Stephen and Amanda Albury IPCN Enquiries Mailbox

TPCN Enquiries Mailbox Amanda Albury (objection 4 SSD) - Stop the clock for a rushed submission period, flawed documentation, people cant access website, emails seem to not be running today a rainy day, stop the clock IPCN Panel Wednesday, 20 December 2023 2:56:29 PM



**Property of** Wallaburra, Wallaburra Wildlife Reserve, WallaburraEco-Tourism Accommodation **Business 151** Forest Glen Road **Limeburners Creek NSW 2324 The Bucketts Way (NSW Tourist Drive 2)** 

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Attachments

# Property of Wallaburra, 151 Forest Glen Road Limeburners Creek (NSW Tourist Drive 2)



Wallaburra Property house and front garden.



View of front of Wallaburra house, looking slightly south East, with one of the accommodation cabins in background.



Standing on Wallaburra Property driveway, looking East, at Hunter Quarries. The pit, on the right is Karuah Quarry pit/cliffs and (further right is the second Karuah Red). Left of Karuah Quarry Pit, is Karuah East Quarry with MOD10 behind this area. Mod10 was given approval in 2023 to remove their wildlife offset areas and should not have been approved ever. The Mountain point/of Tarean Road Mountain, can be seen at back of photo, on right hand side of photo. This is why we can accurately see, film and report the (blasting black smoke and rock particles/dust) moves off Hunter Quarries properties, to us or other areas and moves across The Pacific Highway to Tarean Mountain and moves into Karuah Township, from dirt/blasting fumes, and dirt off cliffs, pits, overburden dump areas when wind takes these particles off site, to us West, north, south and East etc. The owner/operator his staff do not dust supress on any of these cliffs, pits, benches, overburden dumps at all ever. IPCN must refuse the NEW proposed quarry around Deep Creek, as they would add to the dust and fumes pollution, the people of Limeburners Creek, Karuah Area and North Arm Cove areas (adults and children) suffer horrific health issues from the dust, causing noise bleeds, respiratory issues, sinus issues, irritated eyes and we have both been diagnosed with non-smoking environmental emphysema.



These Twin bushland/forest Mountains are 8km from our house. They are just north along The Branch Lane and on the other side of The Branch Lane from Hunter Quarries operations. It was these mountains that EPA of Newcastle also held their 'bogus dust testing'. We were not notified ahead of these dust tests, and where do they think the dust came to, directly on us with swirl wind breeze and east to west breeze. We are directly to Hunter Quarries west.

The photo above is of the Twin Mountains which are 8km from our house. These mountains are on the opposite side of The Branch Lane, (closer to us) and are situated to the left of Karuah East Quarry pit/land, Karuah Quarry, to the operating and every expanding and falsely supported by DPIE/Ministers to give them wrongful approvals to Hunter Quarries, where we and other people smashed by Hunter Quarries operations were not advised by DPIE letter, advising us that Hunter Quarries had **9** Applications into the DPIE for various modifications (noise levels extended, dust levels extended, areas of bushland to be destroyed and in their wildlife offset area), all being done without our knowledge. We were stopped from lodging any objection against these Applications. It was not until MOD10 that we read about the other **9** applications in with Planning Department (DPIE). For Mod10, we were notified by DPIE letter in mail, about a submission period, which had already started by 5 days, (this is unacceptable, yet the norm for DPIE submission periods, that the very people already being affected by Hunter Quarries, were stopped from lodging any objections for the **9** Applications). It was during reading documentation or MOD10, that these **9** Applications were referenced as (**5** were withdrawn and **4** were approved). Out of the **4** that were approved, we did not know about these to lodge our objection as stated. We were stopped, from lodging our objections. In Government documents they state there was no objections. How can a person/people raise their objections, if they were stopped/prevented from knowing about the said applications into Planning Department to lodge our objections? What a mockery of Democracy to stop people lodging our objections about a proposed development/developments (in this case

extended hours of operation, extended dust levels, extended bushland areas to be destroyed in 2 separate applications for 2 NEW bushland/forest areas to be removed and slaughter wildlife species and dig up further natural creeks and headwaters of creek systems. What an orchestrated Planning Department and Ministers false/narrative/determination, to prevent property owners like us, who had lodged objections against this Company (Hunter Quarries) and their multiples of pits since 2012. The DPIE Staff knew we existed, yet until June 2023, had refused to come out to our property and see for themselves the actual impacts we suffer.

Hunter Quarries, has falsely been approved and the DPIE stopped the public and "stakeeholder property owners" from lodging our objections. These false approvals, should be rescinded. The people giving these false approvals should be fired. I asked for a copy of legislation that said that people already affected by an operating quarry (in our case), will be stopped/prevented from lodging any objections for 9 Applications out of 10. This then would mean that 1 of our 10 Applications that Hunter Quarries lodging with the NSW Planning Department, the property owners (like us), will not be notified, therefore will not know about them, therefore will not put any objections in. Again a mockery of Democracy in Australia, and all these false and fraudulent Applications must be rescinded.

In November 2023, we have been advised by local valley neighbours, the twin mountain properties are selling and/or may have even sold, to owner/operator of Hunter Quarries? **How can the public confirm who owns this property?** These mountains of forests/bushland are 8km away to our house. These mountains as stated were part of the 'bogus dust tests being conducted by EPA Newcastle this year 2023'. **Why did they put dust tests on these mountains, no-where near the operating Hunter Quarry pits and across the other side of The Branch Lane?** 

These bushland/forested twin mountains were also used in the fraudulent dust tests being conducted by EPA Newcastle (after Amanda was gassed standing on the driveway of our Wallaburra property 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023, while taking photographs of Hunter Quarries blasts, being told to "prove it Amanda, prove you are being affected by dust etc."), from EPA Newcastle and DPIE Compliance. In the EPA automated dust tests, the automated dust clouds, looked like dust shaped Christmas trees going off at the sametime looked like 10 funnels of dirt or more? I mistakenly witnessed this, going to feed my animals before 8am, to see all these dust clouds in the sky. At no time was there any EPA or any Hunter Quarries staff, watching the bogus dust tests being conducted anywhere else and not in the pits of the existing quarry areas. I witnessed what happened over days, all day, and I photographed and filmed these bogus dust tests, by myself Amanda Albury. Yet EPA Newcastle did not have the decency to come back as they said they would to put up noise, dust monitors and a video camera, and did not notify us of the dust tests being conducted dishonestly, as none were in the pits, benches/cliffs, of Karuah Quarry or Karuah East Quarry.

View from our back veranda at our trees, the neighbours property, the bushland/forests to be cleared for proposed cattle baron,

### Wallaburra Wildlife Reserve



We put the sign out the front of property, when we open to the public, raising funds for charities, wildlife organisations and Wildlife Carers, Community Groups ICAG Inc., RFS.



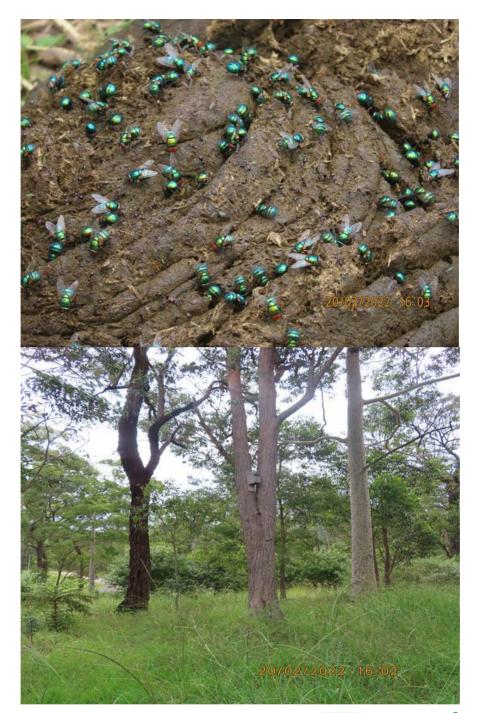








Butterfly Black and White winged



## Wallaburra Eco-Tourism Accommodation Business



We have cabins on the property, something we worked hard to achieve from 2005. Building gardens so that from each cabin, existing house and adjoining building to house, each have their own gardens to give privacy for each buildings, house and cabins on the property and bring wildlife into these plant species, providing shelter and food. Wildlife species in their natural environment is what our Wildlife Reserve is about, and people who come to our property and see different wildlife species as they show themselves.



View standing on back veranda of house, and looking at Baldy Knob Mountain, Baldy Knob Road Limeburners Creek. Ebsworth Road mountain



View looking south East from our front yard.

This is one of many old growth trees on our property, which Local Land Services Staff say do not exist in remaining remnant/natural bushland/forests at Limeburners Creek & surrounding areas.



Mr Stephen & Mrs Amanda Albury 151 Forest Glen Road LIMEBURNERS CREEK NSW 2324 'Wallaburra' Wildlife Reserve & Eco-Tourism Accommodation Dear Sirs/Madams,

Subjects:- Stephen & Amanda Albury, owners of Property Wallaburra and Wallaburra Wildlife Reserve and Wallaburra Eco-Tourism Accommodation Business at 151 Forest Glen Road, Limeburners Creek (The Bucketts Way) NSW 2324, objects to Karuah South Quarry Proposed Amendment SSD-8795 and Karuah South Quarry SSD 17\_8795, which the DPIE/IPCN/Ministers/MP/Council, must refuse approval. • The impacts already on the environment and our Wallaburra property, Wildlife Reserve & Business, is already smashed by Hunter

Quarries. (Karuah Quarry, Karuah East Quarry, crusher, dust), then catastrophic impacts from blasting, dust, noise and (fumes in April 2023)

- Various Government Departments/Ministers and Members of Parliament (local, federal/Commonwealth etc.), should not continue to approve NEW quarries and must refuse KSQ and proposed quarry deep creek, proposed quarry Maytoms Lane Booral, proposed quarry Stone Ridge Wallaroo State Forest, proposed quarry Eagleton Quarry Italia Road Balickera, extensions to Daracon, Hansons, Seaham/Boral quarry, Maytoms Lane and Coastwide Allworth quarry, Winston Road Eagleton Quarry, Hunter Quarries MOD10/Karuah East and a NEW proposed Karuah Red, then also the proposed Karuah South quarry all most not be approved and no NEW quarries should be approved at all ever, or in bushland forests/headwaters of creek to river systems, remaining
- bushland/forests and wildlife must be protected.
  The extreme impacts on the Environment, wildlife are being slaughtered with every bush/forest clearing; Air and Natural Water Systems polluted, the land turned to a forever waste-land, which will NEVER be put back to the original (as it was created to be).
- The devastating catastrophic impacts on us as people (written up in documentation as receptors, sensitive receivers etc. as the impacts being negligible, unlikely, minimal is offensive, really people!
   Stop assisting the owner/operator of these destructive business/developments to detach themselves from people/from life/from the environment we all live in. The health impacts "We the People" do suffer; (adults, children, our animals and precious wildlife species; from the smallest animals: insects, ants, worms, beetles, butterflies are 4 wildlife species of infinity species), without ants what do Echidnas then eat.
- The loss of visual amenity on our Wallaburra Property looking straight at Hunter Quarries, has reduced our property to zero dollars. Regardless of our garden along the roadside, which we planted 21 years ago, the proposed visual affects from the quarry seeking approval to destroy deep creek is not documented down as they have it shown, is actually false in their documentation. We can see these mountains and ranges walking around our entire property, before we have to physically walk off our mountain at 82 metres above sea level. So any mention of the mountain stopping the noise is false narrative and disgusting as well. Noise goes up and over and around objects and this includes mountains. They used this argument for Duralie Coal, it drove people to have a very sad existence inside their home from Duralie Coal noise coming through the gaps in the mountain range, yet they did not have that written in their documentation and would disregard the actual impacts people are having, just like every coal and quarry mine and developments do, including Hunter Quarries to us and the rude consultants that wrote (Amanda) up in their documentation by name, reporting the actual facts that we are and other people are adults and children affected, by noise, dust, blasting dust noise and fumes and vibrations and crusher noise, dust and rocks a persons home, TV up at 100 and you can't hear the TV, and the noise levels are bogus bull, no quarry operates at 40, 45, 50 decibels. This justification is another falsity from EPA/DPIE and whoever else, it is wrong and should not be adopted as fact.
- The impacts to our animals health (dust off cliffs, pits and overburden dumps and crusher, (blasting dust, noise and fumes) has impacted our animals and in their cat run on many occasions, they have suffered injuries including nose bleeds over 4 days. Our base line noise of wildlife is 30, 32 to 35 with bird calls. To introduce a quarry is down right ridiculous into an area we are already living in, surrounded by bush and wildlife species.
- The proponent has a quarry they are operating at Black Hill and they should buy gravel from the already operating quarries, without being rewarded by IPCN for destroying headwaters of a protected Creek to river system and wildlife species. Deep Creek is a Zoned Protected Creek of Karuah River, Port Stephens-Great Lakes Marine Park.
- To think/believe that one persons/business/operations mining/quarries or for cattle or whatever, is more important to support over the entire environment that we live in, that our wildlife need the last remaining bushland/forests still standing everywhere to remain around Australia, around NSW, and in the areas of Hunter Quarries and the proposed Karuah South Quarry and the Proposed Amendment
- The ability of the planning/development laws which make a mockery of flora/fauna protection lists, shows how truly ugly Australian planning laws actually is.
- To knowingly approve a development, knowing that development will destroy the area, slaughter wildlife species infinity, and hurt/harm people, knowingly and willingly each day they attend work to keep approving developments which do this, from the continued daily destruction of the environment and our wildlife species in Australia, afflicting adults and children/animals, with various health issues associated with mining/extractive industries, bushland/forest clearing regardless of the putrid reasons SSD o not, for coal mines, quarries or for cattle, or housing developments, or road building, all permanent harm to wildlife species including Koala's and afflicting health problems in people (the victims of these developments and the people who signed and gave them approvals). IPCN you must refuse this development entirely.
- Rain noise is a massive difference to quarry noise at any time.
- Car noise is a massive difference to quary, noise at any time.
   Car noise is a massive difference to quary, crusher, blasting, truck noise etc.
   The real-time impacts/cumulative impacts despite DPIE stating they take this seriously, actually no they don't. As they were coming back with the owner/operator to work out what could be done for us, this has not happened. We sent in the list of things needing to be done as his expense to DPIE. We have not been contacted, yet I send emails asking to be contacted about this issues and they don't. These quarry pits, now moved parallel to Forest Glen Road, Limeburners Creek, Hunter Quarries business of pits and destruction, has wrecked our Wallaburra Wildlife Reserve, Eco Tourism Accommodation as it used to be and has stopped us using our property we wanted in the capacity of having people stay each day. People are only safe to breath if its raining as the dirt particles are not present in the air. Yet the actual and real time dust that DPIE know exist on our property, did not do ANY studies what-so-ever, so this is false information collecting on their part and the Proponent of this proposed quarry seeking to destroy Deep Creek/Limeburners Creek and surrounding areas, wildlife and people and down stream to Karuah River, Port Stephens Great Lakes Marine Park.
- Hunter Quarries has stopped us sharing our property with vulnerable people and has stopped us gifting people to stay on our property, people who are vulnerable and with compromised health issues including our own that "this is the way the cookie crumbles" which has been said to me via a few general public people and across SMS to my phone via internet, shows the lack of some people to care or show compassions and empathy towards other people, regardless of whether you yourself have not been in that position yourself, yet have no ability to empathise, being driven inside with the windows and doors closed if there is the slightest breeze. Our health, our lifestyle, and our Wallaburra Wildlife Reserve and our Wallaburra Eco Tourism Accommodation is defunct. When people come to (some reports went into IPCN) and I spoke of a child I met telling me about her gushing nose bleed and choking while asleep and it was the choking that woke her up

### We object to ALL proposed quarries and the Proponent taking the name of Deep Creek a Zoned protected Creek of the Karuah River, Port Stephens-Great Lakes Marine Park, they would be better using their last name and then quarry, instead of taking the name of Deep Creek, how disgusting. As one of the property owners of Wallaburra and Wallaburra Wildlife Reserve & our Eco-Tourism Accommodation Business, we the owner/operator other than preserving the remaining forests and wildlife and creeks still exist and those beautiful giant Eucalyptus Trees

The environment we live in, is being underhandedly wrecked by people who put the (dollar value) before humanity and the welfare of all animal species and that includes aquatic wildlife and the air we all need to breathe and the water we all need to drink is all being destroyed for mans greed. Our property of Wallaburra, our home inside/outside, is affected by dust, our tank water contaminated, our enjoyment of living in our home/house and on our Property 'Wallaburra', Wallaburra Wildlife Reserve and our Eco Tourism business, is compromised every day in some capacity by the owner/operator of Hunter Quarries and 'HE' (who his staff and himself refuse to come to meet us on our property as the EPA Newcastle when they came out to our place in June 2023, was going to do when they came back to put up the; noise, dust monitors and video camera up, dust swabs, further tank water tests and also look in the old tank removed at the caked pink mud in the bottom (yes we did get the tark cleaned) etc. The impacts that 'HE' is having on us in real-time impacts and reporting, every day in some capacity has NOT been acknowledged, or documented of these real-time impacts people are suffering. Infact his staff state 'we could not possibly be impacted by the dust/blasting dust/fumes' and has dismissed every impact reported thus far! HE and his quarry pit businesses are generating wealth for him and his staff/employees. YET we should be on the payroll for hardship money, compensation of loss of everything WE have been working for over these last 20 years! Yet HE is given full control to destroy the land he is destroying, the wildlife he is killing the creeks he pollutes into and flows to Karuah River and pollute the air that we all breathe, HE also through his staff/blasting contractors pollutes the natural cloud banks by blasting into them with the black smoke plumes and the rock particles/dust from the blasting or on any windy day. These clouds are poisoned and then move on the breeze and poison people on their properties 10.5km away, 20, 50, hundreds or thousands of Kilometres away all being done withhout any accountability or truth of the actual real-time impacts and pollution and climate change this is doing. HE has stopped our free gifting people in the Community, to stay with us and has stopped therefore our Present and future Wallaburra Eco-Tourism Accommodation Business and STOPPED any form of our business becoming also a financial one as well as gifting people, something we have been working towards, since we purchased the place, renovating buildings on the property, building gardens around these buildings and the house, for the wildlife and also for privacy from

### each building when people would stay.

Hunter Quarries dust has catastrophically given us health issues related to the dust that pours off the cliffs, pits, overburden dumps, benches, crusher and blasting (fumes, dust and noise) and we have both been diagnosed with environmental non-smoking emphysema 2018 and June 2023.

Our property is being dramatically affected once Hunter Quarries operations showed itself behind the mountain we look at to our South East, and then continuing to remove the multiples of mountains, it moved parallel to Forest Glen Road, The Bucketts Way and our property. This has destroyed outright for almost 10 years having people come to stay, who are people having gone through cancer treatments as gifting parents who have children on cancer journey, aged care and disabilities, people with already compromised health issues, could not stay or even visit our property due to the direct impacts, we are actually suffering as a consequence (yet not recognised by the very people causing the issues they are/and do) and yet the real-time impacts that we on our property and our animals, and other people on their property (adults and children) suffer every day in some form, is NEVER acknowledged, NEVER written up as the actual real-time impacts suffered from these people by this coal mine/quarry (in our case), with multiples of pits and yet STILL is given APPROVAL from people who have not bothered to come and meet the people on our properties and understand, REALLY UNDERSTAND the REAL-TIME issues that are affecting people, before being so blatant and dismissive to those of us that are suffering from (for example) the operating quarry pits/infrastructure of Hunter Quarries, which has wrecked the amenity of the area, and of our property and our health and wellbeing and enjoyment of our property in the middle of remaining natural bushland and wildlife species in the spectacular and STOPPING our dreams to share our property with people that have had a tough life, has been taken away from us by rude, inconsiderate, people who believe they can do whatever they like on their property regardless of the actual catastrophic impacts they have to the environment they are destroying, the wildlife they are slaughtering and the people they are poisoning and the businesses they put out of business due to the real-time impacts on our property, then also those people in various Government Departments, Ministers, MP's, who assist these people/their companies/developments, to rule supreme, continues to mock the environment they destroy, mock the people/and those affected by their operations, who have no consideration for the health impacts adults and particularly children are suffering with nose bleeds, respiratory issues etc. This also is a mockery of wildlife and plant/forest (flora/fauna) species protection laws and therefore is also a mockery of Democracy and Democratic process. The public object, they raise the required number of objections. The "goal posts are changed", after the submission is finished, after objections are counted and while waiting to be advised of a PAC hearing, the community is told by DPIE staff that there would be no hearing as it was back in the DPIE's Department for determination and it sat, for all this time, until this year, a public meeting with RW Corkery that was not well attended. The submission period Oct/Nov 2023 and the Karuah South Quarry Proposed Amendment. All being done behind closed doors and with the full assistance of various Government Departments, which even consider approving any of the 2 proposed SSD's listed above. Again this is a mockery of conditions as Hunter Quarries was supposed to be closing down and mitigating Karuah South Quarry. So no conditions that DPIE comes up with (which is a mockery) or IPCN comes up with or whoever comes up with, will not protect Deep Creek to Karuah River and all the wildlife species that would be slaughtered. Stop this NEW quarry from any approval.

- As the property owners of our property Wallaburra, Wallaburra Wildlife Reserve and Wallaburra Eco-Tourism Accommodation, we object to Karuah South Quarry Proposed Amendment SSD-8795 and Karuah South Quarry 17\_8795, being given ANY approval to operate. The remaining forests must be kept for all wildlife species currently living on this property and have escaped the destruction of areas Hunter Quarries is destroying.
- Considering the owner of Lot 11 is leasing the Western side of the mountain, to the owner of Hunter Quarries (Karuah Quarry) and is therefore receiving royalties from the owner/operator of Hunter Quarries. Greed and hypocrisy is clearly shown here and the complete disregard for the people he met, that are dreadfully affected by Hunter Quarries operations and that includes us on our property (of which he has refused to attend along with his consultants RW Corkery & Co, staff members and his employees thus far.
- The hypocrisy:- The owner of Lot 11, coming out with the general public and ICAG Inc., various other organisations and the Oyster Industry in 2013/2014 to oppose the owner/operator of Hunter Quarries from expanding into NEW bushland/forest area (which was disgustingly approved by PAC in 2014 and became Karuah East Quarry of Hunter Quarries owner/operator). The owner of Lot 11 wanted the Owner/operator of Hunter Quarries to continue on his land/paying him royalties (in the pit called Karuah Quarry on the Western side of Lot 11), to protect the flora (keep getting royalties), to protect the wildlife (keep getting royalties), to stop any further forest areas/wildlife being removed and killed (which is outside), that the owner of Lot 11 is acutely aware and his partner as they came to our property for various meetings or dropping in information..
- The very real-time impacts we and other people already suffer from Hunter Quarries is RIFE and yet he continues to be given more, and
  more and more approvals and bushland/forest to destroy and wildlife species he/his employees kill and the continued catastrophic
  impacts he cause us and other people, our Wallaburra Wildlife Reserve and Eco Tourism Accommodation (gifting people to stay has been
  drastically affected and has STOPPED us from having vulnerable and health compromised issues come to stay with us at all. We were in
  discussions with families with children with cancer to come and stay once their immune system was strong again. This part of our gifted
  business has stopped, as the sicker we are becoming, we would not want this to happen to anyone else, from Hunter Quarries multiples of
  pits and operations, producing dust, noise, (blasting dust, noise and fumes and a foul smell that you also taste), which comes over our
  property each time there are blasting events, is both dangerous and offensive. To keep approving this person owner/operator of Hunter
  Quarries. To approve him with 4 modifications that we were stopped from knowing about, and therefore stopped from lodge any form of
  objections. This shows how orchestrated the planning process truly is and how putrid the planning assistance is and the rush to approval
  for MOD10 in the offset area, shows the rush to approve people working in various applications is putrid.

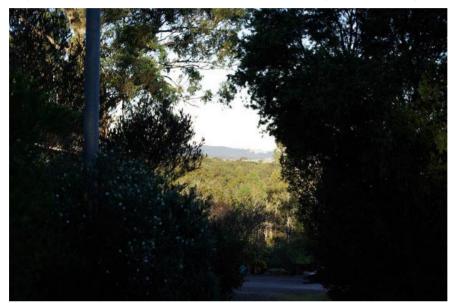
We have lived on our property for 21 years. When we first purchased our property, it was completely cleared along the roadside, around the house, top paddock and dam paddock, so we had the dam extended to hold more capacity of water, and went into building gardens and planting thousands of plant species. Doing this for our privacy from the road, our enjoyment of gardening, and for the wildlife species, particularly bird species and the birds that we had never seen before (the little bird species Fairy Wrens, Emu Wrens, Spinebills, Finches, Pardalotes, Yellow Robbins, Willy Wagtails (other bird species), and the medium size birds (Saturn and Regent Bower Birds), Top Knot Doves and a variety of dove species still having them identified), resident Magpies, Kookaburras, Pee-Wees, Butcher Birds, Yellow Wattle Birds, Red Wattle Birds, Golden Whistler, Tree/hopper, Regent Honey Eaters,

Wallabies, Echidnas, Brush Tail Possums, ring tail, sugar gliders, Koalas, Kangaroos, many varieties of snakes, tree snakes and Pythons, Red Bellies, Brown Snakes and some identified snakes such as the thin snake 1 metre long, yellow eyes and a black round pupil (can't find it on any books or internet).

The air was crisp and clean and hurt your sinuses if you breathed in too deeply. The lichen grew off everything, every screen on doors and windows, every verandah post, out door furniture, was covered with different lichen species, which also grew on areas of the clothesline. Every trunk & branches of trees, shrubs and rose bushes, had different species of lichen growing. Lichen ONLY grows in areas where the air is clean. We noticed over 10 years ago that particular lichen colonies looked sick, we back then had wrongly assumed that it was the heat, and this was expected (we guessed), and so in areas of our garden and even verandah posts, we would mist the lichen with water. To our East and surrounding us in a 360 degrees view, we saw to the horizon. There was no

The real-time impacts hunter quarries actually has on the environment/our precious wildlife species, the impacts on people and our health who suffer catastrophic health issues, going completely unacknowledged, undocumented and people are not compensated for the real-time affects the hunter quarries operations are actually having. The real-time impacts that the NEW proposed quarry would have on everyone and everything already living here, is bully thug mentality if this is pushed to approval, regardless of who you are, or what departments or positions you hold. Just stop destroying the environment that we all live in. The Proponent and his family and their multiples of businesses, their consultants, employees, contractors, must be told NO, no deal, NO approval, No way you will be approved to destroy this unique creek to river system and remaining bushland for wildlife species including Koalas. For our health & wellbeing on our property Wallaburra, on our Wallaburra wildlife reserve and our Wallaburra ecotourism accommodation business, which has been stopped from operating, by gifting people to stay, who are already suffering compromised health issues and families/children with cancer, aged care & disabilities accommodation, is now a safety issue, for anyone to stay, including us and our animals, from rock particles/dust, blasting dust/particles and blasting fumes, and blasting noise.

When does one person/persons have the right to destroy all of our dreams of using our property as we have been doing for community accommodation and activities, including Open Gardens etc. We would be 1300 metres from the Proponents open cut pit. How ridiculous to think that makes any sense. Other neighbours are closer again.



We bought our property 21 years ago, where we could live with wildlife species living in their home. We saw us as the custodial owners to look after the wildlife species, and have spent all this time, planting areas that were cleared was cleared paddocks. It was friends visiting 20 years ago who came up with the name Wallaburra from two of dominant wildlife species Wallabies and Kookaburras. Our aim on our Wallaburra property was to conserve and worked for the conservation of wildlife species living here and species that visit our Wallaburra Wildlife Reserve. When we first came, we were looking at endless majestic mountains of beautiful bushland/forests, home to the remaining wildlife species on our property and surrounding us. Eucalyptus forests, hanging swamps, creek systems and rainforests and wildlife species being corralled into the last remaining forest areas of The Branch, Blue Rock Close and north side of Pacific Highway.

**Aerial photographs**, show how this is the remaining forests in this area, of many mountain ranges, all being destroyed by Hunter Quarries operations and the owner/operator of Lot 11, who wants to put another NEW quarry in the remaining forest area with wildlife, not content with receiving royalties from owner/operator of Hunter Quarries operations. Then the mountains started being destroyed by Hunter Quarries operations. The first mountain went down in the 2<sup>nd</sup>

Karuah Red in the far south East direction a extinct volcano. We did not know, that Hunter Quarries operations, would bring the many pits directly parallel to us, ever in our understanding, did we ever know this was to happen, when we purchased our property.

The air was so clean, lichen grew off everything.

Hunter Quarries cannot be seen from standing on the driveway, or leaning over the gate, as we have planted thousands of shrubs, trees, for the wildlife, for our enjoyment and privacy from the road.

Not until you are walking down the driveway, and looking directly down the driveway East, and met with this visual blight that ruins our amenity of our property, and has devalued our property and is causing us health issues, relating to the dust/rock particles that pours off the cliff on any wind direction.





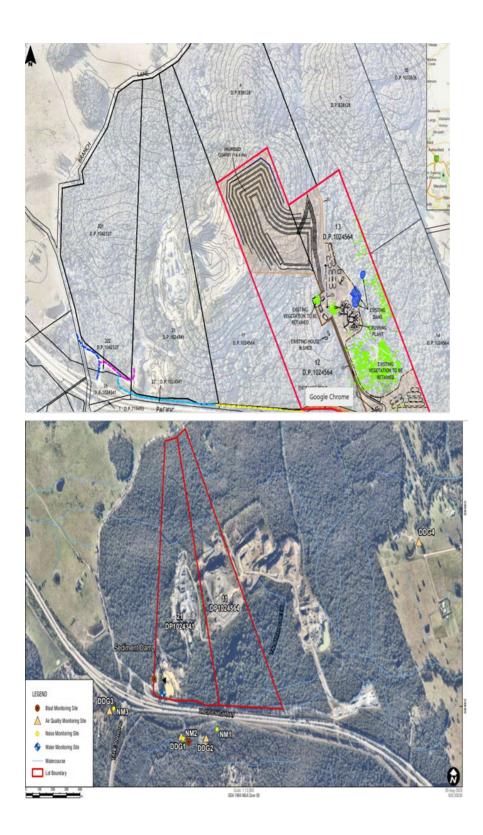
Is this dust in the air, or naturally occurring cloud? 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021... what happened on this day?

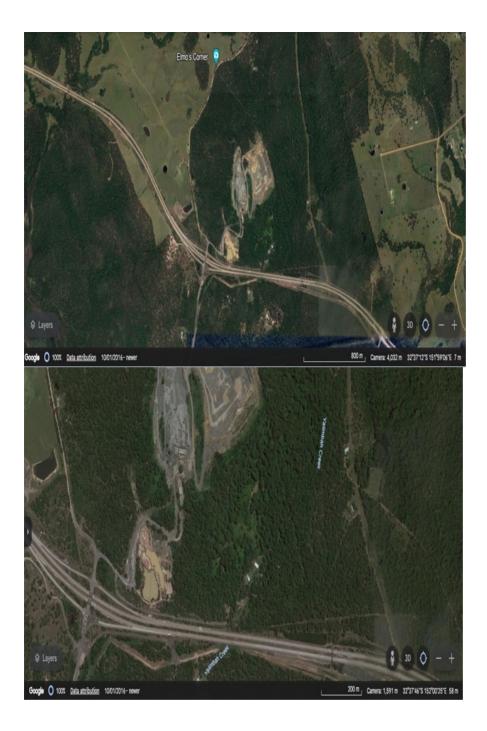


This is Karuah Quarry of Hunter Quarries operations. In documentation of Consultants for Hilton Grugeon Hunter Quarries, they stated they were running out of rock, and needed a new bushland area to put in another NEW quarry (he called Karuah East Quarry). Which is to the left of the equipment.



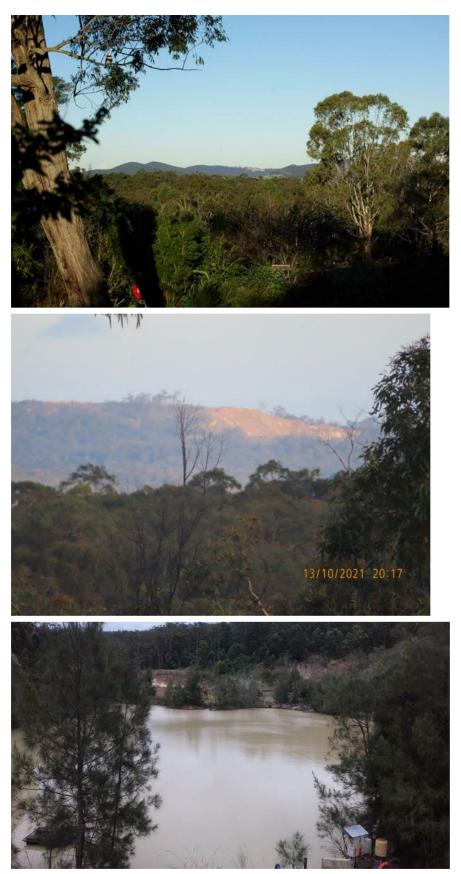












One of the many dirty water holding dams (old Karuah Red quarry pit), that fills up with this thick salmon pink water and this is discharged into the little bit of the remaining natural bushland creek, before discharging off site and then running along the footpath/road edge, before disappearing into a pipe, that eventually this untreated and filthy dirt laden water flows into Yalimbah Creek and into Karuah River (allegedly). They also dump their overburden in this area. This water should be used on the cliffs, benches and overburden to stop the dust leaving their property and coming to us and other people's properties, and inside our nose, throat and lungs.

Impacts on the Environment; wildlife, living in these remaining bushland/forest environments; cleared for a variety of developments. Noise permanently affecting people's hearing, left with 24/7 screeching in ears, from chainsaws, tractors etc. Quarry crusher noise; sounds like a Fighter Jet hovering over a person's home in Karuah, shaking their house from the ground to the roof. Catastrophic health issues people are actually suffering, accelerated by people's cruel and misguided down-talking of real-time victims and falsely stating our health impacts from coal mines,

quarries, CSG, bushland/forest clearing, other developments producing noise/fumes etc. don't exist. People affected by dust, blasting dust, blasting smoke/fumes, blasting noise, have caused people various health issues; (nose bleeds while asleep or awake, or (on windy days where dust is ripped off pits, cliffs, benches and overburden dumps and smashes surrounding people/properties), causing also respiratory issues, sinus, irritated eyes, bad taste in mouth upon waking up, or during the day, or on a windy day or from blasting fumes burning inside nose, throat and lungs, contaminated tank water, dead lichen etc. <u>The invitation to attend our property at Limeburners Creek</u>, is also extended to ALL proposed quarry consultants, owner/operators, who have todate not taken up my offer; to come to our property and see real-time impacts. DPIE & EPA staff attended our property June 2023. EPA Newcastle were to install noise, dust & video camera/s and take further water samples from other tanks. Todate, none of this has happened. To be advised by another EPA representative who has neither spoken to me, or been to our property, in his letter, (they had a person viewing a blast and looking in our general direction) etc. is why people are left with real-time health problems, we are actually suffering and if any of these proposed quarries, developments are approved, more people will be affected. It is only a matter of when I believe. I do not want more children and adults, to suffer as I & others do (adults/children) I know personally and the continued wildlife annihilation and their habitat", Amanda Albury said.

Ill these developments existing and/or proposed seeking approval, in Core Koala Habitat areas, along with each proposed or operating development. Koalas are now listed as vulnerable.

The following are the developments affecting the natural environment; forest areas/wildlife species, creeks to river systems, people health/our animals health, accommodation/Eco-Tourism businesses and wildlife reserves, devalue of property and all these developments and more are seeking to change the amenity of the "greenfield areas", we currently live in.

- **roposed (Deep Creek Quarry), Deep Creek Road, Limeburners Creek**. Deep Creek is a Zoned Protected Creek of the Karuah River, Port Stephens-Great Lakes Marine Park, surrounded by hundreds of homes, hundreds and hundreds of people in a "Greenfield area". Koalas move through forest of Deep Creek, to properties in Forest Glen Road and surrounding areas etc. The Community raised over the required number of objections, IPCN has not advised, date of oral submissions todate.
- Proposed quarry at Maytoms Lane Booral (Hillview: proposed Hard Rock Quarry, Lot 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 62, 63, 64), is the (\*) same owner/operator/family etc. roposed quarry at Blue Rock Close Karuah (Wedgerock: Karuah South Quarry). The PAC now IPCN Panel hearing was taken from the Community, advised in a letter to all objectors (May 2020), the proposed quarry project was returned to the DPIE (Department of Planning in May of 2020), after the submission period had already finished and after the community had already raised more than the required objections (from the 2018 submission period). The Consultants held another public meeting in April 2023 at Karuah Community Hall. If approved this quarry proposed, would remove the remaining approx. 50 acres of bushland/forests, rainforests, creeks and wildlife species, regardless of what revised version is put forward to the community.

### roposed quarries at Italia Road and Boral Quarry Italia Road seeking extensions/modifications:-

1) **Proposed ARDG: Stone Ridge Quarry,** Wallaroo State Forest, Italia Road, Balickera. Community lodged over the required objections, taking the decision to the IPCN Panel, community meeting etc., not advised yet.

2) Proposed Eagleton Ridge Quarry – Italia Road, Balickera (development status unknown), corner of Barleigh Ranch Way & Italia Road, bushland/forest clearing over years and 7 Mile Creek diversion.

3) **Proposed extensions, Boral Quarry** (new forest area and deeper pit area proposed) – Italia Road, Balickera, drop-in community meeting, Seaham Scout Hall, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023, 10 Warren Street, 9am to 12pm, and 3pm to 6pm.

xisting Hunter Quarries given further approvals: (former Karuah Red pit inactive?), (operating Karuah Quarry, Karuah East Quarry) and proposed Karuah Red quarry, approx. 100 metres from The Branch Lane (if approved) and in new bushland/forest area to be cleared). Approved MOD10 with further forest to be removed (in the offset area for wildlife). Hunter Quarries owner/operator was approved four (4) applications/modifications, where property owners, already catastrophically affected were not notified for the 9 modifications (4 approved and 5 modifications withdrawn), so therefore could not lodge our objections. Yet were notified of the proposed MOD10 by DPIE letter, therefore could lodge our objections. (We are approx. 10.5km or less, Karuah Quarry/Karuah East Quarry, dust, blast dust, noise/fumes).

xisting quarry, Eagleton Quarry Winston Road (off Six Mile Road) now called Eagleton Quarry.

- xisting Means Quarry, Limeburners Creek Road, Limeburners Creek, TBA Km's from our property, we can hear it blast.
- \*) Existing quarry, Maytoms Lane Hillview property, Booral (operating rock quarry, decorative rock, name unknown, need to go through GIPA with Council and/or DPIE).
- \*) Existing quarry, Coastwide Pty Ltd, off The Bucketts Way, Allworth area (need to go through GIPA with Council and/or DPIE).
- xisting quarry Daracon, Martins Creek has recently (August 2023), lodged with the Land & Environment Court, as the Independent Planning Commission NSW (IPCN) refused Daracon's extension.
- xisting quarry Hansons Clarence Town Road, Brandy Hill, was approved modification, more forest/wildlife removed and also in core Koala habitat with remaining Koala and other wildlife species.
- **Jushland clearance Limeburners Creek** (the actual land size of the 200+ acres is not known), however the 27.33 acres has been approved by Local Land Services Department (with absolutely NO wildlife surveys being done) and LLS staff stating they saw no trees with hollows, is more than disturbing. Proposed adjoining properties of approx. 200+ acres of bushland/forests and Stony Creek/billabongs to be further cleared, (if approved from Local Land Services), for a "proposed cattle business". Bushland clearance was reported to DPIE and LLS (2020-2021, 2022, 2023 chainsaws and tractor clearance) and over years they were operating at night-time with various machines, till the following morning. LLS stated back then, no approval had been given for the larger properties. Investigation was being conducted by a person in Newcastle DPIE office & various Departments, yet he disappeared and his investigations were stopped?, with no further contact and the Department is holding 4 USB sticks needing to be returned to me, the case has been closed by the Ombudsman that the DPIE worker (his name) had not found any illegal bushland clearance. Yet he was actually waiting for photos and films that my husband had arranged to drop into him directly on two (2) separate weeks. Help from people/groups/media, is needed to continue investigations and attempt to halt any further bushland forest/creek/wildlife clearing which is all in Core Koala Habitat forests with regular sightings and this bushland runs directly into the Karuah National Park and only carved up by dirt tracks and Fords Road.
- roposed Kings Hill Development and McCloys Developments housing complex from Port Stephens waste depot and quarry, (Newline Road both sides), to the Pacific Highway and north to properties in Winston Road, with a road access from development to Six Mile Road (if approved). The Land and Environment Court Commissioner refused the Kings Hill Developments. However the McCloys Developments were another company and I have no information on where this development is up to (GIPA search through Port Stephens Council and/or DPIE) to see where these developments on both sides of Newline Road are up too?
- **coposed Helicopter business, Anna Bay behind Petrol/Service Station**, 70 helicopters a day between 6am and 6pm. This development went to Preliminary Hearing of Land & Environment Court, on the proposed site of coastal forests that would be cleared if approved. The Applicant withdrew their DA from Port Stephens Council.
- Change of plane route in and out of Williamtown Airport, bringing MORE planes across the same properties and others (plane highways in the sky). If you have noticed a difference on your property, please contact the writer for further information. When I met the consultants first at Raymond Terrace Senior Citizens and then at Seaham Hall, they held drop-in meetings in other areas as well. They refuted we could hear or see planes in the sky. We are 82 metres above sea level/valley floor.
- Commercial/industrial developments as "home businesses" which are not in keeping with the surrounding area, or amenity of the area and neighbouring properties, producing noise, paint & diesel fumes, vehicles and trucks, truck/dog movements, up residential road Limeburners Creek, and mechanical workshop, all bring trucks, trailers, trucks and dogs to welder and also trucks to mechanical workshop. These people took over our road and

changed it to commercial, industrial and supporting the mining proposed (allegedly I believe, so do others).

**Road building** between Forest Glen Road and Fords Road which is also being done during the night-time by 3 or more different equipment, under investigation. Any information please contact the writer.

### kare Earth Minerals proposed mine at Hawks Nest opposite/diagonally from Golf Course across the road.

"hey are attempting to remove themselves from the word "mine", their word recovery. Have to find out if rare earth minerals are classed as extractive industries? Do you know the answer?

Called: <u>www.rareearthrecovery.com.au</u>

They want to remove the waste of a mine, this means the footprint is small he says, the equipment used is much smaller than a mine, the life is relatively short (with no endless extensions) he says. The area to be extracted is a waste dump he says and they will be removing and environmental hazard he says. I discussed that a car idling, lawn mower, water pump or generator on for an hour or less or more is annoying, air conditioning units etc. I told him I was an objector from the environmental concerns, wildlife etc. and health impacts on people. Thank you

Amanda Albury Limeburners Creek NSW 2324 Concerned Citizen & Wallaburra Wildlife Reserve, Eco-Tourism Accommodation Business Owner (M) 0403 645 521

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We claim objector's status and reserve the right to provide further relevant material as it becomes available to us. We confirm that we have not made any reportable political donations and accept the Department's Disclaimer and Declaration

Info for ICAG Inc. or Amanda's the fig trees with hollows still exist (well that's unless they have been removed). The consultants advised ICAG Inc., out of 60-65 trees, there was approximately 25 left. Considering the owner/operator of Lot 11 was busy/contractors road building and tree felling being carried out over all those years and in August 2020 when In person (Amanda) confirmed for DPIE Staff and that he had commenced quarry works (all being done without approval). On Lot 11, there is the remaining East Coast Rainforest and Eucalyptus forests & Giant old growth tree species, for wildlife. There are also creeks and dams on this property with aquatic wildlife on the remaining property on the Eastern side and the remaining forest area of the proposed KSQ and the proposed Amendment, must be kept for all wildlife species. On the West side of the mountains/ranges, where Hunter Quarries is operating their "Karuah Quarry pit". The owner of Lot 11 is being paid by Hunter Quarries/owner/operator or oyalties, beggars belief, though no surprise that he wants it all, and that what he writes about and spoke at the PAC hearing to keep the owner/operator of Hunter Quarries from (being given approval for New bushland/forests and this would protect flora and fauna, by keeping Karuah Quarry still operational (enough rock for 50 years or more). The owner of Lot 11 trying to prevent, as we all were from having Hunter Quarries mine in a NEW bushland/forest area (Karuah East Quarry). Yet the very big difference for the community was attempting to save the forests and wildlife from being destroyed and killed. The reason for the owner/operator of Lot 11 was a financial reason, being able to keep Hunter Quarries owner/operator on Lot 11 Western side of mountain range, meant, that he was obviously then still paid royalties. Yet in 2014 PAC who did not come to meet propert y owners already smashed by Hunter Quarries (Karuah Quarry and the crusher dust, noise and blasting dust/noise/fume), happy to tell us spent ½ a day with Hunter

Our hearing has been permanently damage by LLS approval to bushland clearance next door to us. Chainsaws were 74 decibels for 2 chainsaws in our back door of our home. Our ears ring 24-7 screech. Why should people's health be destroyed through Government approvals?

Photo 14740 - one of Hunter Waters dirty water holding dams, pink thick water that flows off this property into a creek, then a pipe under the road (going to the creek and eventually Karuah River?). They also have other pits at the west, that are green or army green colour or yellow tinge.

Impacted by all their dust. Can't hear or feel it explode, or crusher noise, or vehicle noise, though they contaminate our drinking water and the air we breath and have stopped lichen growing on our property.

We can see the vehicles, excavators and people standing on the top while I stand on our driveway. I can often see them using their binoculars looking at our house. We should have a dust monitor (not a bottle in a pot plant) variety an automated one for 2.5microsiemens and smaller. This has been refused through silence, like me being on the CCC.

Why have they not been forced to enclose their crusher, something people have been requesting for 10 years, me included. Yet they were told to do their north pit.

You can clearly see that they are NOT running out of gravel and should not be moving north as they are still doing, removing bushland each day we can see from our property todate.

They are not closing down, they are moving north. This false documentation they are closing down. Then they have the other pit proposed 100 metres from The Branch Lane that you said the other panel is deciding, how do I get in contact with this panel of people made up of whom? They need to come to our place, because we don't want another open cut pit in this entire area.

### Background:

The Planning Department/Ministers and Councils, have hidden 9 modifications from providing property owners like us impacted by Hunter Quarries in many ways including suffering another nose bleed a few weeks ago, while outside gardening in a windy, dusty day. The Planning Department withheld any knowledge of what Hunter Quarries/Hilton Grugeon was proposing through 9 separate modifications in with the Planning Department, which should be seen to be illegal. As such the general public was not notified, property owners already impacted were not notified, so therefore we could not make a public comment/objection. Planning Dept., had contact details of those of us that had lodged previous objections against Hunter Quarries over all this time, yet only contacted us recently for MOD-10. The other 4 Mods have been approved (1, 2, 8 and 9), with 5 being withdrawn. Yet the people living on properties already impacted by Hunter Quarries were not contacted for the previous 9 modifications or the 4 remaining mods that the Government approved under false means of not notifying the very property owners they have for Mod 10.

The Hypocrisy and fraudulent approvals of Hilton Grugeons/Hunter Quarries 4 modifications where the general public, property owners already impacted were NOT notified of ANY proposed applications into DPIE and were NOT contacted ahead of any submission period being held for these modifications, 5 of which Hilton Grugeon/Hunter Quarries withdrew from Planning Dept. and the general public has no knowledge of what

### these were all for.

To have read in the documentation there was no objections is an outrage. How can someone lodge an objection, when they don't know about a submission period or a rock mine quarry company planned modifications or extensions. This continues to show the ugly side of planning department approvals, where rock mine quarries, mining companies etc. are given full support and approval away from public scrutiny and objections.

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This is both a State and Commonwealth Department decision (to approve or reject) and is a "controlled action" under the EPBC Act. and "listed threatened species and communities (Section 18 and 18A). It will be assessed under Part 4 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. To view use this link:- <a href="http://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/public-notices">www.environment.gov.au/epbc/public-notices</a>

-quarry should not be approved from ANY Government department, Ministers of MP. Its disgusting that still in 2023, people believe they have a right to destroy the environment and natural watersources and keep slaughtering wildlife species with every sick, wrongful approval.

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