I have been living in the Seaham area for the last 16 years and believe that Hanson BHQ is an imperative part of the local community and should be able to expand its operations.

My reasons for this are:

* During my 16 years here in Seaham I have actively been a member of the local preschool/primary school/high school P&C, Netball, Fire Brigade and Park Committees where I have observed first-hand the generous donations and support Hanson BHQ has provided to the local children and residents of Seaham over the years, Including to the people that are objecting the expansion.
* Hanson BHQ has always supported the community by providing either financial or manual labour assistance to support any project/s within the Seaham community. Without the generous help and donations from BHQ things like a sensor garden, bike track, basketball court, cricket nets, shelter structures, uniforms and an aboriginal bush tucker garden area and or donations of material to support annual fire cracker night would not have been achievable by local schools and sporting committees.
* Hanson BHQ being fully aware of the truck movements in and around the Seaham region engaged with the local young adults who were at the age of getting their car licences by delivering a Road Show at the local high school around Truck Awareness. It was an engaging roadshow where students heard stories from truck drivers, police, fire, ambulance and emergency services around the dangers associated with holding a drivers licence. It allowed students to sit and experience first-hand the visibility truck drivers had when travelling on the road. The roadshow was highly commended by the local high school executives and students.
* I have observed where Hanson BHQ were one of the first responders for local residents who couldn’t access their homes after major storms because their drive ways were washed away. The community including some of the local objectors of the expansion benefited from this generosity.
* Not only has Hanson BHQ provided donations and support to the local Seaham community it has also allowed locals and contractors in the area to gain employment. The majority of the people employed at Hanson BHQ are local people that rely on the Quarry expansion to retain long term employment. The contractors carrying out maintenance and or deliveries of material are all local companies that also rely on the Quarry to gain approval to expand to help retain their employees.

As above I have only positive reasons why Hanson BHQ should be granted permission to expand. I feel that the quarry and its employees are an integral part of the Seaham Community.

Unfortunately a lot of new residents to Seaham/Brandy Hill/Woodville will not acknowledge that Hanson BHQ has been operating for over 30 years and have always maintained the importance of community involvement and safety to the community and environment as its number one priority.

In this time of economic downturn employment should be paramount to all residents of Seaham. By approving the expansion of Hanson BHQ this will guarantee continuing employment for many locals.

I am confident that if granted the expansion Hanson BHQ will assure that the environment, health and safety of the local residents and its employees will at the foremost of their operations.

I have no objection to Hanson BHQ being granted the approval to expand its operations.