

Good morning, my name is Karen Quade.

I live at [REDACTED] ^{on the} Platina/ Fifield Road which is here. (Place picture on map)
I have lived on this property for 33 years having previously resided at "Roseneath" from 1975 until 1985. I have lived in this district for 44 years. I am in a farming partnership with my husband Colin and this farm was previously owned by his parents and we purchased it in 1981. We now farm these properties with our son and daughter-in-law sometimes assisted by their three small children. This farming includes growing cereal crops and sheep.

Since I retired from teaching in 2014, I have become more involved with the farming side of our business as well as doing volunteer work in Trundle. This work includes St Vincent De Paul, The Trundle Day Centre for the elderly and the CWA.

I enjoy living on our farm as it is only 20 minutes from Trundle, 10 minutes from my son & daughter-in-law & 3 grandchildren and one hour from Forbes where my two daughters live with three more grandchildren. All six grandchildren love to visit our farm for camping, feeding sheep and going for bush walks as well as having camp fire dinners. I also like to walk around the front paddocks listening to podcasts and I often go on the road where it is smoother.

I am not objecting to this mine however there are many aspects of its development that I feel uncomfortable about. I also realise that this mine may bring new opportunities to this area in relation to more employment prospects for local people. These people would then have the revenue to spend in the nearby towns. This way the local businesses may be able to keep their prices lower to attract more customers so they- the customers- will shop locally and not need to travel to the larger centres of Parkes/ Forbes/ Orange/Dubbo. Some businesses, for example the Café, may even reopen and there is the potential to attract new businesses.

Living so close to the Platina-Fifield Road, I am concerned about the volume of trucks that will be going past our front gate as our house is only 800 metres from the road. This includes the additional trucks because of the use of third party limestone being transported past our farm. The noise that will be heard in our house from these trucks is a huge concern for me. This will cause sleep disturbance for me as I am a light sleeper. Perhaps there could be a curfew from 10pm until 6am.

I use this road almost daily to travel to Trundle for my voluntary work and I also babysit my grandchildren on a regular basis- either collecting or delivering them home. With the increased volume of heavy trucks on our road, I'm concerned for my safety and that of my grandchildren as there will be increased risk of a traffic incident with many more vehicles on this road. As it is a very straight stretch of road past our gate, trucks could be travelling at 100 k/h as I attempt to enter or exit my farm.

This road is also a school bus route for two of my grandchildren so I have concerns for them, the driver and other students on the bus in the early morning and afternoons for the same reasons. I would very much like to see firm guidelines about the use of the local roads during school bus times, and during the night. I believe that there must be some concessions made by the mine to

accommodate the reasonable needs of the existing members of our community.

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate my concerns about this mining project. Namely the massive volume of traffic and hence noise pollution and the safety implications that these traffic movements will have on me and my family farm and all those who frequent our family farm.

Thank you for giving me the
opportunity to speak today.