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Subject: Amendment C158-Beveridge North West PSP NO TO QUARRY - Life is about balance and reliance

To all those listed,

I am writing to advise AGAINST building the quarry.

My reason is the negative and destructive long term effects of our environment, the wildlife and the health of the community.

As for the traditional owners, I would hope that their rights, voice and opinions are being RESPECTED and INCLUDED in this decision also.

This quarry will be putting people's lives at risk and potentially killing people due to asthma attacks and respiratory issues due to dust and pollution.

How would you feel if this was you or a family member?

This land should be used as a place to bring the wild back by planting more trees, making homes for wildlife and balancing out our ecosystems that are in place to help us all live healthy lives. And even though people may think, "There's no financial gain in this", well as we have less trees, less oxygen, poor health - this is more important than money itself.

Once we destroy nature, our wildlife.....we are next.

We all heavily reliant on each other in this balance and once this system goes out of place, one by one we all suffer together. Heavy dust clouds hang over our area creating allergy, asthmatic issues due to dust in the air. Dust creates respiratory problems, pollens create respiratory problems, hay fever, allergies are all health issues we will be exposed to once we start stripping the earth of its natural state, in animals and people (which are the same thing). When the animal population has to relocate, increase or decrease it impacts the food on our table. Less insects, more diseased ridden food or food that is not high quality, more insects...our food could be eradicated due to locusts eating our foods and many other issues.

Kangaroos are moving further out around here due to construction, many of them put our lives at risk when they cross the freeways or when dead carcasses are left in the middle of our freeways when traveling at 110km on the Hume. They have no where to go amongst this madness. I see it everyday.

Everything has come out of balance. Everything has become chaotic. The air around here is already at poor quality. A nurse once told me this is the worst side of town to live on due to high dust levels. So stop digging, stand planting, bring nature and balance back and in return we live healthier, with cleaner, dust free air, less diesel fumes in the air which destroys our health and the health of our wildlife too. We also must remember nature is a healer. We need it to heal our mental health. To bring peace, calm and quiet to ourselves. It's all essential for healthy living and a place to reconnect with our true selves. Barron soils is no good for mental health. We were not designed to live this way physically or mentally.

Throw out the balance and we all suffer slowly.

Maintain the balance and everything will thrive in good health.

Please realise this - we are all made the same, we are all equal, we are all susceptible to pollution which is hazardous to every living thing. Bring the wild back and we benefit in more ways than you can imagine.

Thank you for understanding.

Regards,

Lisa Bernard.

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