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Dear Commissioners

I am a local resident in the Kiama Council area where the proposed Boral sand mine is to be located.

I oppose this sand mine based on the following facts.

In this area extensive aboriginal artefacts have been identified by the consultants.

Can we let this be disturbed? These sites are of major significance to the local First Nations People and will be destroyed.

If the Vatican or War Memorial were to be destroyed or damaged by a proposed sand mine would we oppose the project?

This will play a huge role in our relations with first nation's people. Do we respect their culture as much as ours? Let's not have another Juukan Gorge in Western Australia where the Puutu Kuntj Kurrama and Pinikura people lost sacred sites to oversight by Rio Tinto.

In close proximity and may possibly be on the site is Stage 5B where at least 6 First Nations People camped near the Minnamurra River in 1818 and were massacred by white settlers. Again, leaving the site alone and acknowledging the past will help reconciliation in the future.

There will be approximately 325,000 tonnes of fill transported by road along Riverside Drive to fill in Stage 5A. This will surely cause noise, dust and traffic issues. It is a very busy road as many people use it when travelling from neighbouring suburbs for recreational activities. I worry about the possibility of a serious accident

Stage 5A concerns me as it is abutting the old Minnamurra land fill site which has a major toxic bloom in the water table. This has the potential to be disturbed by this proposal and cause irreparable damage.

On the flood plain and within the NSW Coastal Management Zone for the Minnamurra River is Stage 5B. Half this site will require the destruction of the Bangalay sand forest species, which is a listed endangered ecological community and abuts a Littoral Rainforest.

Boral's current operations are in the Rocklow Creek Catchment. This new proposal will be within the Minnamurra River Catchment which has Endangered Ecological Communities (EEC) in the proposed mine location.

Thank you for taking the time to read this submission.

Kind Regards  
Garry Wheeler