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Thank you for the opportunity to voice my concerns over Darracon's proposal to increase the number of trucks driving through Paterson, Tocal, Bolwarra and East Maitland.

I have lived in the Paterson area since June 2002. I recall in previous years the heavily loaded trucks driving dangerously through the tiny village of Paterson. They did not appear to slow down or give consideration to others using the area.

Whilst Darracon's amended application and slight reduction in number and timing of trucks is an improvement, it still poses an unacceptable risk and impact to those who live, drive, work and shop around these country roads and villages daily.

It surprises me that the Department of Planning considers making minor amendments to line marking and footpath and removing some of the already limited parking in the middle of Paterson sufficient to mitigate risks to people visiting the Post Office, Cafes, Service Station, Butchers, Friendly Grocer, Chemist and Doctors, Church, Barber, Pubs and School of Arts Hall in the middle of this village.

Table 1 in the Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E) response letter, dated 19 December 2022, actually seems to suggest Darracon proposes to drive 270 trucks through the main streets of Paterson (ie 24 trucks per hour for nine hours each day and an additional 18 trucks per hour for 3 hours).

This equates to every 2.5 to 3.5 minutes between 7am and 6pm, including during the busy school bus and afternoon shopping times.

This can not be considered acceptable or safe. We truly hope this does not become one of those incredibly sad situations where someone dies on these roads and then the risks are considered.

I understand there is an immediate need by State and local governments to procure suitable gravel from Martin's Creek and other quarries in the region. This may put the DP&E under increased pressure to recommend this risky proposal and state that the cost to local communities is worth it.

Instead of the current proposed haulage levels and route, it is essential that haulage through Paterson to East Maitland be minimised greatly by replacing this alternative with an increased use of rock from other quarries and developing an alternate route that does not cross through rural villages.

We ask that the needs of those that live in this area and get their children from school busstops on King Street be considered as first priority.

Sincerely,

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