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RE: Brandy Hill Quarry expansion – Project SSD5899 - Submission for speaking in relation to proposed Brandy Hill Quarry expansion –

I wish to speak on behalf of the below points at the meeting to be convened on the 12th of June 2020

1. **90klm Speed limit along Seaham Road commencing from the Hinton Road intersection through to Brandy Hill Drive intersection** – this doesn't appear to have been addressed nor any mention of a speed limit reduction from the current 90klm along portions of residential and rural properties within Nelsons Plains. There are multiple houses fronting this stretch of road which are consistent with dense housing that fronts Brandy Hill Drive yet, Brandy Hill drive is only an 80klm speed limit. The current speed within this specific location is not practical nor safe for local residents coming in and out of driveways (Seaham Rd). This current speed limit combined with existing traffic and the anticipated truck movements will further impinge on difficulties and safety with access and egress to and from driveways along Seaham Road (Nelsons Plains). I am seeking a response to a speed limit reduction of 70-80klm for this portion of road.
2. **The submission outcomes seem to have completely overlooked many concerns raised by Nelsons Plains residents**- road safety and safety of our children (who also catch buses along Seaham Road) has not been catered for. There appears to be a lot of issues addressed specifically for Brandy Hill residents (which appears to be received positively) however it appears that residents within Nelsons Plains have been mostly overlooked. The residents in many areas of Nelsons Plains all live within close proximity to the road frontage (some houses are within less than a 20 meter setback to Seaham Road), the road in some parts has no shoulders, unstable shoulders or even steep road side ditches where there is no ability for a driver to swerve around a vehicle turning into a driveway. The residents in Nelsons Plains have the same impact from truck movements as do Brandy Hill residents where speed limits, children's safety and driver conduct are also a major concern.
3. **Hinton and Seaham Road intersection safety** – this issue also does not appear to have been addressed. The 90klm speed limit on Seaham Road (at this intersection) places further safety issues with local users and school buses turning from Seaham road onto Hinton Road. This intersection is not safe, there is no dedicated turning lane for this intersection, the pavement is sub-standard and at night this intersection is poorly lit. The proposal of having additional heavy vehicle approaching this intersection (when fully loaded heading south) with speeds approaching 90klm is an accident waiting to happen. This will also add further impact from compression break noise which we already experience (living close to this intersection). As outlined in point 1, the reduction in speed limits should be addressed.