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To the Victoria Planning Authority,

I am writing to voice my concern regarding the plan proposing the development of a quarry at 175 Northern Highway, Wallan.

My family and I have recently moved to Wallan, having bought our first family home. We have two young children and were so excited to purchase a beautiful property in a beautiful country town. Our plans were to have our children live and grow in a harmonious, friendly, healthy, and quiet community. Since moving to Wallan just a week ago, we have learned about the proposed quarry which threatens not only the harmonious and quiet nature of the community, but also the health and wellbeing of its residences.

If permitted to go ahead, the quarry will create fine dust particles that will impact the health and wellbeing of the community in the short and long term. According to a cross-sectional study regarding lung function and respiratory health of populations living close to quarry sites in Palestine, it was recorded that "people residing close to quarry sites have a higher prevalence of respiratory symptoms compared to those not exposed to quarry dust." This study specifies that the adverse health concerns of the people who resided close to the quarries included nasal infections, coughs, and asthma. Other studies report that the dust particles created by quarries cause 'silicosis', which is a progressive, incurable lung disease that can lead to other serious diseases such as COPD and lung cancer. Additionally, long-term exposure to the dust particles have also been strongly associated with heart disease, stroke, infertility, and pregnancy complications.

In addition to the respiratory health concerns, other worrying matters that are associated with quarries include noise, vibrations, and traffic congestion. None of these aspects are ideal to a happy life. We are highly concerned that our decision to move to regional Victoria was a mistake and that our health, happiness, and the liveability of our home and community will be severely diminished if the quarry eventuates.

Please listen to the concerns of the Mitchell Shire Council, who have rejected this planning permit twice already, and the community, who clearly do not want this quarry.

Kind Regards,
Angela de Jager

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