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Subject: Stephen & Amanda's extra DPIE documentation (2) Objection to SSD1159-1659 - DPIE DOCUMENT HAS DREADFUL ERRORS
Importance: High

Added information in Blue.

Alert! IPCN Panel,

RE: Stop the clock on the rushed process for SSD1159-1659, where the DPIE documentation is wrong, the IPCN website does not work, so people who have lodged submissions via this system may not have their submissions counted, and now its via email only. The time frame needs to stop and start up again next year 2024 and then be refused.

FROM: Stephen & Amanda Albury – objectors

Hunter Regional Plan 2041. How does this project enrich the quality of life and wellbeing of the residence? Economic & jobs (are listed first) and wellbeing of people/residents are listed last. Well that says it all. The rushed submission period, the way its happened, the timeframe coming up to Christmas, the whole thing is orchestrated to make it more difficult for people to lodge objections. We got late notice almost 6 days late. This is wrong and should not happen, IPCN and DPIE staff know this area has little to no email coverage or mobile phones either.

The community that will be smashed is being impacted by no internet speed and the IPCN website is not working. Therefore the biggest “stakeholders in this proposed project, for the environment we all live in and people have been silenced”. This is a rushed process which is NOT above board, transparent, honest and balanced. People have NOT been given the time to hear our concerns, in this rushed period before the Christmas period.

The DPIE document has dreadful errors and also areas where the information is written with either wrong information or misleading information.

- Page 4:- 3.2.7 e.g. tonnage per year which will actually be 3 times more than what DPIE wrote down as “more than 5 million p.a.”. The detailed response to the errors, omissions, or the

way it is worded is extremely misleading. IPCN needs to reject the DPIE documentation due to the errors contained.

- Page 4: 3.3.11 lighter rock for road surfaces, for climate change. Yet they don't report on destroying the climate in our area of Limeburners Creek by taking out 4 and more mountains and ranges and Ironstone Mountain which has its own climate zone. So their argument for needing Rhyolite to make the roads cooler is baseless. They will be destroying the climate and adding to climate change for the 30+ years and forever after in a destroyed and water toxic, air toxic, land toxic and wildlife deaths environment with sick people as a consequence. Lighter coloured rock when used in bitumen covered in bitumen that state is over emphasized less than 1% "this can reduce". What a hypocritical statement in road surface and reduced temperature for climate change, while destroying mountains and adding to climate change on a daily basis for 30+ years and all those fumes also adding to climate change.
- 4.8.32: State Significance of over 500,000 tonnes (usually for SSD), yet it says up to 500,000 tonnes? It is very misleading and false what DPIE have written. If the total resource of more than 5 million tonnes per year, shows this is underestimated as they are actually using the maths extracting 15 million tonnes in 30 years. The wording is misleading. It is actually 3 times more than what DPIE wrote down as "more than 5 million" so 15,000,000 tonnes is just that as it is not "more than 5 million". Then all they do is go for a MOD as they have extracted to capacity. This is a gross misrepresentation of the true extracted amount over 30 years and IPCN needs to reject and not only this paragraph, but the whole DPIE document and refuse the project. The figures are misleading over a 30 year period of extraction and DPIE staff in this document have set the scene

like Daracon who took too much rock out and too many trucks and not in the approved area of land (allegedly), as its Planning Dept. that should be upholding conditions of consent failed the Environment & Community. They have done the same for this proposed quarry, destroying environment and community and wildlife species in their quest to support the proponent over common sense.

500,000 tonnes x 30 years = 15,000,000 tonnes.

- 4.8.32 – water licence predicted 25 mega litres a year from Deep Creek/water sharing.

What about dams, washing produce, all this will drain into Deep Creek and they will suck dry the arm of Deep Creek they want to put their ugly pipe in. This is all wrong, all of it. By digging up the headwaters the creek's life blood Deep Creek will dry out, what will the aquatic wildlife do, they will die! What are they going to do buy water in and put many, many tanks in? What will they do when they suck out all the dam water, more aquatic wildlife will die. The Deep Creek springs, soaks, creek water that would be taken from Deep Creek is unthinkable and would be 25,000,000 mega litres a year out of the environment, is a monstrous attack on natural water sources and aquatic wildlife species and down-stream users and a Zoned Protected Creek of Karuah River, Port Stephens, Great Lakes Marine Park. IPCN must refuse this project from proceeding. Yet coming out as negligible, minor, minimal, unlikely etc. etc. for buzz word use.

- 6.1.69: Flora and Fauna have ALL not been written by their Scientific names, this should be amended. Project will cause impacts to adjacent land 360 degrees around their property **“potential to cause indirect or prescribed impact”**. Need to

explain to us people who will be smashed if this is approved, what does that mean? Increased levels of dust, noise aquatic biodiversity, major impacts, left open ended with no accountability to acknowledgement by DPIE, EPA, Proponent/consultants, even IPCN. **This is extremely misleading and very alarming. Acknowledgement of dust impacts, soil erosion “prescribed prescription” that acknowledges noise and dust increases and soil erosion. This is at the bottom of the page, it should be at the top of the page in its own section as TRUE impacts that WILL happen if this project is approved.**

- The diesel investigation by DPIE is fraudulent, as they cannot work out at all what the outcome will be with 600 trucks in and out every Monday to Friday etc. and on Saturday etc. is complete rubbish and the IPCN should not assist this document to proceed any further.
- 6.1.71 – Koala habitat, we are not in Wang Walk State Forest. We are also in the Karuah River Catchment and no-where near their named area of Wang Walk State Forest. We also wonder what is happening in this bushland/forest area we do not know about. Karuah Catchment has Koala population, known Koalas come from Deep Creek, Valley, road area of Limeburners Creek, now listed as Endangered, their habitat must remain intact, not with a dirty quarry and haul roads, trucks/vehicles, noise, dust, blasting, vibrations. How did DPIE get Wang Wauk in this documentation. This is wrong and an error and this needs to be redone, time stops now and then re-issued next year, infact their whole document is like this, with things wrong, omitted or the way it is written is misleading. The DPIE document must be rejected due to obvious errors contained in this document. IPCN must refuse DPIE recommendation and

refuse this proposed quarry.

If the IPCN does not stop this rushed submission period with the DPIE document the way it is when these points alone and there are others like we do have bus stops designated along The Bucketts Way. The truck movements are different depending on what page we read, 25 an hour, 50 an hour, which is it?

IPCN must stop the clock and collect the correct information and give the community more time to present our evidence in a non biased time slot as we currently are in.

- 7.1.77 – controlled discharge and uncontrolled discharge – all shameful. All this happening proposed. Deep Creek is a Zoned Protected Creek of the Karuah River Port Stephens-Great Lakes Marine Park and nothing that is written in any documentation will protect this creek to river system if this proposed quarry is approved. [More on this as well](#)

What the DPIE document does show us all, is their inability to be “transparent, above boards, honest and balanced, to all parties”.

What the EPIE documentation also shows is that IPCN continue to support the Proponent to fulfil State Government SSD tick box/construction plan/s, over sense.

These are some examples why IPCN must stop the clock for this submission period and give us all more time to look at the documentation very, very closely and write to IPCN who is supposed to be independent, not swaying either direction. IPCN must refuse this proposed project on Moral and Ethical grounds as to approve anything with DPIE documentation as it is, is beyond wrong.

Amanda & Stephen Albury

