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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Proposal: Cabbage Tree Road Sand Quarry (SSD 6125)
Property: █ Cabbage Tree Road, Williamtown

We are Max and Sue Reddie residing at █ Cabbage Tree Road, Williamtown. We strongly object to the above proposal as we will be directly affected by the proposed sand mining project.

We are concerned by the health risks, the extra number of trucks on our road, the loss of koala habitat, further contamination of our water and the disturbance and removal of contaminated soil and sand in the Red Zone.

Max has a lung condition called Bronchiectasis, so we are extremely concerned about the prospect of the sand being air dried and not washed. We are south west of the proposed mine and given the fact that our prevailing summer winds are from the north east, we will be directly in the path of the airborne silica. We not only live at the above premises but run an automotive repair workshop from here in an open front north east facing shed, which we have happily done for the past 34 years. Silicosis is a deadly disease and there have been many lawsuits against companies in America due to the health problems it causes.

The number of extra trucks on our road is a frightening prospect for us. We will be the second last home passed on their return trip to the proposed sand mine. Will the drivers be tired when they are almost at their final destination for the day? We have already had a tired truck driver roll his heavily laden truck and dog in our front yard, causing us a major inconvenience. If he hadn't woken when he did his rig would have been driven into our bedroom as we slept at 3.15am. (See figure 1)

On December 5 2016 another incident occurred when friends, who also live on Cabbage Tree Road, were turning into our driveway. They had given the truckie plenty of notice that they were turning as they are very familiar with the danger of turning into a driveway off our road. The driver was obviously not watching, the road was wet and he was apparently unladen. When he finally realised they were turning he was unable to stop and jack-knifed the truck and dog into the front yard of our neighbour diagonally opposite us. (See figure 2). It doesn't bare thinking about the outcome had he ploughed into or over them.

Eventually someone will be injured or worse it is just a matter of time.

As one of our major objections is extra truck movements, what is wrong with having the trucks enter and exit on Masonite Road out of everyone's' way. There is already an existing road which would just need upgrading to cope with the trucks. I feel most of us would be happy with that outcome. The proposed entrance/exit to the sand mine is opposite the heaviest concentration of homes in Williamtown.

FIGURE 1



FIGURE 2



Has anyone any idea just how many truck and dogs frequent Cabbage Tree Road every day? Here is a list of them that we have noticed while waiting to exit our driveway. These are by no means the only trucks as many of them are not sign written and tankers are now also being filled with sand.

ANL, ATB Norton, Australian Builders, Australian Transport, Bedrock, Benedict, Blue Gum; Boral, Collins, CTC, Daracon, Downer, Elite Haulage, Enhance, Flower Power, Haloran, Hanson, Harris, Holcim, Hunter Quarries, ICF Haulage, Ireland, Lansons, Linx, Magill, Maitland Readymix, McCulloch, Meadows, Metromix, Mullown, Pace Haulage, Pacific Fertilisers, Parkers, PF, Raygal, RB Haulage, Redicrete, Richardson, Robsons, Roy Lamb, Select, Sox, Sydney Tops in Trucks and Dogs, Sydney Wide, TGS, TJB, Tripods & Turtle Landscape Supplies.

Is it any wonder we don't want *another* ten trucks per hour!

We think it goes without saying how disgusted we are that the Sand Mine Project can go even be contemplated when we are not allowed to remove soil from our own properties in the Red Zone. As yet it is still unknown what the consequence of PFAS contamination is to both residents and the environment.

Are the recipients of the contaminated sand going to be notified that their sand is coming from the Red Zone in Williamstown?

When the sandhills from behind us are removed the noise from the Airport and RAAF planes is going to increase enormously. A noise that we didn't have when we bought here 34 years ago. Who is going to meet the expense of double glazing our homes against it.

It has been brought to our attention that the removal of the sand hills will raise the level of the water table. Our home is in a low part of our two acre property and when we get heavy rain the water table rises quickly to within 50mm of flooding our home before it starts to run into the drains. Any rise in the water table will surely increase the risk of flooding our home. In 34 years we have never had the water come inside.

Please reconsider the decision to approve this unnecessary Sand Mine.

Yours faithfully,

Max and Sue Reddie