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I am a former resident of [REDACTED] now retired [REDACTED] My wife [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] in Wallan during that time.

I am opposed to the proposed quarry at 175 Northern Highway, Wallan given that will be next to new housing and according to the maps will have a buffer zone occupying half of the neighbouring property.

When this quarry was identified in 1996 there was little or no development planned for Wallan. Neither was Wallan within the Metropolitan boundary.

Wallan is proposed to be home to 50,000 residents but who would want to live near a quarry with blasting and toxic dust blowing over their properties with small children playing in the back garden?

A spokesperson for the quarry owners says it will be "temporary land use". They also state that it will "maintain our community's standard of living". There was also talk of "economic growth of our community".

There is nothing "temporary" about extracting 17 million tonnes of basalt over 30 years and then proposing to use it as a tip.

What this quarry will do is stifle economic growth, reduce the community's standard of living and reduce the value of properties within Wallan.

I am sure there are plenty of other quarry sites within Victoria that are nowhere near future housing developments.

It surprises me that Broadford resident and current Attorney General Jaclyn Symes is pushing this proposal when she is part of the Mitchell Shire and should be supporting her local community.

What also concerns me about this proposal is the current legislation before Parliament that proposes to approve development behind closed doors thereby denying Victorian residents the opportunity to view and object to any future development. It also gives the Minister for Planning unlimited powers to override any objection. I believe in Openness and Accountability and this power given to any one person can only lead to corruption.

The Mitchell Shire Council have already rejected this quarry twice. Now is the time for the local MP's and Planning Minister to listen to both the Mitchell Shire Council and the residents of Wallan to ensure the continued growth of Wallan in a clean and sustainable future. This proposed quarry should not be approved and other sites should be looked at for the purpose of construction within Victoria that are not within future housing developments.

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