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To: Victorian Planning Authority, C/- Lilydale Quarry Project

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*Lilydale Quarry Comprehensive Development Plan, Amendment C193*

Re: Traffic Congestion in the vicinity of the Lilydale Quarry Development

As a resident (home owner) in the Lilydale Lakes estate, I wish to make a submission regarding the Lilydale Quarry Development Plan.

My main concern regarding this development is the impact on adjoining road and rail infrastructure. Currently traffic congestion around the perimeter of the site (including Maroondah Hwy, Mooroolbark Road & underpass, Hull Road, Hull/Swansea intersection as well as the Lilydale & Mooroolbark railway stations) is extreme and unsustainable – this is with current vehicle loads and should be fixed now. Try to take a drive around these areas at 5pm on any weekday, you'll only want to do it once.

Any increase in traffic on these roads will cause the area to become unworkable.

I notice on your sketch plan that there is land designated for public acquisition. I assume this is for future road upgrades, and I applaud this. It is not clear whether these will be done prior to the development and I strongly object to any housing being released until this has been done.

Further, I am concerned that there is no such acquisition showing for Hull Road.

I am also concerned that the proposed railway station is shown as “not committed” and that there is no evidence on the plan of allowance being made for line duplication between Mooroolbark and Lilydale. It is extremely disappointing that this has not been confirmed – the quarry development project has been underway for more than 5 years, and it is not acceptable that agreement between the various government parties has not been reached in that time. Implementation of this additional station could have been a realistic solution to part of the traffic congestion issues.

The sketch plans make frequent mention of other forms of “transport” (bike trails, walking) and whilst I fully support that all developments of this nature should include these as a matter of course, I believe it is completely unrealistic to think that this will make any difference at all to the need for residents to have multiple vehicles, particularly if the additional railway station is not incorporated into the solution.

On that note, in many new housing developments there is insufficient allowance made for residents to park cars, resulting in a mess of car-parking along nature strips, and in reserves. I see this as being because planners don't understand that suburban housing is different to inner-city housing. Residents in suburbs need cars to get to work and study, and this often results in a growing family needing to park 3 or more vehicles. Please include this factor in your planning.

Regards

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