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**Subject:** Re: Kariong Sand and Soil Supplies Facility (SSD-8660) Project - Commission Site Inspection: Wednesday 10 November 2021  
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Dear Mr James,

Firstly, thank you for the email.

I would like to emphasise our position in relation to the proposal by saying, all the local neighbours in the area feel extremely let down by this whole process from all areas involved. This process started by the applicant saying their DA was of a similar nature to the existing DA, from a 2-person operation, hand drawn back in the 1980s when there were dirt roads around the area. It has now turned into a full-scale commercial operation, which, we believe is an attack on the beautiful natural environment of an area known for its green zones which are an escape from the pollution of nearby cities. Unfortunately, with a single decision to approve this uncharacteristic proposal it will undoubtedly set a precedence for allowing similar over-scale and hazard-to-health operations to exist next to homes and families in the very near and foreseeable future.

It is no longer a matter of – I'm a new developer/development in an existing area (What sort of business can I run, to be in-keeping with the natural landscape of the existing area?). It seems to be more like – I want to put a development wherever I want (What is the least I can do, to get this through, knowing the government needs businesses like mine to meet its quota? We'll just wait to see if the residents are willing to stand up to us and cause a fuss.)

The difficulties of the proposed development have extended so far as to us residents having to educate ourselves on the inner workings of a full-scale concrete crushing plant and the possible effects on not only our families mental and physical health, but our land values and even the possibilities of using our own land for future usage. All of which, have led our own businesses and livelihoods to suffer, as we are almost expected to be lawyers to protect our own piece of land, after we have lived here for so long.

The people that have moved to the area and have lived here from 15 to well over 30 years, feel like this is a one-sided venture benefitting only you (to make sure the state govt. can meet its environmental quota). Consequently, the only people that seem to care about the following environmental issues (noise, vibration, air quality, and ecology) that will result from your development, are the small group of nearby residents, who have put what they can afford into employing expensive specialists in the field of these environmental areas, to check and see whether this is a suitable application for the area, by nature of what they are wanting to do.

We have been going through this for well over 3 years now, and the families are beyond exhausted, both physically and mentally due to the dust, vibration and noise produced. All aspects we believe to be not in line with a project that should ideally be seriously considering the environmental impact such a development would cause to the surrounding environs and inhabitants. Case in point:

One neighbour has had the owners of Davis Earthmoving, Eric and Mark Jackson, over to their place to experience the vibration, and show the resulting structural cracks in their house whilst their machinery was running. (They haven't been back since) Note: there has never been a dilapidation report on any of the nearby properties done by Davis Earthmoving – surely this is a dereliction of duty towards implementing a new development in an area that is residential. There has been one undertaken, by the above-mentioned house – at their own expense, because a private certifier laughed and clearly believed it was funny when they complained about vibration issues. It must be noted that Davis Earthmoving has been sent copies of the invoice and have not even attempted to help contribute to affected residents, even when said company, admitted after a site inspection with machines running, that they could feel and hear the vibration and immediately ordered the machines to be freighted back to Sydney.

The retired neighbours who reside at 12 Acacia Road are an immediate neighbour who adjoins 90 Gindurra Road, mentioned that they were previously looking to build a new home on their site but have since had second thoughts, due to the noise and dust issues resulting from the proposed usage (by Kariong Sand and Soil). Additionally, they also have an olive grove that has taken years to establish that will be impacted by dust and potentially destroyed. In addition, the owners located at 14-16 Acacia Road who are also direct neighbours have since sold their property, in part, due to the uncertainty of the impact of the proposed development.

The close vicinity of the proposed development to several residential homes makes it unsuitable for the proposed location at 90 Gindurra Road. Clearly, the development being proposed can only suit a location surrounded by industrial factories and similar developments NOT a predominately residential area.

Whilst as neighbours, by the way of formality for such developments, we have had the opportunity to write and interact at different points of the application process, we feel very strongly that we are being left with a crippling feeling of neglect and what seems a lack of concern and respect, for, not only our voices but also our wellbeing.

The adverse impacts and effects are already being clearly seen. Not only environmentally but to the livelihoods and health of real people, who reside within very close distance to the development, who genuinely just want their opinions and very real concerns to be respected and considered in what seems to just be routine lip service out of formality rather than genuinely listening. To listen means to act and there has been no follow up, humility or care shown by anyone involved in this process.

I would like to believe that our concerns will be considered seriously by yourself, and the many various groups involved in this project, but, for the present time I fail to see this occurring and have been left feeling angry and disillusioned with all involved at the blatant indifference towards the surrounding resident's health, welfare, and the environment.

Therefore I won't be attending your on-site meeting at Kariong Sand and Soil

Sincerely

Mr Karl Kaczmarczyk