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Subject: Objection to "Amendment C158 - Beveridge North West PSP"
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Dear Victorian Planning Authority,

I strongly object to the Amendment C158 – Beveridge North West PSP.

My reasons for objecting to this Amendment are as follows:

1. Increased pollution

- My house is downwind of the proposed quarry and fine dust **will** be carried to my home. I am very close to retiring age and as such my health is entering a vulnerable stage. The extremely fine silicate particles from the quarry is expected to be the cause of future respiratory illness.
- Trucks entering the quarry will mean that traffic along the Northern Highway will increase significantly thus causing congestion and increased vehicle pollution. I have moved to Wallan because it is a semi suburban environment and the air is far far cleaner than what it is in metropolitan Melbourne. At my age, cleaner air is vital to continuing good health.
- Noise pollution is expected to increase, given that there will be blasting as well as heavy machinery operating. This will impact our quality of life as well as disturb the local wildlife here in Wallan.

2. Traffic Congestion

- As stated above, traffic to and from the quarry will mean that the speed limits will have to decrease significantly thus exacerbating the current traffic jams in peak hour. There's only one major road to and from Melbourne and traffic will become significantly worse. This will increase fuel costs to and from work and lead to driver frustration, road rage and increased risk of accidents.

3. Area development

- Having a quarry at the planned site will mean that the two major road projects to and from Melbourne, planned for the area, will be postponed for a minimum of 30 years. That means that Wallan will remain isolated and will impact population growth.
- Population stagnation due to the quarry being built, will also mean that stand alone shops and businesses will not be set-up here in Wallan
- Population stagnation means that that no major shopping areas will be built in the area.

Opportunity for increasing local jobs (that were expected as shopping centres that were planned to be built) will then be lost.

4. Property Value Devaluation

- People will not buy property close to a quarry.
- Property prices will then fall.
- I have put ALL my life's savings in my house here in Wallan. The quarry will rob the value of my property by at least half initially and slow the property value growth rate significantly.

5. Property damage

- Vibration from heavy machinery and blasting will cause ground tremors. These tremors will cause cracks and damage houses. Owners, such as myself, will then be left with hefty repair bills.

Given the above concerns, I would strongly urge you to reject the proposal to build a quarry in my area.

Sincerely,

A. Koutes



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