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Presentation to IPCN (or PAC Planning & Assessment Commission)
12 March 2018 @ Mercure Hotel, Williamtown

Good afternoon, my name is Dorothy Harland. I live at Banksia Grove Village on Nelson Bay Road in Williamtown, in the middle of the Red Zone

Even though I live some 10km from this proposed sand mine, I feel the impact of sand trucks thundering down the road and the negative impact they have, not only on myself, but on my friends and neighbours.

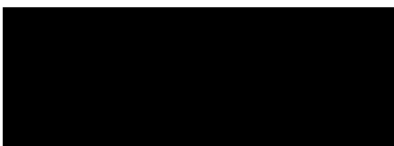
Older people trying to cross the road to catch a bus to go shopping, medical appointments, socialising and so on, is fraught with danger. Some residents are so terrified of the trucks, that when they have to cross the road on a return trip from eg Salamander Bay, they actually feel they have to travel on to the airport to await a bus going the other way, just so they don't have to tackle the trucks. This wait at the airport can take anything up to an hour ---just to cross the road to their home ---This is a ridiculous situation. Driving out of the village, and indeed out of any property along Nelson Bay Road, is a dicey affair with trucks roaring past at 80 +++kmh

Contaminated sand being mined and trucked around the state is an ludicrous idea. To illustrate just how ludicrous:- Residents along Cabbage Tree Road have been instructed/ordered not to remove soil/sand from their properties in any quantity eg in a box trailer, without first having it checked/cleaned and basically certified that it is not or is no longer contaminated. A box trailer of soil/sand is feared because of the PFAS contamination. I am dumbfounded that anyone would even consider approving the mining of this PFAS contaminated soil/sand to be trucked out in the thousands and thousands of tons to places unknown. International studies and reports clearly show the very unhealthy nature of man-made PFAS and its links to a wide range of diseases.

Yes I am cynical, I cannot in my wildest imagination, believe that every little bit of that mined soil/sand will be checked/cleaned and basically certified that it is not or is no longer contaminated, BEFORE IT LEAVES THE MINE SITE. The broadly published breaches of sand mining and trucking regulations at other sand mining sites in the area, puts paid to any argument that says it won't happen on Cabbage Tree Road. You could say there is a serious lack of trust in sand mining companies to abide by the laws and regulations.

What about the Cabbage Tree Rd children and families needing to cross the road for any number of reasons. What a tragedy waiting to happen. It can be avoided. Local Residents have already been traumatised by the PFAS contamination. Their properties dramatically lost value overnight when the contamination was announced in 2015. Approving this sand mine, which is only metres from residents homes/properties, will add to and heap more trauma on them. These people do not need a silica laden dusty sand mine next to them to further de-value their properties. They can't stay, they can't leave

Please, PAC, In the PUBLIC INTEREST and NOT in the interest of big money, DO NOT approve this sand mine. Thank you



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