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Dear IPC Panel, DPIE and the Government/Ministers,

RE: Amanda Albury - My objection to Daracon being given any further approval to operate their quarry, regardless of rock mining their own land or land they lease in Martins Creek Township/area. IPCN must close down Daracon's operation.

I object to Daracon being given any further approval to operate at Martins Creek or anywhere for that matter. It is irrelevant whether Daracon owns the land they are digging up or leasing the land they are digging up. Daracon must be stopped from operating regardless. I request the IPCN panel refuses further approval for Daracon to operate and orders them to close down completely. They are affecting a beautiful Country Town of Martins Creek and surrounding areas, affecting local businesses, affecting people's health, mental health and enjoyment of their homes and properties etc. This industry has changed the amenity of the entire area, this is not right or fair to have these types of companies wreck the environment and the lives of other people.

How is Daracon able to operate approximately 10km out of their area? Is this true? How could this happen? If Daracon is operating approximately 10km away from approved area and this is actually true, why is Daracon able to continue to operate? I am also hearing like so many other quarries such as Hunter Quarries, that Daracon has also taken out more rock than their approval for the year of 2022, is this true?

Why would or should anyone in Government Departments approve a company that has operated in this way? Daracon is being talked about by other quarry owners, including truck drivers that cart gravel and then the general public. The majority of the general public/community have no vested interest to see this quarry continue to operate at all and if they are approved to continue, what a mockery of Planning Laws and decisions made towards mining/rock quarry companies operational requirements. These companies should not be able to "change the goal posts", I mean the area they mine or their Conditions of Consent, without severe consequences.

If Daracon is approved to continue to operate in Martins Creek, this would show all companies that are already approved to operate as mining companies/rock quarries and/or for those proposed mining companies; rock/mine quarries with Development Applications with the Planning Department and/or Councils currently. That all they have to do, is start small and get approval, as they already do, get further approvals for modifications or extensions as companies already do. Yet the difference is then as Daracon mined so far out of their approved area and if IPCN rewards them and approved Daracon to continue to mine in properties in Martins Creek/area, ANY company can do the same and go and mine where-ever the company wants, with no consequences or penalties. By penalties I mean, there should be major dollar fines and also their licence to operate is revoked and they are closed down and their remediation work commences immediately, with timeframes and further fines incurred for further non-compliance.

For Daracon, or any company operating a rock/mine quarry, who is operating outside their approved area is shocking to me. These companies already cause catastrophic impacts on the natural environment/our

precious wildlife, natural water sources, people/our health and the dust impacts from these companies quarries including coal mines in our valley of The Bucketts Way and elsewhere, these companies cause nose bleeds in adults and children, including impacts to our animals. **The impacts to local businesses in Martins Creek and other areas and the amenity of Country Towns are changed negatively by these companies operating mining/quarries.** Daracon and what they have already done is clearly one of many examples why the IPCN panel must refuse any further mining activities/quarry activities on this or any other site of Daracon's at Martins Creek or any other company at this site and the bushland forests must be returned to remediation and put "into Perpetuity Preservation of the remaining natural bushland for wildlife including Koala's".

If the IPC/PCN/DPIE/Ministers or Government Departments give Daracon approval to continue to operate this is a shameful approval. If approval is given it is also a mockery of the Planning approval process. It also means that companies/operators looking at what Daracon has done, sets an example to be deceitful, lie and cheat their way to destroying further bushland areas that they are not even supposed to be in at all. The rock quarry mining industry must be brought into line and Daracon and other companies must be held accountable for what they are doing and the impacts they are causing.

As an example our property is approximately 10km from the Pacific Highway, and there is no way that a company can be out of their area by 10km, 5km, 2km or one 1Km. As they operate as self reporting, there are many companies I hear about surrounding us on our property that request the truck drivers drive around the weighbridge. This is being done so that truck tonnes do not show up on their records.

Therefore the IPCN panel must reject Daracon's application seeking approval to continue to operate at Martins Creek Township/area and therefore stopped from continuing to remove vast areas of remnant forest bushland areas for an abundance of wildlife including Koala's.

I sent in a letter a few weeks ago, and with so many errors I asked for it to be removed. This letter replaces that one and I ask that it also goes with the short email I sent you all yesterday. I also would like to claim submitters rights, so that I can add to my letter as my continued reasons why I am requesting IPCN reject entirely Daracons Development Applications and rescind their approval to operate. I wanted to hand in maps and photos on the day to the IPCN panel of my oral objection submission, as speed limits with internet make sending an attachment extremely difficult to not working at all. I wanted to talk about the impacts of Daracon and also the cumulative impacts of other rock mine quarries around them and us here in Limeburners Creek, either already operating, or the proposed quarries in Karuah area, Booral, Limeburners Creek and 12 Mile Creek in Wallaroo State Forest. I object to all these proposed quarries also that want to take up residence in natural bushland areas with a vast number of wildlife species trying to survive including Koalas.

My objection about Daracon and the heinous crimes on the environment, slaughtering wildlife in numbers undocumented and the real-time impacts to people are never documented like every other mining company/rock mine quarry regardless of the "resource" they seek to plunder. I can identify with directly with people suffering health impacts from mining companies, as we are victims of Hunter Quarries dust, let alone the visual disgrace we see from our home and bushland mountains are destroyed. We are some 10+ km away as it coming closer to us in a West direction. We look to our East directly at Hunter Quarries who causes us and others, adults and children to have nose bleeds from the dust. We drink contaminated tank water and have 2 filters a year which is not enough and we are the ones to cover the cost at \$85.00 and more a water filter, yet we are not the ones contaminating our drinking water, Hilton Grugeon/Hunter Quarries is and he continues to get away with the impacts including his staff that are causing us and others around him. The blasting dust comes directly to us from the ground up, hundreds of metres in the sky, as we are parallel to the open cut pits and cliffs, the Department refuses to insist that Hilton Grugeon install automated dust monitoring system on our property, something I have been requesting through to 1st

November 2022 (in a phone call to planning department staff). Daracon quarry at Martins Creek Township has impacted this Country Town, businesses, people, their health and wellbeing, destroying the amenity of the area, their properties and their homes. It is wrong of people to approve such onslaught of impacts onto other people, when they themselves are not the ones to suffer these catastrophic impacts along with the ever dwindling remnant forests for wildlife and wildlife species in these areas being injured, killed, life extinguished. Mining kills communities!

Daracon should be stopped from operating in this area at all, including other mining/rock quarries companies who also do NOT act in the best practice/interest of the majority of people they interfere with.

The reports these companies write are shameful. They do not write the truth of what their industry actually does. These companies all have in common the destruction on the natural environment, slaughtering wildlife in numbers undocumented and the health issues to people, while the environment is left destroyed, creeks and rivers are dug up, discharged into, aquatic wildlife impacts again are not documented. They all produce excessive and unnatural noise including crushers that sound like fighter jet planes hovering over a persons home shaking it from the ground up, ground vibrations from these blasts, toxic plumes, silica dust, fumes from generators, equipment, trucks/vehicles, all these particles pollute the air and they ALL produce dirty water holding dams, that overflow and can run back into creeks and river systems affecting aquatic wildlife and polluting natural water-sources for wildlife.

To the IPC panel, refuse Daracon or any other company the ability to continue on this or any other site in Martins Creek. The area needs to be returned to bushland for wildlife.

If the IPC panel approves a company that has no regard for the loose legislation approvals they have been given and to wrought those loose boundaries/operation guidelines/conditions, where a company is assisted by Government Departments to continue to alter their operating Conditions of Consent and Duralie Coal is an example that in December 2010, the Planning Department notified all the former objectors, that they were going to give them full rescinding rights to remove all their Conditions of Consent, almost 100 Conditions of Consent including the "No River Condition of Consent" which would have given them the ability to put a pipe into Mammy Johnsons River 24/7, this river flows directly into the Karuah River into Port Stephens Marine Park. So ICAG Inc. with Johnsons Creek Conservation Committee (JCCC) who spent almost 2 years in Commission of Inquiry to have the coal mine refused got almost 100 Conditions of Consent put down against Gloucester Coal/Duralie Coal. We went to the Land & Environment Court in January 2010 and the Planning Department was not successful in removing these Conditions of Consent, however shortly after the Court case ended 13 months in duration till February 2011, Duralie went back to Planning, there was a public hearing at Stroud and these conditions wording was altered and gave them extended train times and other things they wanted. So what this shows us is:, the companies wish list if the Government Departments keeps caving into them, these companies learn nothing and the Planning process shows us people that can see what is happening or maybe directly can see how this planning process works and how it is manipulated. These companies should not be given the opportunity to keep changing their parameters or whittle down their Conditions of Consent etc. or keep extending their areas of the mining land. I state: footprint (to use their terminology),

Daracon should not be operating at all anywhere and particularly at Martins Creek where they have done the wrong thing and must be stopped from operating. To safeguard the entire area from having another company move in, the mining licence/quarry area of this entire remaining bushland at Martins Creek area must be preserved In Perpetuity for the remaining wildlife and Koala's trying to survive to thrive in an area that will no longer be impacted by any type of mining/rock quarry/industry/or any development.

As stated should IPCN approve Daracon, you have all unfortunately set an extremely negative flow on affect to each and every other company operating currently or ones that seek approval, are given

approval to operate, the negative precedent would therefore have been set by this IPCN decision to give Daracon any approval, which I believe would be a wrongful decision. I therefore ask that you all refuse Daracon outright!

These companies are devastating on their own and together, the cumulative impacts are catastrophic for each company and then multiplied by how many companies in an area of 10km, 20km or more radius as their dust keeps travelling. Noise of these rock mine/quarries you cannot get away from the crusher noise, blasting, equipment, truck movements. The amenity of quiet bushland areas where we are used to the noise of wildlife only in Limeburners Creek is also at risk of being destroyed by a proposed quarry in the Deep Creek Road/valley area and if this is approved will be catastrophic impacts to our precious wildlife including Koala's, People, our animals, wildlife reserves, accommodation businesses and downstream affects to Deep Creek that flows through the Karuah National Park joining the Karuah River, Port Stephens/Marine Park, this would be if approved 1300 metres from our home.

We are just over 10km away from the Pacific Highway and at times loud trucks can be heard travelling north along the highway, noise travels and you can't mitigate against noise produced or mitigate against dust these companies produce. Again to clarify; we are over 10km away from Hunter Quarries on our property in Forest Glen Road Limeburners Creek. On October long weekend Sunday 2022, with the dust in the air from Hunter Quarries my nose bled and would not stop bleeding while I was outside. We have to have our window and doors closed during windy days. We cannot sleep with the windows open at night regardless unless its raining, because if we do, the dust lands on our face, furniture in the room and mirror, which happened in September 2019, when I had my first nose bleed (outwards nose bleed). We realised then we had to close our windows as we would wake up with blood in our mouth each morning and the taste of blood we could not work out what was going on, until the outwards nose bleed in September 2019. I woke up with a startle as I pushed talc dust particles and angulated rock bits into my eyes as I was waking up. Dust was everywhere on the bed head and foot, the dressing table, the mirror looked opaque, the side draws over 1 metre from the window in the corner of room and behind curtains. I write this dreadful accounts because this is real time impacts to us and other people from the dust from Hunter Quarries. Daracon would be no better I suspect there would be people that also suffer nose bleeds.

Reject Daracon and send a clear message that what they have done is unacceptable!

I would like to advise, that I will send further documentation through to IPC panel, the photos and maps of the cumulative impacts of rock mine quarries around Martins Creek, Brandy Hill, Seaham, to Karuah, Limeburners Creek etc. I will have to do this in small bundles, and you may not get them as this part of the internet does not work properly or at all. If this is the case I will bring in hard copy, you can decide on the day whether you accept the attachments I speak of in this letter to you all.

Thank you
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