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MCQAG: how was the information and issues we provided to you in our submission, at our meeting and within our letter considered in making your assessment:

DPIE: what do you mean?

MCQAG: well i cant find any where in the assessment report the demonstrates you have read and considered in detail the issues we and impacted residents have raised?

DPIE: well we considered all of the submissions in our assessment report in accordance with the guidelines,

MCQAG: well a number of issues we have raised have been either ignored or over looked and not considered.

DPIE: like what noise? like vibration? like air quality?

MCQAG: No, like impact on village activity centre function, like changes in social fabric like impacts on health/mental health.

DPIE: well there are no guidelines on those.

MCQAG: but the act requires you to assess all impacts not just those in guidelines.

DPIE: um well

MCQAG: I guess you're going to tell me to take that up with the IPC,

DPIE: yes

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MCQAG: why wasn't lived experience given weighting in your assessment,

DPIE: well it was not possible to quantify.

MCQAG: that's not correct it is possible to quantify, if a resident says based on lived experiences i wont be able to live in my house which is 3m from the road if the proposed scale of operations is approved, that is quantifiable.

DPIE: well we assessed the project as a standalone project we didnt take in to account the past operations because they were at a much greater scale at times.

MCQAG: that is incorrect the proposal seeks an hourly scale of trucking that is equivalent to past unliveable scales and levels.

DPIE: um yeah ok. well we had to strike a balance.

MCQAG: thats not what the Act requires you to do, the act requires to assess all impacts make a determination using ESD principles.

MCQAG: another question, why wasnt Dungog Shire Council's requested operational restrictions that were included in their 2021 submission incorporated into the draft consents?

DPIE: um well, we incorporated some but not all, we had a meeting with them I can tell you what they said, dont worry ive read it in the council minutes.

MCQAG: Where did the 250,000 annual limit for 2yrs come from in the draft consents?

DPIE: well it was derived from the need for rock?

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MCQAG: ok but who told you of the need for that rock did TFNSW tell you they needed that rock and they had multiple projects being held up in the Hunter because of it? or did Daracon tell you they needed that rock?

DPIE: Daracon told us they needed it infact they wanted much more they wanted to run at a much higher rate,

MCQAG: ok so on what basis is it acceptable in your assessment to authorize that new use and that new scale of operation before all of the necessary safety requirements have been upgraded / installed in terms of intersections etc.?

DPIE: well it was a negotiation with Daracon

MCQAG: ok so you had meetings and negotiated a position?

DPIE: yes actually they wanted much higher.

MCQAG: but what you are telling me is this need was a Daracon informed need not one informed by another minister of gov department

DPIE: yes Daracon said they needed to get the rock out for the rail spur asap to help accelerate the rail upgrade and usage

MCQAG: HAHA ok that's a new one.

MCQAG: the analogy is Paterson Tavern has 6 poker machines and they put in an SSDA to convert to a casino, before they put everything in place to operate as a casino they seek approval for a staged approach to just install 20 black MCQAGck and 20 Roulet wheels before they build all the other necessary infrastructure and that is ok because they had 6 pokies.

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DPIE: haha yes i see what you mean.

MCQAG: well I will just have to take that up with the IPC is that what you will tell me

DPIE: yes, and to be honest i didnt pick 250,000 my number was much lower but I was overridden

MCQAG: ok you were over ridden by Clay or someone else in the dpt?

DPIE: yes, but look ultimately that will be a matter for the IPC to decide/confirm.

MCQAG: ok well, i would like to thank you for your assessment report it is grossly deficient, I have been in undated by residents who cant believe what they are reading, residents are upset and beside themselves with what they have read in your support for the application. Peoples lives will be ruined if this approved. Im sure we're unlikey to speak again so good bye,

DPIE: thanks bye