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## Making a submission Form Submission

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**Are you making this submission as:**

Supporting the Mitchell Shire rejection of this plan

**Does your submission relate to an address within the Beveridge North West precinct?**

Yes

**Email**

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**Daytime contact number**

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**Write your submission**

I am writing to you to express my strong opposition to the proposed quarry at 175 Northern Highway Wallan.

As a resident of Wallan for 30 years I can testify confidently that the environmental impact on this region will be significant and detrimental to the landscape and living conditions of Wallan residents as well as Beveridge residents.

There are many reasons why this quarry should not go ahead.

Wallan/Beveridge have always been an urban area where local residents enjoy country lifestyle, yet close to the city. The addition of this quarry will bring noise, traffic congestion and will cause environmental disruptions which are not sustainable.

The current road into and out of the Northern Highway is single lane. Already traffic queues during peak hours and even during off peak the road traffic still builds up. The delays will cause more disruption, ensuring travellers have more added travel time. The addition of on and off ramps at the Wallan East exit, still not commenced, will not be enough to reduce the traffic on Northern Highway, as the township continues to grow. Reports indicate traffic lights will be placed on the Northern Highway on the rise, travelling south. The traffic bank up will cause accidents, even if there are warnings of delays. Travelling north and leaving the Hume Highway to enter Wallan will result in queues on the off ramp, very likely to bank back onto the freeway. Without roadworks, in peak traffic, this event still occurs. Traffic banking up onto the freeway is very high risk and there is a likelihood of high speed accidents.

We already contend with interstate trucks and traffic, both on the freeway and on the Northern Highway, additional trucks will continue to impact our roads.

We have lived peacefully for 30 years, where children can grow in environmental safety. Wallan is very windy and subject to severe south westerly's and northerlies. The planned location of this quarry is right in the middle of these winds. Both Wallan and Beveridge will be subject to dust and grit constantly blowing. There will be no escape. Air conditioners won't be able to be put on because of the dust and grit in the air during summer months.

As the winds continue to blow, children and elderly who suffer from breathing conditions will be further impacted.

Wallan and Beveridge are not water rich areas. I assume that plans to try and reduce the impact of dust and grit will be to water the quarry constantly. What is the impact of water

storage and restrictions as more water is redirected for use commercially?

Blasting! Really! In 2021 plans are afoot to blast in an area which is rapidly being developed residentially. Wallan is moving south, Beveridge is moving North and you have plans to approve a quarry which will be wedged between these locales? For 30 years, this quarry will impact on all locals. Constant noise from blasting regularly and therefore sirens which will signify that blasting is about to occur will be constantly in the back ground. We do not want to lose the peace and quiet which has been a feature of living in this Shire. The sound of sirens and blasting will constantly be on the winds, we will hear them.

With plans for residential homes to increase and current strong growth in property values, Wallan/Beveridge are ideally liveable locations. With a quarry in the mix, why would anyone knowingly move to an area where there is constant noise, dust and grime and traffic congestion. Property values will decrease. Homes will not open windows for air, as dust and grime will infiltrate our homes.

The application has been rejected twice by council, for very good reason! Why should we be subjected to such disruption when there are other locations which will meet the needs. Simply having a quarry within 40 kms of Melbourne to quarry rock for road base, basalt etc., is not a good enough reason. Convenience seems to be the only reason this quarry location is planned. The volcanic region in Victoria is huge! The Western Volcanic Province significantly increases west. The west, Melton, Sunbury, Ballarat, to name a few have much more space available to accommodate a quarry without impacting residentially.

This is a strong growth residential corridor, which should not be impacted by quarrying practices.

I strenuously object to any approval of a quarry in this region and ask my objection be tabled in any committee, report, or other planning meeting which relates to the application for this quarry.

Regards,

Kathleen Andrews

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