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The quarry has been our neighbour for over 15years. We have always tried to work in with the Quarry and be patient and reasonable to the fact they are there right beside us. When we purchased our property nothing was ever mentioned about the quarry...and it wasn't an issue...many years ago.

I stopped walking on Brandy Hill Drive over 2 years ago because of the trucks and the danger. I only walk around our property now. Many residents walked each day, and often stopped to chat to neighbours. Christmas get together and impromptu chats in our driveways where the norm, but this no longer is possible with the amount of trucks travelling Brandy Hill. Lifestyle has been greatly affected.

Our household wakes at around 5- 5.30am each morning because of the trucks travelling to the quarry. The sleep deprivation is affecting us already at this current level. The bedrooms are located at the street end unfortunately. Earplugs are used, windows shut...

The noise of the trucks is nearly driving us mad now, and the risk of being sandwiched between one as we exit the driveway is very real, with not many trucks staying anywhere near the 80km speed limit. Using our driveway has become very hazardous. I work from home most days and so I know how noisy it is.

The banging and clanging noise of the crusher at the quarry is very annoying and when it is quiet at night sounds a hundred louder, often earplugs are the only way to sleep.

The dust and grime that continually covers our cars, house, windows, and outdoor areas has doubled. We try to keep the windows on the house shut so we don't get the dust inside, but of course...that slightly defeats the purpose of living in the residential/rural countryside and enjoying the country breeze.

The blasts from the quarry literally rock the house. Cracks have formed and cornices coming away. Who is to blame? Maybe the weather, maybe the blasts, maybe the amount of water that now floods our property and the change in the water table level? We often have flooded sheds after rain now, obviously something has changed.

We moved here as a family to give our children a better life, a country life, a pollution free, quiet life. We regard this as our forever home...or did. It is a home we have poured money into and made improvements so that we would be comfortable here and friends and family always welcome. It is now looking like our property value will be nothing, no one will ever value Brandy Hill as profitable real estate... we will become an industrial estate.

The quarry expansion will come even closer to us, we have no privacy now. Trucks being much higher than vehicles look into our yard, if you are in the yard, the constant bang and clang of the

trucks is annoying and of course we have the braking and squealing at the corner...always waiting for the next accident to happen.

If the quarry were to operate 24/7 we would be doomed to live a life locked in doors.

Health wise we are greatly concerned – how can the increased dust, pollution, diesel fumes, concrete plant be good for us! Just look at what settles on the washing in a 4 hr period!

This area, for miles is residential rural...it is where we have alpacas in the yard, and chooks, dogs, horses etc....we have chicken sheds around us...producing food for human consumption. There are childcare centres, schools, businesses working from home... never in anyone's wildest dreams would it be thought it would be the epicentre of a 24/7 nightmare.

We object the expansion of the quarry.

It is not in the interest of the public, it is not in the interest of existing or future residents, it will lower value of our property, it will cause health issues, it is a traffic nuisance and danger, the roads will not cope, livestock and pets will suffer and it is not welcome as part of our present or future.