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**Subject:** Amendment C158- Beveridge North West PSP

Dear Mr Cooper, Mr Duff and Mr Mitchell,

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission , as a private citizen and member of the general Wallan Community, regarding Amendment C158- Beveridge North West PSP.

In reading about the proposal for a quarry at 175 Northern Highway, Wallan, we have the following concerns:

**Amenity** - a quarry at this location will have significant effects of loss of amenity for existing Wallan, Beveridge and Wallara Waters residents. Whilst it is clear that such industries as quarries are necessary, there can be nothing attractive or agreeable about such a venture within the proximity of existing communities and future residential and/or recreational developments in our area.

**Noise** - activities such as blasting, crushing, maneuvering and loading of vehicles will be a constant daily occurrence over a thirty (30) year period, representing a lifetime for some and a significant portion of the twilight years of many older residents.Noise such as this has wide ranging effects on people with health and well-being ranking highly.

**Dust** - The Wallan, Wallara Waters and Beveridge area is one that has always experienced periods of high wind. This is easily borne out by a viewing of Bureau of Meteorology website records that show the area often being among the highest wind speeds across the state. A southerly or westerly wind will have significant effects on Wallan and Wallara Waters dust levels and similarly a northerly will effect Beveridge. There are significant health risks associated with the combination of dust and weather events on the health and well being of community members of all age groups .

**Traffic** - the effect on traffic is a significant risk. The area of the Northern Highway between Wallan and the Hume Highway already has a bad record of motor vehicle accidents resulting in deaths and injuries. The northern highway currently cannot cope in afternoon peaks with the traffic load through ranking of vehicles waiting to clear the Taylors Lane signalised intersection. It is a common occurrence for vehicles to be ranked back as far as the Hume Highway from Taylors lane, with two run-off lanes from the Hume merging into a single lane. The insertion of an intersection at 175 Northern Highway ( Hadfield Road) with traffic movements of large truck and dog-trailer combinations will have disastrous results for vehicle movements both south and north out of the Hadfield road alignment.. The potential for these trucks to also access Wallan east via Watson street , and anything north of Wallan via the shopping precinct is also of great concern. This is already in evidence with the current congestion experienced from the High school traffic and the new school in Wallara waters. It is a daily occurrence for vehicles to be ranked from east of the overpass in Watson street to the lights at Watson street/Windham street intersection. Again, a fleet of the large truck and Trailer combinations to and from the quarry will only exacerbate the current problems.

I am of the view that these three points contribute to the clear understanding within this community that the operation of a quarry in this location is not welcome.The advent of the quarry will make a mockery of the welcome to Wallan sign.

My wife and I have been Wallan property owners since 1976 and residents since 1985. I am no longer in the workforce and we now wish to enjoy the benefits and amenity of what Wallan has to offer both now and through sensitive and clearly thought through development proposals in the future.

Yours faithfully

Dianne and Tom Gladwin

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