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Subject: DEEP CREEK QUARRY SSD 11591659 OBJECTION

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I would like to submit my OBJECTION to the proposed DEEP CREEK QUARRY.

For a start the Hunter Regional Plan has no current planning for regional quarries. There is no consideration of the cumulative effect of these unplanned quarries and the decisions have been taken out of our local council's hands.

Koala habitat will be lost when these animals are already endangered and the increased traffic will certainly lead to more road deaths of koalas.

Bucketts Way / Pacific Highway intersection is already considered unsafe by MidCoast Council and our Federal MP. Bucketts Way is a "tourist drive" and also a recognised detour route for any closures on the Pacific Highway. As a driver who regularly travels on Bucketts Way, the thought of the addition of up to 50 haulage trucks per hour to current traffic levels is a horrible and dangerous proposal. There seems to be no consideration of community safety and concern.

This proposal should be refused due to environmental reasons, inadequate traffic assessment, and community safety.

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