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This is a submission from the property of 197 Vogeles Road Martins Creek to object to the expansion of the Daracon Martins Creek Quarry.

#### Reason to object

1. Noise. When the quarry is operating the noise which starts early in the morning to late at night causes us stress at the constant loading machine noise, truck noise and grating and constant moving of machinery
2. Charges going off. The noise and the swoosh of the charges that rattle windows shake the house and cause the stock to run due to the feeling and the noise. You can actually feel the movement on the air.
3. Damage to the property. We have cracks in the floor and walls due to movement because of the blasting, quarry movement etc
4. Devalue of the property when it comes time to sell. The value and resale value of the property will diminish with a quarry so close to property is a constant worry and stressful.
5. Wildlife. We have Koalas, Brush-tailed phascogale, Bandicoot, echidna, black cockatoo, Quoll, Wedge-tailed Eagles and other wildlife that will suffer territory disturbance and reduction of habitat. We have a colony of Koalas that frequently use our property and surrounding land to live and if the quarry goes ahead it will disturb them and diminish their habitat then endanger the colony's stability. Endangered Species in Australia In Dire Need of Protection... Koalas, Greater Glider, Regent Honeyeater, Eastern Quoll, Woylie, Wedge-tailed Eagles and Bandicoots are extremely vulnerable
6. Flora. Being an area of natural beauty the area has some small orchids, trees and other flora which will be impacted on with any more clearing or disturbance.
7. Railway noise. The constant train traffic will cause noise, rattling, loader going at all hours which will cause stress and disturbance to living and sleep and cause more mental health issues for all that live around the quarry
8. Truck on road. The amount of trucks hauling the product is too much. Load fall from trucks which causes damage to cars and property. Our car suffered damage when a large rock flew off a truck we were following and hit the car. Young son drives to and from to work and the amount of trucks are a worry from the trucks traveling too fast and over taking making it dangerous to travel from Martins Creek to Maitland. Trucks in the town of Paterson making it too dangerous to do any shopping or community dealings. Trucks turning in on the smaller roads making it dangerous to travel on those roads. Trucks lined up along the roads waiting to go into the quarry from early in the morning to late afternoon, night causes more danger on the roads surrounding quarry
9. Not employing locals as stated from Daracon they employ 20+ locals doesn't weigh up against the thousands of people living and working in the area of Martins Creek, Paterson, Dungog and surrounding areas
10. No one from any place has come to talk to us about the constant noise, movement and going on
11. The new proposal state to run truck from 3pm that still doesn't address the noise issue to us whom live around the quarry, the constant noise from night to morning still is too much

12. Pollution. The smell of the dust, charges and machinery can be smelt at our property and causes breathing problems to our family  
This area is a beautiful area from the rainforest of our mountain to the paddocks of the farm land. Daracon isn't interested in the area and helping it grow. They are thinking money, money, money. The quarry should be turned into a wildlife corridor to ensure the survival of our endangered koalas eagles and other wildlife not to forget the flora.  
The majority of residents are against the quarry being there  
Wasn't operating when moved to the area  
The residential and small acreages and families are more viable than the quarry