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Dear Victorian Planning Authority Staff,

I hereby submit the following comments on the Comprehensive Development Plan for the Lilydale Quarry Site.

We have read through the brochure you mailed to me, downloaded and read the Lilydale Quarry Integrated Transport Plan, and the Lilydale Quarry Comprehensive Development Plan, as well as the Explanatory report.

I and my neighbours are all very concerned about a number of matters contained in these reports.

In terms of what the developer proposes within the quarry site, the newly announced inclusion of high density high rise apartment buildings 3 to 12 stories high is definitely a concern for us and we seek to have some assurances that:-

1. The building of such high density apartments should be limited to 6 stories as it would otherwise set a precedent that could then proliferate around our outer suburban area which we vehemently wish to avoid.
2. The location of the high density apartments be strictly limited to the area proposed in the plan and will not be allowed in any of the other areas of the new development or elsewhere in the Shire of Yarra Ranges.

We are also very very concerned about the impact this new development will have on the surrounding road and rail infrastructure and in particular are very worried about the Mooroolbark Rd Bridge.

The bridge structure is no longer a straight line. It has sagged progressively further over the last 30 years.

The intersection has traffic lights and they control traffic to flow in a single lane beneath the bridge.

On normal weekday mornings and afternoons, traffic on Mooroolbark Rd banks up for hundreds of metres, and users will have to endure three or more of the traffic light cycles.

This is exacerbated by the single lane under the bridge.

The low clearance regularly catches higher vehicles who sometimes get stuck and/or block traffic performing a U turn to reroute. Any statistics you may call upon in researching such incidents will only reference the bridge/vehicle stuck type damage and not the incidents avoided at the last minute by drivers who then cause further turmoil returning to Maroondah Hwy.

With Kinley estate nearing completion of the first stage, traffic volumes using the intersection will start to increase next year and over the next few years the congestion will become even more frustrating to all users.

The recently released Comprehensive Development Plan (52 pages) does mention the bridge but makes no detailed commitment to what if anything will be done about it. By the end of the 5 year building project this new estate will add many thousands of vehicles using the bridge every day.

Lilydale's population is set to double.

There is an Integrated Transport plan which details infrastructure works outside of the actual estate and that states there will be a rebuilding of the bridge to 2 lanes but puts no timeline forward for that work.

That report regularly reminds readers that the lifespan of the project is 25 years.

The below photographs show the dangerous condition of the bridge.





On behalf of my fellow residents, I call upon your organisation to respond to our requests for modifications of the development plan and in particular the timing of the reconstruction of the dangerous narrow bridge.

Thankyou.

Kind regards

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