Dear Commissioners and Staff

I wish you to note my objection to any and both proposals for extension of the Boral Sandrine near Minnamurra River. I consider myself a Friend of the Minnamurra River.

As a resident living in close proximity to the Minnamurra River over Riverside Drive, I would like to point out its significance. It is an area of wonderful natural beauty, peaceful tranquillity, with tidal variation, mangroves and bountiful wildlife. It is a place for quiet recreational use with swimming, nearby surfing, fishing, stand up paddle boards and kayaking. We chose to live here for the beautiful views and peaceful lifestyle. Our community and many tourists to this region, respect and enjoy this area often. The negative impacts on tourism, especially with the hit from Covid, would be felt by nearby businesses such as Minnamurra Café, Jones Beach and Gainsborough shops and amenities and impact upon the Minnamurra Village residents.

I believe that the consultants have identified the Stage 5B site as being of major significance to the Aboriginal community with extensive aboriginal artefacts and where in 1818 white settlers massacred 6 Aboriginals camped near the Minnamurra River. We need to show respect and consideration to ensure these areas are not further desecrated.

The extension of sand mining would have ramifications for the highly sensitive and endangered ecological communities, including fish breeding grounds, the powerful owl, sugar glider, sea eagle and other birds and wildlife. This new proposal will be within the Minnamurra River Catchment, not the current Rocklow Creek Catchment.

I have serious concerns regarding the proximity and potential of the Stage 5A proposal, to disturb the major Toxic Bloom in the water table at the old Minnamurra Land fill site. If this occurs I am very fearful of losing the amenity of our beautiful river.

Also mining is not compatible on the flood plain and within the NSW Coastal Management Zone for the Minnamurra River (Stage 5B). Half the site will require the destruction of Bangalay sand forest species. This is a listed endangered ecological community abutting Littoral Rainforest.

I believe around 325,000 tonnes of fill will be transported by road along Riverside Drive to fill in Stage 5A, and the noise, dust and traffic issues will seriously impact the surrounding residents and tourists.

Therefore I respectfully request both proposed Boral Sand mines (Dunmore Lakes Project Modification 2) be rejected.