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I refer to the application for the establishment of a quarry at 175 Northern Hwy, Wallan, and Council's refusal to grant this permit.

I am a long time resident of the Wallan area (75 years) and I am familiar with the region involved in this application. It forms part of the headwaters of the Merri creek, and subsequently, the Yarra river. The area's proximity to Melbourne and it's rural setting has attracted many new recent residents, and all indicators confirm that this trend is likely to continue.

The location of the quarry site abuts the newer residential areas of Wallan and Beveridge. I believe that if this new application were successful, it would be highly detrimental to the area for the following reasons:

1. Noise from blasting operations would detract from residential lifestyle of residence within the area.
2. Prevailing winds are north to northwest. This would convey dust from quarry operations toward residences to the south and south east, causing potential asthmatic or other respiratory difficulties to residents in the area.
3. Traffic within the region of of and on ramps to the Hume Hwy is becoming chaotic at morning and afternoon peaks. The addition of heavy Quarry traffic to this interchange region would exacerbate this negative element.
4. Exclusion zones involved unreasonably impinge on farming practices on adjoining properties

I consider Mitchell Shire was correct in refusing this application on the two previous occasions, and earnestly hope that the VPA will see the merits of this previous refusal, and will arrive at the same conclusion subsequent to the hearing of this current application.

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