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- In the most suitable place the quarry would be a short term (30 years) economic benefit to the mining company (Conundrum) only.

My thoughts are that the quarry being wedged between the two fast growing townships is not "suitable" and the council and Conundrum should negotiate to seek alternative, less sensitive prospects within the Shire if both parties want to proceed.

Also no guarantee that this term cannot be extended at a later time.

- The benefits to both townships of Beveridge (Mandalay) and Wallan would be minimal with possibly a few jobs being obtained for local residents.

I would assume that locals would not be preferred for positions and current employees of Conundrum would eventually fill all. There would probably be an initial token gesture of employing some locals, however the number of jobs available would be minimal.

- The Infrastructure to support the Quarry workings would need to be transparent and sensitive to both townships.

As the Northern Highway is the only entry to Wallan township from the Freeway, the now heavy traffic will become more so with the transport required to service the Quarry.

A plan to put an interchange on the Freeway at the overpass heading toward the station, should be implemented before the quarry is even considered. This has been on the drawing board" for some time now. The Eutopian affect 😊😞😊!!.

The response from Conundrum is that the quarry is required to complete the Infrastructure and is understandable, however the site of the proposal is not suitable.

- The environmental issues of dust, noise, traffic along with the impact on current and proposed residents would make Wallan and Beveridge a place to avoid.

These environmental issues cannot be overcome by having Conundrum throwing more money at infrastructure and employment. The environmental is the most important issue to address before any consideration is given.

The identity of Wallan was initially a rural country township with around 4,000 residents in 1980. Because of the affordability of purchasers over the years the population is noted as 8,500 in the census of 2016. I would suggest now that it will be well over 10,000. It will be interesting to see what the last census results will be.

Most of the residents are blue collar workers with families that commute closer to Melbourne for work.

Given that most of the surrounding land is flat, particularly to the East of the railway line, expansion here is inevitable.

Kilmore, which is 13 k's north of Wallan is also growing but not at the rate of Wallan and Beveridge. This is hampered by the lack of a railway station close to the centre of town.

As a resident owner occupier of 38 years, I am not happy with the proposal.

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