metres above sea level, 1.5km from The Bucketts Way and in line with them at the same distance, from The Bucketts Way and approximately 1300 metres from the open cut pit, through the bush, the air pollution from this proposed quarry and the fumes from equipment and generators if approved will be devastating to this entire area, the health of the environment, wildlife people and our animals.

NOTE: Cloudy days, inversion level of brown smog sits there, captured by air pressure.

NOTE: As we live in the bushland, we have nothing of this type of industry in the area producing all these levels of toxins, dust, noise, so therefore their data desk top analysis is baseless and does not actually show what will be lost here in this area of Limeburners Creek and surrounding areas, if they are approved.

NOTE: In their documentation they state that diesel generators will be used on the site for their electricity purposes, which is unacceptable. This will create toxic fumes, noise from these generators, for the area of Limeburners Creek and surrounding areas, where currently we have none of these impacts. Therefore if the Government is determined to give the [REDACTED] approval, they MUST stipulate that they are connected to the electricity grid, this also includes all water pumps.

NOISE POLLUTION

NOTE: Noise monitoring was only conducted at one location at Deep Creek Road, with 35 decibels during the day and 30 decibels at night. There should have been noise monitoring from a variety of properties in each road and location. Including properties surrounding the [REDACTED], north,

south, east and west, to give a well-rounded and accurate reading of the noise on different properties, keeping in mind that our base-line noise is wildlife.

NOTE: In their documentation they have written at R3, there is a 4 to 8 decibel exceedance, west, north-west wind A 4 decibel exceedance R4A. These figures along with what they have written in their documentation are extremely conservative and do not actually report the impacts that their industry will actually have on the area, if they are approved.

NOTE: Truck and dog heavy vehicles are extremely noisy, especially when empty as the aluminum bodies of the truck emits a drumming sound over uneven road surfaces. Which can be heard from inside our home at 1.5km from The Bucketts Way.

NOTE: Heavy vehicle engine brake is 85db and will be heard prior to 6am when trucks are decelerating to the proposed quarry entrance from The Bucketts Way.

NOTE: We can hear B-double trucks on The Pacific Highway, which is approximately 10 Kms from our property especially at peak times on a clear night and enhanced when there is a southerly wind, which flows straight into the back of our house.

NOTE: Studies have shown that the human ear can detect a noise increase of as low as 4db. The decibels they have written in their documentation will be unbearable to people, wildlife and animals, causing permanent harm to ear drums/inner ears. They also have written throughout their documentation that at times they will exceed the "noise limit" and one reference was 115 decibels, this includes blasting decibels that would exceed the limit. **These are all other reasons why this proposed quarry must not be approved, as their industry will cause permanent harm to people, wildlife/animals health.**

NOTE: As another example to permanent injury that we have suffered personally to our ears from machinery noise. This has caused us permanent ringing, high pitch/low pitch noise caused by multiples of chainsaws and tractors, which started when the bushland next door to us, had been approved by Local Land Services to clearfell remnant bushland/old growth forests including old growth trees with massive hollows as well. The bushland clearing started in June 2021 and went through to January 2022 and have been given an approval for 15 years. Our ears were permanently damaged in the first few days of this noise starting and Specialists have said that the ringing in our ears, is permanent and could well get worse. ***Why should people be harmed by machinery operated from other people that cause people permanent hearing damage?*** The proposed- [REDACTED] quarry will produce a noise louder than the 74 decibels of the 2 chainsaws we could hear inside our lounge-room with the doors and windows closed, then add another 2 chainsaws and 2 tractors bashing the bushland over, the decibel noise was unbearable, many times sent us off our property and out of our home. Though the impacts to our hearing was almost immediate within a few days and woke us up 2-4 times a night from the noise in our ears, though we thought they were still in the bush from 2am to when the alarm went off at 5.45am. They operated over 7 days a week, before 7 and through to the following morning after 1am. There is no Legislation to protect the victims of noise crimes.

NOTE: therefore the proposed quarry and the crusher noise, machinery noise, generators, trucks/vehicles, reversing beepers, blasting, tremors etc., no one including our animals or wildlife

can get away from this type of noise. Any wildlife that can fly or jump away quickly will be pushed into other bushland areas with the same wildlife species and this will start a territory war, where the new comer will ultimately lose out, this is a fact for Australian wildlife and the above are many reasons why this proposed quarry is not merits based for the majority, for the environment/our wildlife, for people on their property, homes and accommodation businesses, and therefore must not be approved to operate at all.

NOTE: That the mobile crusher at the proposed quarry in their documentation will not be covered for both noise and dust suppression and they state will be on the pit floor, *Why not?*

NOTE: Should the Government be determined to approve the destruction of this natural bushland area, impact all of us and kill wildlife, pollute Deep Creek to Karuah River, Port Stephens, this should be overturned as NOT being in the best interest of the environment flora and fauna preservation, and therefore must be refused. The precautionary principle must be adopted as the project would cause dreadful and permanent harm and death to the natural environment/wildlife and Deep Creek to Karuah River/aquatic wildlife.

NOTE: In their documentation they state that they will use the mountain they are digging up to have the crusher on the pit floor to "block the noise and dust", which again is a falsity and noise and dust rises. Not only will this be inadequate to stop the noise and dust, the crusher would be blasted by rock falling on the pit floor and therefore does not make any sense. Their documentation is inaccurate to recognise that all noise and dust rises and will hit the mountains ridges they are leaving and bounce upwards and outwards and with a 360 degree wind current that they have also not reported accurately or at all, this will pick up the noise and dust and carry it everywhere. As stated we are over 11km from the Highway and we can hear the trucks, particularly if it has rained and the road is wet or the wind is blowing to the back of our house. The proposed [REDACTED] open cut pit would be 1300 metres (1.3km away from our property), and this again clearly shows that this is not an appropriate location to approve such a destructive industry.

NOTE: The false theory that they have covered their responsibilities in not disturbing the community with noise or dust does also not make any sense at all, due to noise and dust rising up and out. As stated we are 11.4 km from Hunter Quarries we get all their dust, blasting dust and he has contaminated our drinking water and killed the lichen on our property, and the dust is inside our house every day and we have to shut up the house at night unless it is raining to stop the dust being pushed through the screens. The MARA documentation also does not adequately or at all show the real-time disaster this proposed quarry would have on the area, if it is approved. No company can stop noise or dust, unless they are not approved to start their industry in the first place. I do hope that the Government does not approve this quarry in any way in this or any other bushland area.

BLASTING NOISE & DUST POLLUTION

- Blasting creates a shock wave effect, not only through the air, but also underground.

- Toxic orange blasting clouds (see Newcastle herald articles), this affects a person's central nervous system and respiratory system.
- The dust then is carried by air currents and lands on everything and waterways with these heavily charge toxic particles have been known to smother dam surfaces from Stratford Coal and killed every living wildlife species in that dam, where the owner was left to bury all the dead animals himself, as Stratford Coal was NOT held responsible and ran away from their obligations and responsibilities to the Community they affected and the environment they destroyed and wildlife they killed.
- When the proposed magnetite was using their seismographic blasting depth charges equipment, our house 2km from Ironstone Mountain shook violently with every shock blast heard, was followed with dreadful ground tremors, that went into our rakes timber ceiling, clinked the glass ware in the cupboards and swung our light fittings from the ceiling. This happened every time they blasted and it finished just before 5.30pm. My wife reported this to EPA and Council who allowed the company to get away with this impact to us and surrounding properties. So this proposed quarry at 1300 metres if approved does not give us any confidence we will not be blasted from the beginning to the end of their day, and this is no way for anyone else to live or be impacted by and another reason why this quarry should not be approved to operate at all.
- These above are many reasons why this project should not be approved by either DPIE, IPC or the Minister for Planning. This project if approved will devastate our property and surrounding properties in a 360 degree radius and will destroy everything we have done on our property for wildlife species, and in our accommodation business and in working with a wildlife organisation that we were in negotiations to bequeath our property to them, as our way of keeping the wildlife on this property safe from any form of disgraceful and inappropriate developments.
- If this quarry of the [REDACTED] was approved, it would continue to reward a family that has already done so much damage in this area, to the environment and the people of Forest Glen Road and properties in Deep Creek Road and The Bucketts Way, by again having bushland removed and roads being built, when they have not been approved to do so. Yet as ICAG Inc. we could not raise any Government Department or Council to come and fine them for doing this, just like Michael Kiely has already done on his property, also not having been given approval to knock bushland down or build haul roads. Both people/companies show complete disregard for authority, disregard to the natural environment or people and our wildlife being impacted by their disgraceful business ventures, leaving a destroyed environment forever.

MARA survey of Stephen Albury expanded survey response (attached is the MARA survey)

Amanda asked MARA staff for 20 copies of the survey to be posted. They did not come. Amanda then phoned to ask at the end of the second week, why it was taking so long to come to her. The staff said they had sent them. Amanda confirmed again, she had not received them. Time frame

of the survey was moving on, in the unfair MARA process to the very community that will be devastated by life-long impacts if this proposed rock/mine quarry is approved.

We the Community were all being 'led along by MARA's lack of direct contact' and Amanda as the Secretary of ICAG Inc. working for the Community, I believe. MARA Staff said they would send more copies, though they would have to copy them again. Amanda received less than 10 copies and then was copying the very survey, she said to staff that she did not want to copy.

They should have had a button on their website to download a printable copy of the survey, yet they did not. Amanda did not have a double sided copier and so she was doing it by hand one page at a time, 20 copies then putting back into the machine. This also showed me directly that the MARA staff did not do what they said, as Amanda never received the 20 copies in the (first package sent supposedly, that actually never came). They did send a courier bag for Amanda to send back the surveys. Due to people taking so long, including myself to fill out the survey and people making appointments with Amanda for her to read out the questions to them as they filled in the survey (as its most daunting for people), the timeframe dragged on and became a real mess for Amanda, who kept holding the courier bag back waiting for the other surveys to come in to her, which they did not. Amanda tried to then send the ones she had to MARA via the internet with a computer that had been hacked. Amanda does not know whether they received our forms or not. The timeframe of the surveys was not adequate enough to collect this extremely important information from the very people that will be impacted.

MARA has written up falsely in their documentation that they sent 20 copies of the survey to Amanda. As Amanda did not receive these copies, then that should not have been documented down the way it has been in the Appendix documents. They should have written that they sent 20 copies to Amanda ICAG Inc. Secretary, unfortunately reasons unknown Amanda did not receive these surveys, so less than 10 were sent at a later date, meaning that Amanda had to copy the rest of the surveys for people that did not have a computer, as they preferred to write on a hard copy. They could have also written that they sent a self-addressed courier bag to send the surveys back. Unfortunately this did not happen as Amanda/MARA had intended. Amanda feels badly about this and has discussed sending the bag back to MARA so they can use elsewhere. Amanda works pro-bono for ICAG Inc. Committee, as the Secretary, working to assist the Community for the last 18 years. There were other surveys that she handed out, that people ended up doing it on computers and some people ended up not filling them in at all, yet do not want this quarry to be approved.

QUESTION 4 – destruction of our rural/native landscape impacts to wildlife. We already have 5 quarries within a 20km radius of us already (Hunter Quarries, Allworth Coastwide, Limeburners Creek Road Meehen's, Brandy Hill - Hanson, Boral at Italia Road). Developments like these industrialise our area. [REDACTED] has many company names already and Ironstone Developments is just another one, Woodbury Civil, Woodbury Haulage and their new company taking the name of Deep Creek as their proposed quarry in Limeburners Creek. His existing Black Hill Quarry has already been taken to Court over lack of remediation of the quarry. We don't need or want this proposed quarry, bringing noise, dust and heavy trucks on our overused Bucketts Way.

The quarry will destroy our lifestyle and quiet quality of life, destruction of more habitat and wildlife deaths and more trucks on our second grade Bucketts Way.

QUESTION 6 - The project is not important to the local economy.

QUESTION 7 - We don't want the quarry and we know they don't contribute a cent to the State per tonne, although it is state significant. They can provide (if the project is approved) all the poor neighbouring properties with water filters for our tanks.

QUESTION 9 – Only positive if you want a mining job or are [REDACTED] and family or their employees who have been going around to people on their properties (by just dropping in, like Forest Glen, Fords Road, or calling people on the telephone once staff had already made contact with them). This has been happening since around 2018, despite the company writing to Amanda stating they are not approaching people. Why lie about what they are actually doing?

QUESTION 10 – **The negative impacts of the proposed quarry:-** Negative impacts are noise, dust, truck movements, 6 days a week from 6am to 6pm is unacceptable.

- Dust from hard rock quarries contains levels of silica which in PM2.5 – 5, which can settle in lungs. It can travel on air currents for up to 50km.
- Noise is similar, being low frequency noise from quarry operations. Blasting/digging/truck movements and crushing operations are all noise emitting activities, which are cumulative for the 6 days a week.
- Wildlife habitat will be destroyed in construction to operation of this quarry including roads.
- The Bucketts Way will have truck and dog vehicles entering and leaving the highway or other local roads. These roads are already in a terrible condition and The Bucketts Way is being over used by trucks already, chopping up the road surface, which gets worse in rainfall events.
- Yet in the Appendix/EIS the companies working for the Woodbury family state the Bucketts Way is in good condition and that their proposed quarry truck movements would not pose any problems.
- If this proposed quarry is approved their trucks will only make the road worse, with the quarry only providing a small contribution to Midcoast Council.
- The 55 trucks per day seems very understated for the quantity of rock in their documentation they are proposing to extract.
- Their documentation has not been written accurately of the actual impacts they will have on the people, wildlife, Deep Creek/Karuah River Port Stephens, The Bucketts Way and other local road surfaces if they are approved to operate.

- Dust simulated response from Mayfield and Beresfield is also unacceptable.
- Conducting noise monitoring on The Bucketts Way, is inaccurate.
- The proposed open cut/quarry footprint, is 1.5 km from The Bucketts Way (we are also 1.5km from The Bucketts Way). They are in the bush, on their property with only their vehicles driving the tracks.
- Our base line noise is wildlife, not the workings, infrastructure, machinery/trucks noise/generators/crusher etc., that this proposed quarry would have on the area.

QUESTION 12 - The air quality modelling is false because they took dust studies from Beresfield and Mayfield.

- If the proposed quarry is approved, we will ALL be impacted by dust. For example, we are 11.4 km and parallel to 2 cliffs and part of the pit we see from our house and front yard. The (DPIE map/measurement September 2019 from our property to Hunter Quarries). We get their blasting dust over our garden/property, dust inside our house unless it is raining, the dust contaminated our drinking water over 6+ years ago and the lichen on our property died. We have to replace the water filter twice a year at \$85.00 each and we are covering the cost of Hilton Grugeon (Hunter Quarries) contaminating our drinking water.
- The noise modelling is inaccurate, as we will be impacted by noise. We are 1300 metres away if this proposed open cut rock quarry is approved, that I also believe is a Magnetite mine.
- The proposed quarry is not necessary as all other quarries around us are producing these materials for road base, concrete etc.
- 55 trucks a day is their estimate and increased depending on what document of theirs you were reading. This is also inaccurate, as its 55 trucks in and 55 trucks out, 110 trucks per day using their estimation. However they have no idea how many trucks would be coming and going throughout each day, as it is unregulated.
- Biodiversity offsets, do not stop the destruction of bushland forest trees, or prevent the death of wildlife in the mountainous bushland areas, they are seeking to destroy if the proposed quarry is approved.
- These statements on the inaccurate survey are all done by companies engaged by ██████████, to give a positive spin on their proposed project. If coal dust from Kooragang Island can drift as far as Hawks Nest. **How will we not be affected by Silica dust from a hard rock quarry less than 1.5km from us all?** Keeping in mind we are approximately 1300 metres from the proposed open cut pit, with other houses even closer.

- Noise impacts are the same as dust impacts and will affect everyone and our quality of life. It will also stop our 18 year accommodation business and wildlife reserve. No one will be able to come and stay, and the wildlife that can will move out of the area and off our property. The crusher noise sounds like a jet fighter plane hovering over peoples houses, e.g. Hunter Quarries impacts people in their homes shaking these houses from the ground up and the noise is unbearable, yet they are left to suffer todate.
- If the Government is determined to approve this proposed project, then the crusher must be in a sound and dust proof building, regardless of whether the crusher is mobile or not.

QUESTION 13 - Land Zoning will change from Rural to Industrial/mining. Habitat for wildlife will be destroyed. Noise/dust and truck movements will be negative on the area.

QUESTION 14 – **The proposed quarry will change the way people work and use their property in Limeburners Creek, Allworth and other surrounding areas, in a 360 degree radius around the proposed quarry footprint and impact hundreds of people. It will destroy the purpose of other people’s lives and our property entirely if this proposed quarry is approved.**

- It would also change the land-use and zoning of this area to industrial, extractive industries, mining, commercial, which is all unacceptable. We will have excessive air borne dust and fumes (petrol and diesel), noise of equipment, blasting/crusher etc. truck and dog, heavy vehicles tearing up the roads and congestion on both local roads, and in and out of The Bucketts Way at the Pacific Highway.
- People in our area are mostly here for the lifestyle and environment. Quarries/rock mines, coal mines do not support this area’s life style, the environment, Deep Creek and especially bushland areas for wildlife and Koala’s now listed as Endangered. The Government must have bushland areas protected, from these types of destructive environmental destroying industries, regardless of the resource.

We could not live on our property if this proposed quarry is approved here ourselves, let alone continue to run our 18 year old - Eco Tourism business where people come as non-paying guests, they help in the garden, wildlife surveys, star/planet photography, assist us with open Gardens where we raise funds for, local community Group (ICAG Inc.) and Wildlife organisations, Wildlife Carers, other charity groups including the RFS.

QUESTION 15 – **The “potential impacts listed in the survey” are incorrect. These and more would actually be the impacts if this proposed quarry is approved to operate.**

- Land will be cleared for quarry and expansion.
- Fauna will be driven out of their habitat by the proposed quarry as their bushland homes (flora are cleared).
- Our area will have an industrial zoning for the quarry proposed if approved.
- Deep Creek will be affected by quarry activities
- Quality of water impacts by the proposed quarry if approved.

- Water usage on site, will be taking water out of Deep Creek arms to use in their production process. While they dig up other headwater arms of Deep Creek if this proposed quarry is approved which is unacceptable.
- They are also seeking approval to take water out of the natural creek system of Deep Creek, if approved which is also unacceptable.
- Their environmental estimate of their water usage in their documentation, has been underestimated for the amount of water they will take out of the natural environment, this is also unacceptable.
- Community will change from lifestyle properties to mining, industrial and commercial properties at the expense of everyone else and everything else (wildlife/people and our animals) already living here.

QUESTION 16 - What I like most about living in this area:- I like living in this area in the natural bushland environment, with wildlife, the peace and quiet of the area. Other than Hunter Quarries dust and the once off explosion from Meehens Limeburners Creek Road, we do not have any of these types of industries impacting this area with the noise, dust, truck movements, blasting, vibrations that the [REDACTED] quarry would have on us all and the entire area if they are wrongly given approval to operate.

QUESTION 17 - The challenges facing our local area are Quarries either operating or proposed. Then there are the proposed mechanical workshop and the proposed prefabrication. The proposed quarry if approved, would cause traffic congestion at the highway and on local roads with destruction of habitat for native flora and fauna.

QUESTION 18 - I know the proposed quarry will have permanent negative impacts on us and on our property, other people, wildlife, people's animals, peoples health and wellbeing and mental health.

The environment will be destroyed, bushland mountains will be clearfelled and dug up. Deep Creek to Karuah River will be impacted.

How do I know this? Because Hunter Quarries, Duralie and Stratford Coal have destroyed the environment, killed wildlife, polluted water, made people sick.

Negative on Traditional owners seeing their land (rock) dug up and sold to supply Newcastle/Sydney with hard rock for construction.

- People like living here because of the peace, quiet environment.
- This proposed quarry if approved will add more noise, dust, truck movements to our area, which should not happen at all and should not be approved to operate in any format.

QUESTION 19 - The proposed quarry will have a very negative impact on the surrounding community in our mental health and wellbeing, the noise, dust and visual impacts will be life changing.

- The traffic, trucks and vehicle movement will be dreadful.

- The negative/very negative impacts to local businesses will close if this quarry is approved which will result in people being unemployed VS a proposed quarry with proposed job numbers that vary depending on which document of theirs you are reading at the time.
- The accommodation and wildlife businesses up and running already cannot co-exist with a quarry if it is approved to operate 6 days a week between 6am and 6pm, it is obvious that industries such as this do not care about their actual real impacts that their 'business of the ~~quarry~~' would actually have on everyone else already living here.
- Stop the proposed quarry from proceeding and do not approve it to operate at all.
- The noise, dust/silica dust polluting our air, homes, tank water, our lungs, the consequences are too great and therefore this quarry must not be approved at all.

QUESTION 20 - THE THREE THINGS I VALUE THE MOST IN LIMEBURNERS CREEK ARE: The natural environment of the area, the flora and fauna with the most amazing wildlife species, including birds, we have over 70+ species, with some not identified, we can't find in books. Other wildlife such as; Wallabies, Kangaroos, Possums, Micro Bats, Sugar Gliders, Koalas, bandicoots, Echidnas, snakes, lizards and frogs etc. Also the peace and quiet of the surrounding areas, including the natural bushland areas of 12 Mile Creek, Forest Glen Road, Deep Creek Road, Fords Road (Limeburners Creek), The Bucketts Way, Ebsworth Road, Glen Martin, Glen William (Clarence Town), Allworth, Gunns Gully Road, Washpool Road, where the bushland is our baseline of noise for the entire area, and was not shown in any of the documentation I read.

QUESTION 21 - THE THREE THINGS I VALUE LEAST ABOUT LIMEBURNERS CREEK AREA:

- The Bucketts Way road condition, the quarries already operating (Hunter Quarries that impacts us on our property 11.4Km away by their blasting/dust, dust everyday unless it is raining, and have contaminated our home with dust and our tank water).
- If we don't close the windows and doors at night, the dust is pushed through the screen and lands on every surface by morning when we wake up and has caused my wife a nose bleed.
- We are already affected by Hunter Quarries dust and if this proposed Woodbury's quarry goes in, it will have devastating consequences for us on our property and other neighbours.
- I also don't like how some residents on their properties do not protect the environment and some have done deals with the ~~quarry~~ to give them access through their properties, at the expense of their neighbours, our environment and the wider community (The Bucketts Way and Forest Glen Road properties).

As a major stake holder I was not advised in advance that the submission period was to commence, infact if it had not been for Amanda reading the Scoping report and noticing the link

on the end of the page on the last page, she and the rest of us would not have known the submission period had actually started 4 days by the time she realised and phoned and spoke to James of DPIE on that Monday. Amanda requested then the submission period needed to be stopped or at least extended by months, so she could notify the community. DPIE refused to stop or extend the submission period across the board. And would only accept submission from people who contacted them by the 17th December 2021.

While I thank the DPIE for coming up to present the proposed project to the general public at the meeting that Amanda organized for the Community and we rushed around delivering fliers out to as many people as we all could, though many including were not notified as the 30 head cap was placed on the hall at 4 square metres that was actually 1.5 in the COVID restrictions.

How does the Minister and Government Departments see this as being "transparent and above board, that the Community the major stake holders were not contacted in advance, yet MARA had our names, addresses, phone numbers and emails of anyone they had interviewed or spoke to in their flawed SEARS requirements which they failed.

We will not be able to live on our property and in our home if this proposed quarry is approved and nothing in their documentation shows the actual impacts this would have on people, the wildlife, animals and the area, accommodation businesses and people's health.

I therefore request that the DPIE and IPC and Government Ministers do not give approval to the [REDACTED] proposed quarry, as it is not merits based for the majority, who will be forever impacted and our lives a misery, if the Government approves such a destructive industry to commence.

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