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**Subject:** DEEP CREEK QUARRY (SSD 11591659) OBJECTION

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Dear IPCN

I am a resident of Gloucester and a frequent user of the Bucketts Way. As such I am familiar with the condition of the Bucketts Way road itself and the intersection of the Pacific Highway and the Bucketts Way in particular.

I support the objection to the Deep Creek Quarry proposal lodged by the Gloucester Environment Group (GEG).

#### **Inadequate Traffic Impact Assessment**

I am hopeful that the IPCN will undertake an independent assessment of the increased risks that everyday motorists will face, even if the Quarry (and other quarries proposed in the vicinity) are not approved.

The risk analysis of the intersection of the Pacific Highway and Bucketts Way included and discussed in the DPE's Assessment is inadequate. It fails to address the riskiest aspect of the intersection. This is the combined risk of traffic turning left to Bucketts Way and traffic simultaneously turning right onto the Highway.

The speed at which motorists approach the left turn, particularly tourists / visitors using for the first time, should be recognised as a risk, despite the reduced (from 110 kph to 100 kph) speed signposted in this area. The inadequate signage and the short deceleration lane is an issue. The "improvements" made actually serve to obscure the sight line of a vehicle turning from Bucketts Way onto the Highway.

I fear a major accident at this intersection at some time, most likely when there is holiday traffic heading north. The need for grade separation has been widely reported.

This potential is widely recognised and extends to the Italia Road / Pacific Highway intersection which is subject to another DA for a quarry.

#### **Inadequate Cumulative Impact Assessment**

The State Government has been negligent in not undertaking a cumulative impact assessment of multiple quarry proposals in the area. It cannot say that it has not been given notice that such a wider planning brief is necessary.

It therefore leaves determining authorities such as IPCN to "pick up the pieces" and try and make sense of the impact of multiple quarry proposals.

In determining the Deep Creek Quarry proposal the IPCN must undertake a cumulative impact assessment of all quarries, existing and proposed in the locality, otherwise it will be failing in its duty to undertake an assessment in the "public interest"

Regards

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