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For the attention of the Commissioners,

I wish to strongly object to any increase in output from Martins Creek Quarry. My house, at the lower end of View Street No 90 suffers from excessive dust in both the pool and the house and animals water. There are numerous cracks which I believe to be as a result of movement during blasting. My horses react nervously to these blasts and are panicky, while my dogs start barking as do many others in neighbouring properties. For the long period of illegal operations by Daracon the foregoing were exacerbated to an unbearable level and it is only since our Dungog Council won their Court case against Daracon that the company has been forced to return to legal operations of a limit of 24 trucks a day.

I have receipts from numerous windscreens replacements, damage incurred by materials thrown by the loaded heavy trucks passing or ahead of me as I travelled to and from work. Thankfully since the Court ruling, life has settled back into more tolerable state although when blasting takes place it still makes for problems and allowing more extraction, even if it has to be transported by rail, is not going to solve the air quality, dust, noise and damage to the properties in close proximity to the quarry.

Would Daracon even adhere to any limits and who is going to monitor them ??? A leopard never changes it spots!!

I now work in Paterson. Its a busy little village that already carries a lot of through traffic. Any increase in Quarry truck movements, let alone a truck every 90 seconds, would be a huge risk to public safety, a disaster waiting to happen. Is that what we are waiting for before anyone takes notice of what is so blatantly obvious? The village layout is just that, a village and amenities created as a hub for properties and businesses in the surrounding rural environment. It is impossible to modify the existing roads to enable additional quarry truck movements of any kind and I just hope that common sense will prevail and this Quarry expansion will be denied. Paterson as a historical village, tourist destination and offering a popular wedding venue will cease as will the local businesses as people are forced to seek safer places to shop and go about their daily lives.

Homes and livelihoods are dependant on your decision to save or destroy Paterson and its surrounds.

Thank you for considering my submission.

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