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An individual

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Email



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Dear Sir or Madam

I am the resident of Wallan and my house is located circa 1,800 meters from the proposed quarry. I am writing to you to object to the quarry development. It is paramount that the impact on the people living nearby is considered before any decision is taken. We are truly horrified about the possibility of the quarry operating so close to our home.

Loss of property value – the quarry development will diminish the property value. If the quarry goes ahead, our home will lose its market value. Research from the US confirms that houses within a close proximity to the quarry lose up to 19% of its value. Crushthequarry.org.

Rock blasting sound pollution - Monday to Friday, 12 pm to 5pm. There is no structure or vegetation between the proposed quarry site and our estate located by Taylors Lane. Noise carries long distances and it will invade our home offices, living rooms and bedrooms. Our family has been affected by COVID-19 – both mentally and physically. Rapid, unexpected, consistent and loud bangs will ruin our health even further. How can we make a living & raise a young family and look after our health if we are subjected to such blasting noise? Knowing that the blast may happen any time - Monday to Friday from 12pm to 5pm will severely impact our emotional and mental well-being. Even if the blast noise meets the approved criteria – it is still the noise that we will have to suffer for the next 40 years while the quarry continues to operate. This will have a profound impact on our health and well-being – both mental and physical. We will not be the only ones affected, there are more families with similar circumstances living near-by.

Rock blasting tremors could cause structural damage to our houses. After last year's earthquake our houses (frame and slab) will now be subjected to the underground tremors for the next 40 years! No construction will escape damage from consistent underground tremors. It is well known that vibrations can cause foundation cracking. "When the quarries are blasted with explosives to break up the rock, some

energy from the blasts escapes into the atmosphere. This generates air blasts or vibrations. Reported exposure to these vibrations creates damage to structure near the quarry. Additionally some energy from the blast vibrates through soil” – Rock Quarry Blasting Home Damage Lawsuits – forthepeople.com. In addition to the above, any consistent (for the next 40 years) vibrations may cause – mental and physical adverse effects to people living in close proximity to the quarry.

Dust pollution from a site of 47.9 hectares due to high winds. No amount of precautions will prevent dust from escaping the quarry site and entering our house, back-yards and lungs. .The quarry is expected to produce 700,000 tons of stone per year! Consistent exposure to the dust from blasting, stone mining, crushing and transport from 47.9 hectares will impact the health of our children. I suffer from Asthma and any additional dust will make my condition worse.

Traffic build-up on Northern Highway will result in accidents and potential loss of life, not mentioning longer travel times for the local residents. With the addition of new housing, the residents of Wallan and other townships are often stuck in a traffic jam, often spilling into the Northern Highway. Additional traffic lights, to allow trucks to leave/enter the quarry site, will make the traffic build-up longer. To get home, our family will have to wait in a longer traffic jam, directly on the highway, which may result in a serious accident or loss of life due to other motorists driving into the stand-still traffic. This is a disaster waiting to happen.

We were very worried about the independent committee’s decision regarding the quarry. How many of the committee members live in the area? How many of them may live so close to the quarry. The quarry will mine 700,000 tons of stone for 40 years! This will come at a massive cost to us, the people of Wallan and our properties.

The impact of the quarry will be devastating to us across all aspects of life:

- Financially – our property will drop in value or may be subject to the tremor damage,
- Health-wise due to dust and sound pollution

- Mentally from being exposed to the above mentioned factors for the next 40 years!

We have already been impacted by COVID. With the quarry going ahead we will lose even more. We live and work from home. I cannot imagine living with the quarry near-by.

There is so much to lose by so many. I understand the owner of the quarry does not live in Wallan and he will not be affected by its development.

Let me conclude by saying that I sincerely hope that you will hear and understand our concerns and worries, put yourself in our position and choose the health and wellbeing of the local community, both adults and kids, over the profits of the few individuals pursuing this project.

Thank you for taking your time to review my objections

Sincerely

Mike Stankiewicz

I confirm that I have read and agree to the above conditions for making a submission.

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