

To: IPCN Panel  
SSD: 1159-1659

From: Amanda Albury of 151 Forest Glen Road Limeburners Creek, NSW 2324 (The Bucketts Way, NSW Tourist drive 2).

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Subject: My objection to SSD1159-1659 and the individual and Cumulative impacts to natural environment (wildlife/water/air/people's health, our animals, homes/properties amenity of area and eco-tourism accommodation and wildlife reserves) will be catastrophically impacted if IPCN does not refuse this proposed development outright.

*This document is my/our story:- Help STOP THESE proposed developments from proceeding to destroy NEW bushland/forest areas and KILL MORE WILDLIFE SPECIES. No New Quarries!*

My objection to SSD 1159-1659 and request that IPCN Panel refuse this NEW quarry as the Merits of this proposed project are baseless to the majority who voted to oppose this development and request IPCN protect Deep Creek, the wildlife, Karuah River to Port Stephens-Great Lakes Marine Park and people, our animals, wildlife reserve and the Eco-Tourism businesses that will all close down as currently there is NO NOISE of this nature coming out of anywhere in Deep Creek, Forest Glen, Fords Road and surrounding areas.

My name is Amanda Albury. I object to bushland/forest clearing and wildlife deaths, regardless of anything being SSD or not. We have lived at 151 Forest Glen, Limeburners Creek NSW 2324 (The Bucketts Way), for 21 years. Your urgent help is needed please to stop these NEW quarries, NEW bushland clearing for cattle etc. Our property will open to the public and whoever receives this report, come, see information of proposed quarries and bushland clearance approvals from Local Land Services next door to us and behind us some 227.33 acres and more to be clear-felled in known Core Koala Habitat with regular sightings, and where the proposed quarry wants to destroy if approved also in Core Koala Habitat with regular Koala sightings in this area, surrounding properties, and wildlife travel through these properties of the 'proponent' north, south, east and west, and also cross Deep Creek Road into properties in Forest Glen Road and come across also into our property (Koalas, Wallabies, Kangaroos, Goannas, Echidnas, snakes, and these wildlife species and others need to move freely, instead of what is proposed 3 haul roads of vehicles as they believe they have a right and they don't to interfere with everyone and everything that already lives here. Our wildlife has enough problems without having 3 haul roads, pits, cliffs, blasting, noise, dust, ground tremors and loose this amount of bushland forests for a quarry SSD or not, should not happen at all ever. We have already lost enough wildlife species and their habitat, stop adding further areas to be destroyed. It is a sick twisted attack on wildlife/bushland forests and old growth trees with the most amazing hollows and should not be continually approved, Koalas and other wildlife species in bushland/forests being removed by quarries, coal mines, housing disasters, bushland/forest clearing, wildlife will become extinct. Those of you responsible for signing this to happen, just stop! I don't give my permission. Then those companies destroying the environment seeking approval from Planning/IPC, need to STOP giving them further approvals at the loss of wildlife and flora species and catastrophic health crimes being committed on people (adults and children), in our homes, on our properties.

- IPCN approval of proposed quarry, would destroy Deep Creek, Deep Creek Valley for wildlife species and flora species and revoke a Zoned Protected Creek of Karuah River, Port Stephens-Great Lakes Marine Park.

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other attachment coming for wednesday  
on Tuesday Courier Service, and another USB of film +  
Photos  
Amanda Albury

- **IPCN if they approved this NEW quarry in “Greenfield bushland/forests/wildlife/Zoned Protected Deep Creek to Karuah River, Port Stephens-Great Lakes Marine Park, would also set an ugly precedent around NSW & Australia, to revoke Zoned Protected Creeks to Rivers elsewhere for quarries, coal mines, developments that are not part of this environment and will destroy bushland/forest continuity, for wildlife species to travel freely, without accelerated numbers of trucks/vehicles carving up the valley in 3 separate roads.**
- **If IPCN approves this monstrous environmental catastrophe around the headwaters of Deep Creek and any of the Deep Creek arms of this Zoned protected Creek to Karuah River Port Stephens-Great Lakes Marine Park. This Marine Park, Karuah River and up to Deep Creek will be destroyed (there are enough destroyed creek to river systems from coal mines and quarries in our valley and elsewhere).**
- **Currently the Deep Creek valley, is free of any of this type of quarry/mine developments. The Merits of protecting Deep Creek to Karuah River, Port Stephens-Great Lakes Marine Park. Once natural water sources are destroyed including, creeks and rivers, which we already have in our valley from coal mines, (discharge water; dark grey, black, orange), and quarries have filthy coloured dirty water holding dams, that (discharge off site at Karuah leaving the water yellow, salmon pink, green, blue).**
- **The IPCN is requested to cause no harm to our natural environment or to people (adults and children).**
- **The Merits of this project will cause harm, kill wildlife, destroy remaining remnant bushland/forests and therefore must be refused. This project will cause harm to wildlife/aquatic wildlife, air quality, water quality and people and our health and mental health. The problems, death to the natural environment/wildlife and the catastrophic health issues to people are too great to approve such an atrocious development application. The DPIE documentation did not report on the actual impacts already here in this area of Limeburners Creek from the quarry to our East or the health impacts on people from this operating quarry. The DPIE deflected saying it was “visual”, like that was all we were smashed by, shows me the lack of humanity to assist people when the very signatures on the page from various Government Departments are the ones who have caused the heinous crimes being done to environment and we people living in that environment being destroyed. To add a NEW quarry which will also take out headwaters of Deep Creek/Zoned Protected Creek of Karuah River, Port Stephens-Great Lakes Marine Park, and kill this amount of wildlife and remove plant species, should not happen, ever.**

It is hoped that IPCN will refuse the proposed quarry seeking to destroy Deep Creek, a Zoned Protected Creek of the Karuah River, Port Stephens-Great Lakes Marine Park. No amount of conditions of consent, will EVER protect the headwaters of Deep Creek or other creek systems. Regardless of categorising them 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Order Streams, they are all working parts of the natural creek system as is, Deep Creek to Karuah River Port Stephens Great Lakes Marine Park. I do not give any of you permission to deregister Deep Creek as a Zoned Protected Creek of Karuah River Port Stephens-Great Lakes Marine Park. None of you have my permission to approve such an atrocity to the natural environment, where currently there is no such destructive quarry and is surrounded by hundreds and hundreds of people's homes with 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 people living in these homes.

**Conditions of Consent can be manipulated by DPIE, EPA, PAC/IPCN, Ministers, Members of Parliament, other Government Departments, to change wording, and remove these conditions of Consent outright, by rescinding them as DPIE was planning to do for Duralie Coal by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010. (ICAG Inc. and JCCC) to go to court on behalf of the environment and impacts on people/animals.**

No amount of conditions will EVER help the environment or people, who become sick through these putrid approvals. It is NOT in the best interest of wildlife and their bushland/creek/river homes. It is not in the best interest of the majority of people, who are already living here surrounding Deep Creek Valley Limeburners Creek/Allworth, in this remaining bushland/forest areas, with wildlife species including Koalas now listed as Endangered. We do not have any man-made, mechanical/mining noise happening at all ever in that area. So therefore any desk top analysis is void of reality and baseless and dangerous to life, wildlife species, people and our animals.

**This is NOT a Merits based project for the majority of people who say NO!**

It is not a Merits based project for the majority of people who will be catastrophically affected and smashed by dust and noise, trucks, vibrations, crusher, blasting, lights, fumes etc., should IPCN approve such a monstrous development in this "Greenfield area" of bushland/forest environment and the headwaters of Deep Creek, A Zoned Protected Creek of Karuah River, Port Stephens-Great Lakes Marine Park. We already have in various areas off The Bucketts Way (NSW Tourist Drive 2), coal mines and quarries which already destroy wildlife species, flora species and pollute the air we breathe, and have destroyed creeks that once had Platypus and other wildlife species, and water pollution (running creeks, black, orange, pink, yellow, green suspended particles/matter into creeks to rivers down-stream of the quarry/coal mine/development areas. This also causes catastrophic health issues which are NEVER acknowledged, addressed and mitigated (to use the buzz word terminology). These companies have already polluted the land, water with their discharge events and dirty water holding dams, flowing into the natural remaining areas of creeks to rivers.

**PRECAUTIONARY PRINCIPLE MUST BE ADOPTED BY IPCN PANEL AND THE PROPOSED QUARRY MUST BE REFUSED**  
Therefore the Precautionary Principle must be adopted for the environment and for the people living in this environment. This project would kill wildlife (cause permanent harm). This project would destroy habitat, remaining bushland/forests with old growth trees with hollows and wildlife species living in this relatively undisturbed bushland/forest properties and creek lines of Deep Creek would be destroyed and killed. Therefore the Precautionary Principle must be adopted by IPCN Panel and this proposed quarry project must be refused.

**DOCUMENTATION HAS ERRORS, OMISSIONS AND FALSE CONCLUSIONS**

- The documentation from the various paid consultants and the DPIE documentation is more than alarming, with the false narrative written across their pages. The community is given 28 days to respond to thousands of pages, "that is of course", if we received the notification (which I did not until almost the 6<sup>th</sup> day). This

already shows that the buzz words of “honesty, transparency, above board, balance, have each party on the same page” are false. We will be smashed if this quarry is approved in a variety of ways, yet these actual impacts already suffered from a quarry 10.5km away to our East and the health impacts I and others suffer are not acknowledged by anyone in any Departments, Ministers, Members of Parliament who can hold Inquiries into the health crimes suffered by adults and children from coal mines, mining companies, quarries, CSG, bushland clearance, road building, infrastructure building that produces noise and fumes, ground vibrations, that attack a persons whole person and wellbeing and central nervous system. I know people who suffer as I do for a variety of development reasons, they all clear bush, all have noisy, fummy equipment, all produce dust, trucks/vehicles etc.

- The documentation has so many errors, that this project alone on the documentation handed to IPCN should be refused. The documentation that DPIE has just signed off in November 2023, with all the errors and conflicts of information, should also be refused. Within the first few pages of the DPIE document, they have written that there is no designated bus stops. This is FALSE. So FALSE infact, DPIE drove past bus stops, on their way to our place to meet us in June 2023. There are also other locations that children are picked up along the entire length of The Bucketts Way, as children are also being picked up at their driveways and shoulders of The Bucketts Way, including bus stop at the Village of Limeburners Creek (where the children stand on the corner of Old Coach Road and The Bucketts Way). There is also a designated bush shelter at our road, Forest Glen Road Limeburners Creek. IPCN must refuse this proposed development as the IPCN Panel did with Daracon at Martins Creek.

**The terminology being used by DPIE staff at the public meeting in December 2021 at Limeburners Creek,** (I organised for the community and DPIE staff to attend, to present the proposed quarry, as the Proponent and his staff were using COVID as their excuse to not hold any GROUP public meetings). When DPIE offered over the phone for them to come up, I said Yes, thankyou and asked when. I had (in myself and capacity of ICAG Inc. Secretary), I had four (4) days with other Committee & neighbours helping to get a flyer out to the property owners in Limeburners Creek, Allworth and into Clarence Town, Dungog areas of Ebsworth Road, Glen Martin, Glen Williams and properties around The Bucketts Way, Ironstone Drive, Deep Creek Valley, Gunns Gully Road to Booral, as the 5<sup>th</sup> day was the public meeting. DPIE came to showcase the proposal and used the new terminology to my ears “Greenfield area”. I had to ask for clarification at the public meeting, if it was “Greenfield” or “Greenfeld”. The answer “Greenfield area”. Yes it is and it must be protected and by IPCN in refusing the proposed development. This remaining bushland/forest area should not be turned into any bushland/clearance development for quarries or anything else, as it is also surrounded by people’s homes. Once a dirty, noisy, destructive quarry is in an area, or a coal mine etc. it never goes, it always wants more and more areas to destroy. Just take a look at Hunter Quarries, Seaham/Boral Quarry, Hansons at Brandy Hill, Daracon at Martins Creek, Duralie Coal, Stratford Coal etc. IPCN must refuse this development as the Merits of this development are for the proponent and his family, his staff, contractors, employees, consultants and the people in various Government Departments/positions, you have enough destroyed areas of operating quarries, without removing NEW bushland areas and wildlife for the gravel greed train. Deep Creek, Deep Creek Valley and the wildlife, people our health, our homes/properties, the amenity of the area decibels is 32 to 35 with a bird chirping and wind to 50 decibels, storms higher again. To attempt to state that wind is the same as industrial quarry noise is false narrative and definitely wrong. To attempt to state that cars and vehicles along The Bucketts Way is the same as industrial quarry noise is pathetically wrong, misguided, false, misleading and false narrative. This bushland/forest areas and surrounding properties need IPCN protection for all time, and this means a refusal of the proposed quarry from IPCN Panel.

**What this NOW shows for the public record of DPIE staff using the terminology “Greenfield area”, is a buzzword/feel good mantra, of DPIE staff, deflecting their true intentions, to the general public, property owners**

like us, who will be smashed if this malicious quarry is approved through disgraceful approvals. It seems to me and other people, the DPIE Staff were lulling the Community into a false security, "Greenfield areas", should mean an automatic Protection Zone of remaining forests/wildlife species. In using this type of terminology and explanation, advising us all who were at that meeting in Limeburners Creek Hall in 2021, there was no infrastructure of this nature (as a quarry), in this "Greenfield area" of Deep Creek/valley/road area, of Limeburners Creek, off The Bucketts Way. A "Greenfield area", where Deep Creek is a Zoned Protected Creek of the Karuah River, Port Stephens-Great Lakes Marine Park. Wildlife have lived in the Deep Creek Valley of Limeburners Creek, for all this time without (haul roads, quarry infrastructure, open cut pits, noise, dust and fumes, vibrations from blasting, equipment, trucks/vehicles, diesel water pumps/pipes and crusher etc.). So many areas of this property and ours and our neighbours around us, have escaped fires, for all this time and do have remaining Remnant bushland/forests, old growth trees with hollows in the majority, and an abundance of wildlife being destroyed with each unacceptable approval.

**RU2 – WRONG CATEGORY**, as we were never grassland, we are remaining remnant bushland/forests, even though logged all that time ago, the old growth trees remained in abundance, this is where the wildlife are living and need these proponent properties TO REMAIN AS WILDLIFE NOT QUARRIES AND HAUL ROADS, so they can move and transfer to other areas/properties. Male koalas are equally important as female koalas obviously to produce joeys. koalas are endangered to extinction, due to bushland clearing regardless of the reason, road strikes, don't approve 3 roads where there is none in the vehicle capacity the DPIE thinks makes sense is ridiculous.

**Note:** I also do not believe that the people writing the reports, who are being paid by the Proponent, would write truthful and accurate reports. How could they, when they are writing reports that they can blast out mountains and soaks, springs, creeks and slaughter all these wildlife species from ground worms, beetles, butterflies, lizards, frogs, ground birds, mice, rats, bandicoots, etc.. to all wildlife species and Koalas and dig up creeks, and divert creeks which are all headwaters and creeks of Deep Creek a Zoned Protected Creek of Karuah River Port Stephens-Great Lakes Marine Park, and so that their justification for the destruction and their conclusions that all will be "negligible, unlikely impacts" is false narrative, with the intention to downplay their actual impacts they will have if approved. Again we are 10.5km away from the quarries pits to our east and we are smashed by dust, by blasting dust, blasting gasses and chemicals, the pong in the air on most blasts (where I run inside, as this is what I smelt before I was fighting for my life to get a breath in and it burnt the inside of my nose, throat, lungs, and burnt my eyes, affected my brain and central nervous system). Who in their right mind, thinks that any of that is alright to repeat again if IPCN approved this quarry surrounded by hundreds, hundreds, hundreds etc. of people in a 360 degrees radius around the Proponents property. IPCN must refuse this proposed quarry on the grounds that the majority have voted, we say NO. No new quarry.

**WRONG ZONE:** Despite OUR AREA being wrongly and disgustingly labelled RU2, allowing anything from a coal mine, a quarry, an airport, (destroying bushland/forests/old growth trees with hollows and billabongs for cattle), to a wildlife sanctuary to accommodation/eco-tourism facilities etc., shows how ridiculous this RU2 Zoning actually is, as the developments that cause the clear-felling of bushland/forests and wildlife deaths and defunct or polluted natural water-sources, are NOT in keeping with the CURRENT AMENITY OF THE AREA and therefore SHOULD NOT BE APPROVED. So that means the wildlife is living in an area that is currently only being impacted by the Proponent/staff and his neighbour free ranging cattle through everyone's properties. This neighbour and/or together with the Proponent having all these Council DA's in to change boundary fences is I believe part of what these 2 property owners have been doing for sometime, this property has given them access to build their haul road, one of the nicest properties that retained many trees and bushland and cleared other areas for grass for cattle, is taking payment I assume for the destruction of this rural/agricultural and bushland/forest for wildlife and cattle property. This property to my attention in 2018, and has been busy building the roads, miraculously is in the

same area as the proposed haul road, yet on Council Development Application, it was down as a house and a driveway, yet there was NO maps of where this driveway was going. When I enquired with Council back in 2018, as the road was being built (as in the haul road was being built), they kept to their DA of a driveway to a house and said they had leeway to build the driveway where they wanted (really?). The infrastructure of this proposed quarry has been done behind closed doors and property gates I believe since 2005 around the time of the proposed Magnetite Mine on Ironstone Mountain (2km from us), our house shook from the ground up every time they let off a depth charge into the Magnetite Seam. We still have a crooked light that due to racked pine ceilings, we can't fix it. This was the damage we sustained and yet no one acknowledged what happened or compensated us. Now at 1.3km away and less if this quarry is given a disgusting approval, I am very aware what will happen to our house/property and us. Is IPCN going to come out to our home and others if they are being impacted by this quarry should they approve it, I think not. So then don't approve it and refuse it outright. I know DPIE does not come out when people ARE actually affected, even if being gassed as happened to me in April 2023. No one in any Department comes out to help people with the 'said development' causes impacts in any way. No new quarries/developments should be added, as the ones operating are running rife, on their "self-regulating, self-reporting, self-monitoring" and will not document, report when people such as me speak to the company directly, we are immediately attacked verbally telling us (that what is happening to us), is not actually happening!

**The public believed "Greenfield Areas" had a higher status deserving protection from people working in DPIE and various other Government Departments.** To list this remaining significant, bushland/forest areas, with wildlife species including being Core Koala Habitat with regular Koala sightings on people's properties from Deep Creek Valley who cross Deep Creek Road and Deep Creek (creek lines), to come into properties in Forest Glen Road (including our property). Koalas and other wildlife species on various Government Departments lists, now listed as Endangered, and the Departments that have maps of Deep Creek as being A Zoned Protected Creek system of Karuah River, Port Stephens-Great Lakes Marine Park and maps showing Koalas exist in these areas. Then the DPIE Staff of three (3) to ALL sign off on their disgusting, disturbing narrative in their documentation, that this NEW quarry should be approved, shows how ingrained in their decision making, they all are, and also after coming to our property to meet us and see how close the operating Hunter Quarries is to our EAST and the actual, real-time health crimes being committed by this company to us and other people (adults and children), is again a disgusting and disturbing wrong conclusion they have all made. IPCN Panel must refuse this development, and stand as the "Independent Planning Commission", which is separate from DPIE and other Departments. IPCN must therefore use their position as they did in refusing Daracon at Martins Creek and refuse the proposed quarry deep creek.

**Our hearing is permanently damaged by chainsaws and tractors noise inside our home,** from bushland clearance next door and a property over behind us, being cleared for cattle a direct bushland corridor into the Karuah National Park. The noise was catastrophic and has permanently destroyed our hearing, left with screeching in the ears or low tractor noise in our ears 24/7. Inside our home the noise started at (74 decibels noisy chainsaw, the old chainsaw 32-25 decibels), inside our lounge-room, vibrating our house, through the concrete floor, walls and roof. They would be using 4 chainsaws and 3 tractors or more over the top of each other. The noise even with industrial headset on, caused our ear drums to flutter and mine also stabbed with pain. The noise would literally drive my husband and I out of our home and off our property, though we would come back after 6pm and they were still going in some capacity, even tractors being used after 1am the following morning.

**To anyone reading this document, who thinks that any of this is alright, please think again and stop this from happening.** To subject the wildlife, people and our animals, to this type of relentless noise, just like a coal mine, CSG, or a quarry with all their operating equipment, causing so much, pain and health issues to other people, our animals and wildlife species, and add blasting dust, fumes, gasses, ground vibrations, truck movements in an area

that does not have 5 trucks coming out of this property per hour, per day, per week, then its alarming that DPIE have suggested 50 trucks an hour, like any of that makes any sense. The proposed quarry, therefore is not a project based on Merits at all ever!

**The bushland clearing approved 27.33 acres and not approved 200+ acres:-** We were being affected from the noise every day, 7 days a week from before 7am to after 1am the following morning. An operating quarry is no different with the noise produced, and only stops when they stop the crusher, the truck loading, the blasting, the digging, blasting, truck movements and diesel generators etc. The people clearing bushland next door to us, did not care about any of the impacts they caused us, or what his contractors caused us to suffer permanent injuries to our hearing, our health, mental health, wellbeing and enjoyment on our property. The Contractors staff, also (I identified them both in this vehicle which was confirmed by the contactor that one was his business partner and the other his contact), retaliated by driving up and down the footpath digging up the footpath with their trucks and oversized 4-wheel drive/utes, and another day, the older man was driving on the wrong side of the road, following me as I walked up our top paddock garden, I had not realised in the beginning I was being followed, though driving on the wrong side of the road, any neighbour could have driven directly into them including the School bus etc. Over this time, over all these years, due to the noise of all the machinery, we could have no one stay with us for almost 3 years, or stay or visit as the noise was relentless. We would stop people from coming, as we did not want their eardrums to be destroyed like ours. We phoned over years DPIE, EPA, and Council, Environment Line, Police etc. and every Department we called including Council "fobbed us off". We were left to suffer and the harm caused to us is wilful intention to harm knowing they were producing unnatural noise into the area and inside our home. The enjoyment and amenity of our property was stopped until they turned off all their equipment, the following morning towards well after 1.30am. During these almost 3 years, anyone who came, said a quick hello and got back in their car with their hands over their ears and drove away. It took the offending property owner, 6 months to come and stand on our back verandah, where he said he did not realise how noisy it was. This person has refused so far, to write us a letter stating that fact, and also contacting the Council (who held a very alarming noise test resulting in a bogus conclusion), he has not done that either. While they have still been clearing bushland forests and wildlife all this year 2023 (27.33 acres is approved by LLS) and 200+ acres is being cleared by stealth, not approved by LLS (see email attached). Yet LLS are not stopping the illegal bushland clearing (allegedly) from happening, why not? They attack the real-time victims, they either don't respond, or if they do, they say we are not impacted, having just reported what is happening. Losing hearing from people with their chainsaw noise inside our home with industrial ear muffs on is diabolical.

**DPIE Newcastle (we were in contact 1 or twice a week and on the telephone) and his investigation was stopped and the case closed (they have stolen at least 3 if not 4 USB sticks that are my property and I want them returned with all the photos and films I produced for the DPIE Newcastle contact).** As LLS had not given approval for the 200+ acre bushland property/old growth trees with the most amazing hollows and wildlife species, (written to us in various emails that they had not given approval), then todate no one has stopped them clearing these forests full of wildlife species, and wetland billabong areas, including Koalas now listed as Endangered, from any Government Department who has had the reports of illegal bushland clearing from 2021 and photos and films. While the chainsaw noise has reduced and moved in locality, it can still be heard inside our home and with industrial ear-muffs on, the noise still impacts our ear drums. We were advised this year, he intends to "ramp up bushland clearance in January 2024". We advised that we would not return to being held prisoner on our own home and property by this unforgiving noise attack and diesel fume attack, he advised it will start in January, yet has not followed through with his verbal, that he would see us before he starts again, to put down a plan when we can be off the property (this has not happened todate 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023). Yet has had bushland clearance on his property for all of 2023 and from 2020, 2021, 2022, all being done for cattle in bushland, though he wants to subdivide is both stupid reasons for approval in any capacity of bushland/forests a direct corridor into Karuah

National Park and wildlife species living in these properties. To state to us "its not personal", having destroyed our hearing by chainsaw noise and tractor noise, shows the level of disengagement from people he and his contractors have, who caused physical harm to other people (us) and we advised them the noise was too loud inside our home the following day, when they came crashing through the bush around 9pm doing donuts knocking over trees with 2 tractors, we were about to go to bed, our neighbours house had caught fire and was saved, though wet inside, declining our offer to stay in our cabin, other family picked her up to be with them. So we knew there was no one there, and just about to go to bed, we hear machinery noise and trees crashing to the ground, the man from Cooranbong had come with friends and gone against his verbal to me as finishing by 4pm each day at the latest. I am also disturbed at the impacts to wildlife species and to our domestic animals, as their hearing is so much more refined than people's. This constant chainsaw and tractor noise is unacceptable to unleash that onto people.

**Likewise pushing a NEW quarry in an area of remaining remnant bushland/forests and wildlife species that have been corralled into remaining bushland corridors, also does not make any rational sense at all.** The proponent's properties ARE surrounded by private people's homes. No amount of "buzz-wording/spin/false narrative and false conclusions are shocking, though no surprise to me really, that you all buy into the proposed heinous crimes to be done/or are being done to our natural environment (blasting it apart, digging it up, diverting creeks, swamps, rivers, or digging up headwaters of creek to river systems and even diverting them, and slaughtering wildlife species and aquatic wildlife species, in this process, like any of that makes sense, to continue the charade using the over used buzz-wording as "negligible, unlikely, minimal, insignificant etc." is filthy! Unfortunately people working in these Government Departments, write, speak, the false narratives and tick off the boxes also falsely required to assist the ugly, destructive development, which also is not your place you live in. This is the same as DPIE and IPCN, Ministers and Members of Parliament, mining owner/operators and their paid staff and consultants, to write the false reports, and together you all have removed the word "people" and discuss people/property owners who will be smashed by the said proposed development, or are already smashed by the operating development seeking further extensions/modifications/approvals and the disgusting terminology as "receivers, sensitive receivers, receptors, sensitive receptors" is ugly and allows you all to remove yourself of your human decency towards another person that will be harmed with catastrophic health issues and everything else associated with inappropriate developments and approvals, regardless of what it is for SSD or not! To have our hearing permanently damaged is personal, as our hearing has been permanently destroyed. We are left with screeching or lower range tractor grinding noise, in the ears, which happens 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It wakes us up, or stops us going to sleep, the noise can be heard over a fan going, the TV on or driving in the car with the windows down. So stop causing other people health issues and physical/mental health harm and STOP approving these types of developments around anyone, let alone surrounded in every direction people in the hundreds and hundreds and more people the further out in Kilometres. IPCN Panel, do the right thing for the majority and our natural environment and refuse the proposed quarry seeking to destroy Deep Creek and they will and slaughter wildlife species and they will and disintegrate protection laws of Zoned Protected Creek to river systems in NSW and around Australia and make people sick (more children, more adults), if you as IPCN do not refuse this proposed development outright.

**No amount of desk top analysis can ever simulate the actual impacts** of noise, ground vibrations, crusher noise, blasting noise, fumes, diesel fumes from trucks/vehicles/pumps, dust impacts from wind picking up these rock/dust particles and blowing it around the neighbourhood, also the health issues of tractor noise/diesel fumes and chainsaw noise and fumes and diesel pump noise and fumes, sucking out an arm of Deep Creek if this was to be wrongfully approved by IPCN Panel. Then add all the pollution in the air (dust, fumes, blasting gases, diesel fumes, dirt and rock particles, the pong in the air that happens regularly from Hunter Quarries 10.5km away would happen in all your heart beats as we would be 1.3 km or less away from the open cut pit.

**BIO-CREDITS BUZZ WORD DOES NOT MAKE UP FOR SLAUGHTERING WILDLIFE SPECIES AND DESTROYING**

**FORESTS:** No bio-credits could ever make up for the wildlife deaths and bushland/forest plant species deaths, if this NEW proposed quarry in Limeburners Creek was approved IPCN Panel. This means more people will have hearing damage, more people will have respiratory issues and suffering nose bleeds and more people will be gassed and poisoned by blasting fumes, on our property/on other people's properties, inside our home/inside other people's homes. Our health and the crimes being committed against us and other people I know (adults and children, in Limeburners Creek, and in Karuah area from the same operating quarry), must stop! Our health and the crimes being forced on us, are all caused by people who do not care about the impacts they are actually having on the environment/precious wildlife/creeks to river systems and people and our animals and the people responsible in doing this to the environment and people, through their signatures on the page, which is clearly evident and disgusting of the DPIE x 3 staff in them signing for approval for this proposed quarry and the destruction of ANOTHER "Greenfield area", which shows how putrid people choose to be and the approval system actually is. **It is extremely important therefore the IPCN Panel must refuse this proposed quarry and in doing so, refuse to accept the DPIE report that is flawed, has made errors in their reports and gross errors in their conclusions based on (what?), to talk everything away and everything the Proponent wants to do by destroying the environment/wildlife/water, air quality, for everyone also already living here, without any such noise or vehicle/truck movements including air pollution from those properties, or any ground explosions and all this and more can be done in DPIE opinion, to be negligible impacts, is downright disgusting and is wrong, inappropriate to have any such developments surrounded by people's homes. Those people responsible should pay for our health bills, our loss of amenity of the area, loss of business, loss of property value etc.**

**Local Land Services staff should be fired including the PA of the CEO.** We were refused by the PA to make an appointment with the CEO of LLS, as there needs to be an investigation how LLS have not stopped the other properties from being illegally cleared, as they have ONLY approved the 27.33 acre property, not the 200+ acre property. Also LLS staff were breaching confidentiality with an investigation that DPIE Newcastle was conducting and our neighbour should not have known anything about it, yet did. We question if the good buddy in Local Land Services was passing information they should not have been, as he should not have been aware of what was happening between (DPIE Newcastle and myself and Local Land Services), yet he was. We have emails from Local Land Services advising us they did not have approval for clearance on the 200+ acres.

**HEALTH CRIMES TOWARDS VICTIMS, FROM PEOPLE OPERATING THEIR DEVELOPMENTS, WHICH IS NOT STOPPED FROM PEOPLE IN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, WHETHER THEY HAVE BEEN GIVEN APPROVAL OR NOT.**

- The rudeness of people in Local Land Services and other Government Departments, when the general public is trying to register the actual real-time impacts that we are suffering **and attempting to report illegal bushland clearing for the last 3 years todate 2023, where they have not been stopped by LLS or anyone or me reporting about the health crimes from dust, from blasting fumes and dust and noise from Hunter Quarries, the staff attacked verbally saying I could not possibly be impacted, yet they were not at our property with me hanging out the washing, or with me when I woke up with a nose bleed and dirt everywhere including on us, because I fell asleep too quickly and did not close the window open 10cm., They were also not with me when I fought for my life to get a breath in through all the involuntary coughing, I thought I was going to die, I had been gassed and poisoned by blasting fumes and my nose and throat are still affected. EPA has refused by silence to give me the MSD chemical data sheet of the chemicals that poisoned me. No one was with me the day the guests came to visit on long weekend Sunday, as they were driving down the road, my nose bled and gushed blood, I had to plug my nose, the dust was pouring off the cliffs, pits, benches and over burden of MOD10, Karuah Quarry, Karuah East Quarry and Karuah Red Quarry, yes we can see all these areas, and no Hunter Quarries staff were present**

at any of these crimes being done on the environment and us and others in this environment, our property, our home.

- **Real-time victims** are also down-talked by employees, consultant's owner/operators of proposed development/quarries/mining etc. or operating mining/quarry developments who rebuke our real-time reporting of the health crimes we suffer. Please see attached Stat Declaration and some of the guest reports on our property that day, who also suffered nose bleeds that afternoon. This is beyond wrong to have this happen to people, and meanwhile you people responsible keep putting your signatures on the page to approved these developments. Enough is enough! Really, stop giving approval. IPCN refuse this NEW proposed quarry seeking to destroy everyone and everything else in the surrounding properties and on these Proponent properties. Tell them NO, your proposed quarry will cause too much HARM to everyone and everything. NO your Application has been refused. No the DPIE document is written in bias to the proponent, instead of acknowledging operating quarries are already causing harm to everyone, everything and so are coal mines and bushland clearing for cattle. None of these cumulative developments were written about at all and the impacts they are having **on bushland/forests, wildlife, creeks and people/our animals**.
- **The people working in various Departments including Council, Ministers, Members of Parliament, either refused to contact us at all, or mock us directly over the phone, or fob us off in emails and letters. DPIE and EPA, including Council have received letters from people over years of the coal mine and quarry impacts they are suffering.** Yet nothing happens to stop these developments making other people miserable and health impacted in their homes on their properties. Yet we people are the victims of health crimes and for us bushland clearing for cattle is ridiculous permanently damaging our ear drums as stated and from quarry to our East and we get the dust on the Port Stephens breeze if Seaham/Boral Quarry has exploded as the dust brown inversion level moved across 12 Mile Creek and The Pacific Highway and then blows back to the back of our house. This quarry is 15km away to the back of our house on the South West direction.
- **The victim attacking was relentless with Local Land Services staff,** it was us that were suffering with bushland clearing for cattle/subdivision going on through the night and still at 1am and more and LLS staff were rude and made it worse. These people including the CEO of LLS or any Department, are a public servant and is paid by tax payers, and I expected to be given an appointment with my husband and I, as the various circumstances involving many staff in Local Land Services and breach of confidentiality was not being taken seriously by anyone I contacted below the CEO. Yet we were stopped by this extremely rude person as his PA, who attacks the real-time victims of crimes being done to us. I had already told her our hearing had been permanently damaged, and this was her response. I believe that this would also happen to people if this proposed quarry seeking approval around Deep Creek is approved for one year or 30 years and more is ridiculous and people will be fobbed off, when they become the victims of health crimes should this be approved, which it should not be. I guarantee as I am having happen and others by the injuries we suffer from Hunter Quarries. People who "fob off" real-time victims are void of reality and void of empathy.
- **There is no Government Department who operates for the general public affected by approved developments or ones being done by stealth.** There is no one in any Government Departments or Council who act on noise issues, instead of in my case, turning it back onto me, by holding a bogus noise test, where the old chainsaw was 32 to 35 decibels and as soon as Council was still driving down the road, he changed his chainsaw to the excessively LOUD chainsaw and inside at 74 decibels, he revved it (for my benefit,

showing what a real-time low life he actually is). The bushland clearing operated from 7am to the next morning 1am, 1.30 am, 7 days a week, going on like this for years to date. Then Council finally came out 6 months after all the initial phone calls, and held a false noise test, drew false conclusions with the chainsaw at 32-35 decibels spluttering away and yet when the Council left and was not even at The Bucketts Way, he changed to the loud chainsaw at 74 decibels inside the home. We are still trying to have an appointment with the Directors of Council and are met with silence. They know us both over this 20 years, volunteering into Clean-Up Australia Day, I have co-ordinated it for 19 years. Volunteer both of us into Rivercare/Landcare projects and other organisations. Yet Council staff are cruel to people who are having noise crimes committed against us like the Local Land Services Staff and other people in other Government Departments. **This would be no different if this proposed quarry was approved, as no legislation or department is there to protect the general public from being made health sick or stopping these developments harassing people (noise, fumes, dust, vibrations and the staff that go around contacting property owners and scaring them or bullying them into selling, which Duralie Coal and this Proponents employees did to people I knew personally etc.).**

- Likewise with these real-time examples that have injured us and other people permanently. I believe IPCN should NOT approve such an outrageous attack on the natural environment and the people/our animals living in this environment, and obviously our precious wildlife and natural water-sources in this environment. **The IPCN Panel must play it 100% safe and cause no harm and stipulate refusal under the Precautionary Principle, and refuse this proposed quarry on all grounds and is not in the best interest of the majority of people, who are already living here in remaining bushland/remnant God planted forests with wildlife species God created and this obviously includes Koala's, and we (other people adults and children), completely surround the Proponents properties in our homes/properties, wildlife reserves and eco-tourism accommodation and we cannot exist with a NEW quarry approval, which would be 1300 metres from our house and the open cut pit and closer again to other people's homes.**

### **Cumulative impacts:-**

- These companies impact directly soaks, springs, swamps, billabongs, creeks, rivers and wildlife species/flora species etc. e.g. proposed quarry Deep Creek to Karuah River, Port Stephens Marine Park, the impacts are preventable if this quarry is not approved.
- Multiples of submission periods over the top of each other, smashing the same people is more than offensive. Karuah South Quarry amendment wants to go into Karuah Quarry pit, seen clearly standing on our driveway, and then stops Hunter Quarries from mitigating this pit area.
- Once again this is showing that the "Conditions of Consent" that are given to a coal mine, a quarry, CSG or bushland clearing for cattle, can be changed by people in various Government Departments, and that stinks!
- Karuah South Quarry and Amendment proposed were over the top of proposed Eagleton Quarry, having just come off the back of proposed Seaham/Boral Quarry, off the back of proposed Stone Ridge Quarry seeking to destroy Wallaroo State Forest and turn this into a gravel quarry (proposed Stone Ridge Quarry) and have been assisted to start by Forestry Corp,

even though the Community was in a submission period in 2023, it was after the proposed Kings Hill Developments, after the proposed helicopter business wanting 70 helicopters a day to fly everywhere and to the Hunter Valley over us and other people's properties and they would need to clear coastal rainforest and Eucalyptus forests and for now they have withdrawn their application, after Land & Environment Court preliminary hearing on site and yes I spoke as an objector at this hearing. All these developments wanting to destroy the environment, kill wildlife and the impacts will be catastrophic also to people and our animals, our homes, properties, our wellbeing, our amenity of the areas we live in.

- I have not finished all of my submissions (for various proposed quarries), though claimed submitters' rights and then this proposed quarry seeking to destroy Deep Creek came out before Christmas in the disgusting assistance to the finish line, should be refused by IPCN Panel outright. DPIE people are wrong, so wrong in how they up-talked Daracon at Martins Creek, which was another submission period we went through and then the IPCN hearing, where finally the IPCN Panel refused Daracon and rightly so. Daracon Quarry Martins Creek, knowingly went out of their area and mined more rock out than they were allowed and more truck movements etc. The Planning Staff connected in anyway to Daracon at Martins Creek should have been fired, as they were NOT watching what Daracon did under their Conditions and it was left to Dungog Council to try to get a prosecution through Court. Watching the up-talking of Daracon by DPIE staff insulted many people who left on both days, due to the dismissing real-time victims impacts, the lack of concern, consideration of DPIE staff to the real-time victims of crimes, Daracon was committing on them inside their homes and on their properties. Yes I did speak to some of these people, as I was sitting at the back and went to see if they were okay each time people walked out, as many were crying. It was really a horrible display of inconsiderate people towards victims of these developments, the owner/operators and the staff of DPIE, who upset and angered many people present there over both days. I was there as an objector and also a witness and I did not like what I saw or heard from DPIE staff. If people in Government Departments are so quick to sign off on the environment we live in, then for goodness sakes, write down what is actually here, the correct and true baseline noise (wildlife species, wind, storms day and night), is different to what has been written up in these false documents, the paid consultants of the Proponent have written. There should be documents written of the true impacts of an area (taking what people say who live here), instead of believing a prefabricated document paid for by the person who wants to destroy the environment we all live in is premeditated ugliness. The only truth for the environment in the DPIE document is "remnant" forests.
- We have had submissions this year for Hunter Quarries (extensions in wildlife habitat areas MOD 10 approved 2023). 9 modifications were hidden from property owners like us, and stopped us from lodging our objections. This again shows the ugliness of people changing the goal posts on property owners they know exist and stopped us lodging objections, yet for MOD10 advised us of this submission period in writing. How convenient to stop people lodging objections. Mod 10 showed 9 applications to modify Conditions of Consent, 4 were approved and 5 applications were withdrawn. I want to know what these 5 other applications were for, I am not being advised at all by DPIE staff. Who see the general public as their balls to bounce, and this again is more than offensive to do this to people. **What legislation gives the DPIE people, the right to stop us from lodging objections against Hunter Quarries for 9 Applications/modifications?** When in reality now it seems through this ugliness we are only

notified by letter 1 out of 10 applications into DPIE. How is this seen to be “above board, transparent, honest, and a balance”. Obviously it is not!

- Proposed Karuah South Quarry, and the proposed amendment. The community in May 2019 was robbed of a PAC hearing, IPCN had not formed under your new title. The community had to raise over 25 objections, we raised 46+ objections, and while waiting for a date of the meeting to be held in Karuah. We were advised in May 2020 that the public meeting would not happen. That it was back in the DPIE for determination. WHAT? How can this happen, after the objections are counted, after the community raised the required objections, waiting for a public meeting date, the goal posts are changed, the mockery of Democracy over and over again. Wrong is not a big enough word. This must go to an IPCN hearing, as this is the parameters that the community is corralled into, like the wildlife are as more and more bushland/forests are removed and more water-sources are dug up, drained, diverted, discharged into and more aquatic wildlife die. There needs to be an inquiry into how this was changed after the objection letters had reached over the number required to move it to PAC/NOW IPCN. Yet the DPIE staff and whoever else is responsible for the above, gets away with the crimes being done to the community, over and over, and over again. The consultants came out this year with their proposed amendment and if approved. It means that the conditions of consent given to the owner/operator of Hunter Quarries will be stopped from mitigating the Karuah Quarry pit, as he is supposed to be doing. So conditions of consent are rubbish in the fact that they can be manipulated and this is wrong, they can be reworded by various government departments, this is also wrong and they can be removed by DPIE/PAC which did happen and still is and EPA is also part of this ugliness to remove conditions of consent, to water down the wording and meanings as they did for Duralie Coal, Hunter Quarries or remove them completely as DPIE was intending to do by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 for Duralie Coal, so they could discharge 24/7 into Mammy Johnsons River, Karuah River to Port Stephens-Great Lakes Marine Park. This is the way the water flows, and any discharge events cause catastrophic harm to water ways and wildlife species in these waterways. We have enough destroyed water-sources around NSW, many I have seen as I travelled with Rivers SOS every 3 months for our Regional Meetings in another area, just like ours being destroyed or about to be destroyed if people wrongly approve it to happen.
- Proposed Eagleton Quarry, etc. This EIS has just happened, and should never be approved, sitting along side people’s properties in Six Mile Road. These people, their homes and properties are already being smashed by the operating Seaham/Boral Quarry Italia Road, Balickera.
- With many more proposed and/or operating quarries seeking wrongful approvals, none should be approved in any remaining bushland/forest areas and wildlife species living in these areas, they should not remove bushland/forest mountains, they should not remove soaks, springs, creeks systems, to river systems, regardless of being down graded by the terminology of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> order stream. They all make up the creek to river system, and they all must be protected (see all the maps of the Zoned Protected Creek of Deep Creek, which must be preserved and not handed over to any type of bushland/forest clearing and quarry/mining/extractive industries. In 2023, it’s an ugly approval system that believes that any of this makes any sense to keep killing wildlife and destroying the natural environment.
- Then the proposed King Hill Development and the development of McCloys on the other side of Newline Road. So many hundreds and hundreds and hundreds + of acres of natural bushland forests, the last remaining intact forest/corridor for Koalas, Phascogales, Wedge Tail Eagles, Wallabies, Gliders, Kangaroos, Echidnas, all size of lizards and Goannas, bird life day and night-time species in that area. This bushland must be preserved entirely, not destroyed or more wildlife will be slaughtered. **The Land & Environment**

**Court/Port Stephen's Council. Land & Environment Court has refused Kings Hill Developments 2023. IPCN you ALL can refuse as you did for Daracon at Martins Creek and refuse the proposed quarry around Deep Creek as well.**

- Also direct impacts from Hunter Quarries (10.5Km away from our property) and true East to us and Parallel to us. The catastrophic impacts this company is actually having on us, other adults and children that we know, represent other people I have not met. We are impacted inside our homes, or on our properties, inside or outside, with the health crimes being committed, is leaving us with serious health issues, that people working in various Government Departments do not want to address, infact they do not acknowledge that health crimes happen from their approvals. What is happening to us and our health, is also happening to other adults and children in (Limeburners Creek & Karuah area from this operating quarry 10.5km away to our East). Please see only some of the witnesses that were standing on our driveway looking at Hunter Quarries and the dust was pouring off everywhere directly to us on the East to West breeze, we are to their West. IPCN must refuse the proposed quarry seeking to destroy Deep Creek, Deep Creek Valley, Deep Creek Roads, the general public use to access the public part of Deep Creek, the arm they want to suck dry with their water pipe, and also people bush walk over Ironstone Mountain up the strip of land that is not on anyone's private property.
- **People (adults and children), should NOT be getting nose bleeds** inside our home or gardening on our property windy day or not (for examples), or for children and adults (like myself), who have woken up next morning with blood on sheet, pillow slips and our bed shirts and dust everywhere on furniture and us with a window left open. We have swallowed the blood from nose bleeds and woken up the next morning. While other people (adults and children) wake up from sleep as they are choking on blood (I think of an 8 year old telling me, this is what happened to her). If IPCN approved this monstrous NEW quarry development around Deep Creek, surrounded by hundreds and hundreds of people, north, south, east and west. There will be more people affected by health crimes, which are being committed on us through wrongful approvals.
- **Therefore the Merits of the Development do not "stack up" for the majority of people already living here in our homes, properties, wildlife reserves and accommodation Eco Tourism businesses.** We came here specifically for to live in a no through road of Forest Glen Road Limeburners Creek, in this quiet, peaceful bushland living with wildlife species. Our base line noise is 30, 32, 35 decibels with bird calls, insect calls and wind 50 decibels and storms higher again. The Proponent and his multiples of businesses, can go buy gravel from existing quarries already surrounding the area, without being given approval to destroy a "Greenfield area" for a NEW quarry development. Therefore for the majority of people already living here in this "Greenfield area with wildlife species", which have been corralled into this last bushland area of Deep Creek and migrates out of Deep Creek Valley area to other people's properties". The Merits of the project VS everyone and everything else who will be catastrophically affected, means the IPCN Panel must rule in favour for the "Greenfield area and wildlife species and Deep Creek, Head Waters and Tributaries of Deep Creek, A Zoned Protected Creek of Karuah River to Port Stephens-Great Lakes Marine Park" and for the majority of people who already live here, we will be catastrophically affected with health crimes/mental health crimes, noise crimes, fume crimes, vibrations/explosion crimes, crusher (noise, fumes, dust) crimes, truck and vehicle noise and fume crimes, water pump fume and noise crimes and defunct businesses and worthless property value, if this "greenfield forests and wildlife species", are not protected by IPCN Panel by refusing this entire development outright.

- **I have been a witness to this when 3 young children woke up from their afternoon sleep, all had suffered nose bleeds** – Karuah area. I have copies of their reports as the Secretary of ICAG Inc. and so does DPIE. I am also a victim myself and my husband and guests on our property have also been affected by dust crimes from Hunter Quarries, where they do not dust suppress on their cliffs, benches, pits and overburden dump. These rock and dust particles move off the properties of Hunter Quarries and move across in any direction and to us, and me and other people standing on the driveway with property guests (see their statements). I read out a number of people's letters of their witness accounts of the dust clouds coming off Hunter Quarries (which is a regular occurrence on the East to West breeze), including a report from a young child who suffers nose bleeds at the IPCN hearing on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023. My husband is also impacted and suffers nose bleeds while asleep or awake.
- **Our Lychen died around 8+ years ago**, it looked sick, stopped growing and then died, thinking it was the heat in 2017, yet the lichen even in our creek lines also died, no surprise as dust clouds rolling along the ground and hundreds of metres high have been reported in documents and on films without anyone in these government Departments doing anything.
- **EPA Newcastle when they came out in June 2023**, said they would come back and take dust swabs, do other tank water tests, put up dust monitors, noise monitors and a video camera as EPA Newcastle said they were going to do. They did not. Wrote me a "fob off letter", told me they had someone looking in our general direction and closed the case. They also asked me "what do you want"?, we sent them a list of requirements for the owner/operator to do on our home/property, and heard nothing back, yet as I said we received a "fob off letter". We sent them a list. They did not respond, they closed the file.
- **The DPIE came out from Sydney in June 2023** and looked at Hunter Quarries standing on our driveway, they looked at maps, they heard about the times I was covered in dirt, hanging out the washing, the nose bleeds, the gassing/poisoning incident, that we can hear all the quarry pits/areas blast (Karuah Red, Karuah Quarry, Karuah East Quarry, MOD10) and that approving more areas should not happen, and that they don't dust suppress on their cliffs, benches, pits, overburden dumps ever at all never! One asked out the side of his face, as we were looking at the topographical maps, "what do you want?", it came from "left field, I was taken aback". I kept repeating a few times, then changed it to "what do we want". I then said we want many things to be done around our property at the expense of Hunter Quarries owner/operator. They asked as EPA did if we would have them come to our property, yes as long as they brought some of the staff that tell me I am not impacted by Hunter Quarries. They were sent a list. They did not respond at all.
- **Our tank water is contaminated.** We have dust inside our home, it's on every surface, you wipe it away with a damp cloth and the dust is back again the following day in some capacity. We have to sleep with the windows/doors closed at night as air is heavier and dust is pushed through the screens. If it is windy, I have a mask on, my cats are out of their cat run and inside in their boxes, I am stopped from doing anything outside at all. Yet the dust impacts on people are NEVER reported by people in various Government Departments or the owner/operators/consultants writing their NEW reports for a NEW proposed quarry. Therefore "balance there is none". As people are being pushed out of their homes and off their properties.

- So many companies seeking approval to start a new quarry, or extensions, modifications of existing quarries, all in new bushland areas, all will kill wildlife species in numbers unknown and its beyond wrong to keep approving this to happen, regardless SSD or not, regardless for cattle or not.
- Do not give any further approvals for a NEW quarry, as the operating quarries are running rife, and when they ARE affecting people, they get away with it, by the assistance of various people in many levels of Government Departments.

**With every wrongful approval, our wildlife is being slaughtered and what are you all doing about this?**

**What are you doing about people's health issues caused by mining/quarry companies including CSG industry? Stop approving any NEW coal, quarry, mining, CSG developments, you can't control what the operating ones do to the environment, wildlife, water, forests, people and our animals.**

**NOTE: A crusher sounds inside people's homes in Karuah (like a fighter jet plane hovering above people's homes**, shaking them from the ground up to the roof, TV's up at 100 and can't be heard, windows rattling and vibrating) until the crusher is turned off for close of business. Only then does the horrendous impacts stop, until the next morning. This not only is disgusting, people causing harm to other people. It is cruel to cause impacts to people and don't care at all, and keep destroying the environment and people's lives. (Please watch video of simulated noise vide of fighter Jet planes, which is to show what a crusher sounds like, though a crusher is constant until its turned off for the night).

**We need urgent help please, to put a tree preservation on the entire area of the remaining 200+ acres that LLS has not approved to be cleared of old growth trees, billabongs and bushland/forests and wildlife species, yet the bushland clearing keeps happening since 2021 onwards todate 2023 December.**

- Urgent help to STOP (proposed quarry), seeking approval to destroy Deep Creek/Valley area. Deep Creek is a Zoned Protected Creek of the Karuah River, Port Stephens Marine Park. They will destroy the creek to river system, you just have to look at what Hunter Quarries has done, what Duralie and Stratford Coal have done in our valley and on-flowing their contaminated water into the natural environment, **while killing also the aquatic wildlife and creeks to river systems.**
- **Also help is needed to investigate corrupt planning laws assisting owner/operator of Hunter Quarries Karuah area approval for modifications that the DPIE withheld this information from us knowing we are smashed by Hunter Quarries operations, and stopped us lodging any objections.** The quarry is running north, east and west to us, parallel to us, The Branch Lane and The Bucketts Way as he moves north). The DPIE/etc. Government Departments, have given the mining company/quarry the ability to have 9 modifications that the community, groups and property owners already impacted by Hunter Quarries, did not know about, were not advised by DPIE that we were in submission periods over years regarding this company. Out of 9 modifications, 5 were withdrawn and 4 were approved, and this only came to our attention when we were sent a letter from DPIE staff advising us about MOD10 and the submission period had already started, with no to little speed we tried to lodge objections and looking at all the documentation, all these MOD's extending the bushland clearance (twice), extending the allowable dust level, extending the allowable noise level, extending the times from 5pm to 10pm 50 days a year then 9pm the rest of the year. All these companies surrounding us, these two and many others, bombarding the same

people over and over again, in the sick twisted game that people working in Government Departments operate under. It is you people that approve and support such a sick democratic process, which makes me and others very unwell from all the stress and impacts. The consultants/departments of Hunter Quarries, had the hide to write in their documentation, that there were no objections. **HOW CAN YOU WRITE AN OBJECTION, WHEN YOU HAVE NOT BEEN ADVISED OF A SUBMISSION PERIOD AND THE DEPARTMENTS KNOW THAT WE AND OTHERS SUFFER THE HEALTH IMPACTS THIS COMPANY IS ALREADY CAUSING US THROUGH NOISE AND DUST ETC.** (I am using capitals, making this stand out). Yet advised us in a posted letter for MOD10 of this submission period. He was given approval under false pretences and deceitful means. All these approvals should be rescinded and these areas returned back to planted trees for wildlife species. Yet todate December 2023, I have not been given a copy of the legislation that states that “ property owners who are objectors to the said project, will NOT be notified of any submission periods/if any, being held/if any up to 9 separate and NEW modification/applications into DPIE, so that this prevents them putting in any form of any objection. Yet on the 10<sup>th</sup> modification/application to DPIE, we will begrudgingly contact the property owners that we know are already smashed by the said development/in our case Hunter Quarries, and allow them to put 1 objection in out of 10 in total, is a sick as this and yes this happened. All approvals that were given this way must be rescinded. I also ask how much money this person and his numerous companies are donating to various Government Departments/Ministers. The way we were stopped from lodging any objection to 9 applications to planning is disgusting, and 5 were withdrawn (what are they for?) and 4 were approved without any objections, because no one knew about them or us that are already smashed by these multiples of pits of Hunter Quarries. The above example should have a Commission of Inquiry into this. **IPCN must refuse the NEW quarry in NEW bushland/forest areas “Greenfield areas” and must protect the wildlife and Deep Creek a Zoned Protected Creek of the Karuah River, Port Stephens-Great Lakes Marine Park.**

***The CATASTROPHIC impacts on people’s health, CATASTROPHIC wildlife deaths, CATASTROPHIC destruction of natural environment and in remnant forest/bushland areas, with remaining old growth trees with hollows BEING CLEARFELLED, CATASTROPHIC IMPACTS TO HEADWATERS OF GROUND WATER/SOAKS, CREEKS, SWAMPS, RIVER SYSTEMS.***

All remaining bushland forests wrongly zoned as RU2, which allows “extractive industries”/quarries, in bushland, forests, where there are a vast number of Wildlife Species including Koalas now listed as Endangered and people living in their homes for over 60+ years or more, why should the bully and thug, the antisocial be given approval to destroy everyone-elses lives, slaughter wildlife, to profit themselves in the minority, regardless of the resources they seek to plunder out. **When will the Government actually protect the flora and fauna on their wildlife/flora protection lists? Koalas are now listed as Endangered, so their documentation is outdated and as this is in core Koala habitat area, with regular sightings and migration of wildlife species over these properties, this is another reason of many why the IPCN should not approve this NEW quarry in anyway.**

If anyone approves this proposed quarry development, you will put 3 haul roads where there are none currently! Deep Creek Road is not used by regular vehicles, our Street Forest Glen Road Limeburners Creek is a 19 house residential subdivision (dead end road) where our place will be approx. 1300 metres away from proposed open cut pit, homes across the road are closer again. The proposed quarry Proponent properties are completely, surrounded in a 360 degree radius of hundreds of homes in less than/5km radius, maybe even more homes, with hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of people living in these homes, that would be impacted for the rest of our life if this Company/any companies in these areas are approved.

- **NOTE:** The general public jumped through the deceitful planning law hoops to obtain over 56 objections for the proposed Proponents quarry seeking to destroy Deep Creek to Karuah River. This then means that this project moves to IPCN Department. In relation to the proposed quarry of the Proponents, this also needs to be refused and must be handed over to the IPCN rather than having a continued deceitful planning process as happened in 2020 and the email from DPIE is written in such a way that they will determine etc.
- I was greatly concerned and I was worried the public IPCN meeting will be taken away from the Community again as DPIE underhandedly did in 2020 with another proposed quarry – Karuah South Quarry where we also obtained over the required objections (25 back then) to move the project from the Planning Department to IPCN. In May of 2020 after years of community meetings, writing objection letters, we were advised by letter from DPIE staff that (PAC back then) would not be holding public meetings and it was back in the hands of the Planning Department. This was stolen from the public and as the Secretary of ICAG Inc., I know how hard I and our Committee/the Community worked to get more than the required objections. So firstly this needs to be either refused outright, or sent back to IPCN through Democratic process to finalise the rejection of this proposed Karuah South Quarry.

The proposed quarry of the Proponent/family seeking approval to wreck Deep Creek, is progressing through the Planning Department. Everyone who lodged via email their objections should have received an email on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 from (Planning Department)/Department Primary Industries & Environment (DPIE) etc. of further documentation on their website, as the “proponent” has responded to Government Departments, including to objectors issues raised.

While the Community produced 56 objections for the proposed Proponent Quarry seeking to destroy Deep Creek/Karuah River, which means that it should go to The Independent Planning Commission N.S.W. (IPCN). However there has been no date set down for the Community in a public meeting to verbally present our objections to the IPCN Panel. I asked Planning Department last year DPIE staff advised they were not at that stage. Their email I and others received yesterday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023, leads one to read that the determination will be done by DPIE. **“The Department has received a response to the issues raised in submissions for the (I add proposed) Deep Creek Quarry. You can access this document on the Major Projects Website. The Department will now commence its assessment having regard to the issues raised in submissions and the proponents response.**

I contacted DPIE to clarify and left message, it is 11.11am and I have had no response. I am concerned the Community may have been stopped again, from having our IPCN public hearing? The Community was successful to obtain the required objections (over 25 back then) to a PAC/IPCN public meeting at Karuah regarding Karuah South Quarry, which was removed in May 2020 by letter from DPIE to all objectors. We on our property & other people at Limeburners Creek & Karuah will be affected if Karuah South Quarry is approved. **This proposed area is the last remaining bushland 50+ acres between the 2 driveway entrances of owner/operator Hunter Quarries, as HQ is mining owner/operator Karuah South Quarry proposed land on our side of the mountain, he then wants approval to mine the other side and all but the entire property of rainforest, ferns, palm trees, fig trees and enormous Eucalyptus trees all with hollows. There are many creeks on these properties, yet they wrote there was none.**

I contacted Consultants on (M) 0421 440 139 from Wedgetail Project Consulting via various company names (Woodbury Civil/Ironstone Dev. and proposed quarry seeking to destroy Deep Creek to Karuah River, Black Hill Quarry, Woodbury Haulage etc.) on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023. His name was on the document I was reading, when I got to the paragraph about us (written without our name, house number), inferring we are not impacted by Hunter Quarries, which is 10.5 Km away from us. We actually are impacted by dust (no noise or vibrations as I informed DPIE when he rang with a number of questions years ago asking me if I heard it blast, feel it blast, hear the crusher,

hear the loading etc, then after all this looking at the year/dates, the modifications were approved without me knowing anything or anyone else about it, therefore we could as stated not lodge our objections. Hunter Quarries (HQ), other people are impacted by; dust, noise, vibrations, crusher noise/dust, loading noise, blasting, trucks etc. All impacts individually and cumulatively are catastrophic impacts and people including us suffer nose bleeds. *For the people who dispute our impacts, these people have not come to our property and you cannot see it hanging over the gate, so make an appointment. The Company Staff of Hunter Quarries said it would be inappropriate for them to come..... Really why....? They are after all the ones contaminating out home, tank, lungs and nose etc. I have also asked for over 15 years now for representatives from PAC/NOW IPCN & DPIE staff have refused to come to our property when asked. I extended the invitation to the consultant last night. PAC panel in 2014 refused to come to our place or anyone else's, yet spent ½ a day or more with owner/operator/staff showing everyone that they are not independent as they should not have seen one party (the mining quarry) over the victims of owner/operator of Hunter Quarries, yet they argued and still argued the points with me in an attempt to justify their ugly actions. It should be mandatory that the same amount of time is spent with each party, or NO contact until after the flawed process.*

**For the record:-** We were being asked on Monday by IPCN staff on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023 confirming the appointment at 5pm the following day at our property Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 5pm, to allow the Proponent to attend our property with the IPCN. I said a flat out NO. I kept being asked the same question in different ways. I took this to be that I was being bullied into saying yes. I said no, no again a few more times each time I was asked. Then I said I will say yes if I and others can go onto the Proponents property to hear what is said to and from the IPCN Panel. The answer I was given was um,... ar.. no at categorical no. I asked why would, IPCN want him/them to attend other people's properties, when they will not allow us to attend. And why would IPCN knowing this, expect people to allow the Proponent on their property, shows that things are not the same for all parties. And that bias was shown towards the community and the Proponent. I also want to raise that we all were not given the same amount of time as the Proponents contractor and the DPIE representative. This is wrong and again shows bias to one group over the majority of the others, who are all objectors, except for those 2 people on the day. So again it is not "transparent, above board, honest and balanced" as the community was treated differently to the proponent/consultant and DPIE representative. This is most alarming and I request that IPCN refuse this proposed NEW quarry development as the majority have spoken and said NO approval, NO quarry. I have not had my question answered how much time did they spend with the Proponent. We were both alarmed that the documents, maps and film we wanted to show you, you refused to see.

**TO IPCN PANEL:** We both in any of our capacity did not present what we had hoped in the films in that time and so have enclosed the USB stick in the order I had them, not being broken up into photos and then films and the IPCN staff did. We also did not know, that we had to ask for films to be played, instead of just saying next. So the films my husband had were not seen. The films I had were all not seen, I asked the staff to run the films through, there seemed to be a delay by IPCN staff and for the benefit of all that were at the Clarence Town School of Arts Hall Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023, THEY MISSED SEEING THESE FILMS. We do not feel that what we wanted the IPCN Panel to see actually happened, films were missed through an obvious sick and rushed process of reducing the people that will be smashed if this is approved FROM RAISING ALL OUR CONCERNS AND OBJECTIONS. The natural bushland/forests and wildlife that are here are beautiful and wildlife that should not be approved, regardless of ticking the SSD box, or being assisted by the DPIE staff, is incredible yet alarming to watch. We people, lose sleep and stop eating and vomit due to the stress and the bully thug mentality in the belief that a family in this case can destroy everything in the natural environment and us living in this environment because they as a rock quarry can tick the SSD box, yet do not pay per tonne as a coal mine does/should and is fully supported by the DPIE staff is horrendous. The IPCN needs to show the community they

are independent and concerned that if this is approved the environment will be destroyed and wildlife species annihilated. IPCN must refuse this proposed quarry in full.

### **TANK WATER CONTAMINATED**

We are catastrophically impacted by dust directly by Hunter Quarries for the last 12+ years and the impacts are getting worse, the dust inside our home, the contaminated tank water needing 2 filters per year, which is not enough at \$85.00 or more a cartridge, our nose bleeds continue and are happening even on Sunday October long weekend 2022 while I was gardening for a few minutes as the dust was coming directly to us, as we are parallel to the pits/cliffs of Hunter Quarries looking to our direct East (as mentioned). **Again come to our property and see for yourselves the impacts that Hunter Quarries is actually having! He does NOT dust suppress with ANY water, clearly seen standing on our driveway, while the dust pours off the cliffs, pit in wind and trespasses all over us. We have also requested an automated dust monitor between our home and HQ pits/cliffs, this has been denied by both the company representative and DPIE Staff C/- James.**

**The proposed Woodbury's quarry if approved around Deep Creek area would be 1000 metres or less from properties, ours at approx. 1300 metres (1.3 km) from the open cut pit. Properties in Fords Road 1500-2000 metres (1.5km – 2km) and would take the impacts at a 10.5km radius from Hunter Quarries... way west of Ebsworth Road properties. Please make an appointment to come and look at the maps/documents.**

When I asked the Consultant 1) Who conducted the Forest Glen Road opinion poll, to determine if anyone was impacted by Hunter Quarries, we were not contacted, why? And 2) Who did the door knocking of Forest Glen Road? I also need to ask:- How many properties of 19 in Forest Glen Road were "door knocked", as ours was not? No answer was given to the first two questions. Though I stated to the Consultant, I am acutely aware that company and representatives were approaching property owners either individually or both together, to surrounding streets including Forest Glen Road Limeburners Creek. I am also acutely aware as is the DPIE staff that came from Sydney for the public meeting I organised for the Community, to attend to see DPIE presentation of the proposed quarry around Deep Creek. DPIE Staff were made aware that I had been (slandered) throughout the community. Neighbours in our street confirmed this was happening by what they said and then telling me how wonderful the staff person was, I of course had heard differently as property owners contacted me from 2018 when he started approaching them, all said he was abrupt and rude. I was in the conversation with property owners the day of meeting with DPIE staff and it took me a while to catch on that it was actually me by name that was being badmouthed by these men. The property owners would not tell me what 'bad/words' these men used and would also not tell Stephen (my husband), though I was told by property owners they told the DPIE staff.

**In regards to contaminated tank water, dust inside our homes, nose bleeds,** this is happening to us and other people around us including children from the dust from Hunter Quarries. The impacts of respiratory issues; asthma and sinus, irritated eyes are also impacts that people are suffering. (see attached witness reports and my signed Statutory Declaration form.

I have stated this to DPIE staff, to the Consultant:- How would you all feel knowing your children, your family, yourself were being impacted by the dust produced from coal mines, rock mine quarries? On our property, Hunter Quarries is around 10.5km away to our direct parallel East, and causing us the dust impacts we suffer, including nose bleeds as recently as the October Long Weekend 2022, Sunday for me (Amanda). The company even recently refused again to come and meet Stephen and I on our property. 2 water filters per year, at \$85.00 or more per cartridge which is not enough to filter out the dirt particles and dirt taste contaminating our drinking water. We are not contaminating our drinking water, Hunter Quarries operations/pits/cliffs/over burden is! We have dust that comes through our fly screens day and night, unless it rains, its inside on all flat surfaces. We have to sleep with the

windows closed unless its raining as the dust is pushed through the screens and lands on everything including us (my first outwards nose bleed in September 2019), when we realised for over 10+ years prior the taste of blood in our mouths waking up each morning was our nose bleeding internally. Sept. 2019 was my first outwards nose bleed and from October 2022 my nose bleeds without warning and the internal part of my nose after breathing in dust and having a nose bleed is all ulcerated inside.

**It is high time that everyone recognises that people's health and even animals health suffers from these types of industries. It is about time that real time impacts on people, are actually documented, not fabricated, generic, hypothesise, desk top analysis or Government guidelines that do not show what impacts are truly being suffered by people already, while the Government continues to add more and more quarries/mining companies to the same areas, any areas where people are already living and our precious wildlife in forest/bushland areas.**

In 2019 the Planning Department Sydney,; gave me a map of the distance of Hunter Quarries to the corner of Forest Glen Road and The Bucketts Way corner and then 1.5km to our place. However our home is closer and then when we walk on our property East, past our house we get closer to Hunter Quarries. HQ is also moving north (parallel to Branch Lane and The Bucketts Way), East and West to us. The Departments would have copies of this map, I sent as part of my objection to the proposed Limeburners Creek deep creek quarry and again as my objection to MOD 10 of Hunter Quarries, with 9 modifications (MOD), 5 withdrawn, 4 approved without the public/properties people impacted being notified and they wrote there was no objections. How could we object when we were not notified for the other 9 Mods. Only being notified for MOD10.

Please phone: Make an appointment, to come to our property, which will be open 7 days a week in some capacity around work/appointments, including weekends, **to show people all the documents of the proposed Quarry deep creek, Hunter Quarries, the proposed quarry in Wallaroo State Forest, the other proposed quarry next door to Boral Quarry Italia Road, the documents of the proposed quarry at Maytoms Lane Booral, the proposed quarry between the two Hunter Quarries driveways (Karuah South Quarry, formerly Kielys Karuah Quarry), the quarry in Winstons Road and Newline Road and Limeburners Creek Road and Allworth etc.**

We are directly in line with Hunter Quarries pits, cliffs and their new pit/cliff area. Karuah East (another approved pit), when I phoned the consultants of this company, he lied to me on the phone, he said that it was East and that it would not be seen from our property. We are 82 metres from the valley floor. I said we can see bushland mountains/rainforest being cleared. He continued to say we could not see it. He was asked to come to our property he did not. He also lied to me. I would prefer if Consultants to not lie to push their false agenda, that the mining company can destroy the environment, clear fell bushland, pollute waterways, dig massive big holes in the ground or small holes and has the hide to write in their documentation that everything they do is "minimal, insignificant, unlikely and the new one for the proposed Woodbury's quarry a new word (see below in bold).

DPIE staff, PAC/IPC staff over almost 20 years have been asked to attend our property. No one has come, no one has come to anyone's properties that is being impacted, yet they know we exist and the impacts we suffer, because we all write objection letters, or stand up in PAC, now IPC public hearings to verbally present our objections. They are all aware that people have the health issues they are suffering, they know about the contaminated tank water etc. Yet no surprise they do nothing.

Consultants were asked to attend our property when I/we spoke to him on Monday evening. He needs to advise us of different days and times to meet Stephen and I, around 4.30pm Monday to Friday or on weekends as we requested from family and consultants to meet us on the footpath from 2019-2020-2021 of which they stayed non responsive to our many emails, then refused to work out with us a convenient time that suited us. Considering

their street address is Deep Creek Road, their vehicles are regularly in Forest Glen Road, as they believe they have a right to hold every one of us to their ransom, though they have obviously done access deals with people that took the sick money sweetener over the environment, their health and others. A timeframe suitable, was conveniently not organised "their social impact SEARS responsibilities" to meet us never happened. They have not even written up Wallaburra Wildlife Reserve, because we put in an objection as if approved would destroy our business/property and no wildlife that could would stay listening to the heinous noised that quarries in real time produce.

**Impacts by the proposed quarry have been written up in the Wedgetail Consultancy documentation (to surrounding property owners) as being:- Negligible. The Dictionary meaning:- "so small or unimportant as to be not worth considering insignificant" and "he said that the risks were negligible".**

**Other words:-** "minimal, insignificant and unlikely impacts", are also words used by people working in Government Departments/Ministers etc., mining companies/quarries/extractive industries owners, staff, employees and their consultants.

**"Receptors meaning within mining documentation:-** "Are people who are or will be impacted by a proposed or existing mining/(extractive industry)/quarry development".

**Dictionary meaning of Receptor/s are:-** "nerve endings in your body which react to changes and stimuli and make your body respond in a particular way". Also:- "Any various devices that receive information signals" etc.

**This is a miss use of the word, and needs to be withdrawn as it takes out the people factor, or give reason and justification of the use of the word Receptors.**

**People are not a device or a biological molecule? Yet the word Receptors is widely used by:-** people working in Government Departments, mining companies, extractive industries e.g. gravel rock mine quarries owners/operators, employees and consultancy companies are extremely rude to use this word, instead of saying "people".

The people assisting the proposed quarry to be approved, do not live here, will not be impacted by any of the noise, dust, vibrations, blasting, crusher noise/dust or vehicles, truck movements etc., will not suffer health impacts, bleeding nose, respiratory impacts, sinus and irritated eyes, and damaged ear drums, will not suffer property damage, property devalue, impacts to amenity of the area, or suffer mental health issues as a result of the impacts mining companies/quarries cause people, with the constant noise impacts in areas that do not have this type of noise impacts at all, like our area and surrounding areas around us. Therefore these Government Department people show their biases to the community that they labelled as receptors and the catastrophic impacts this would have if approved, as being negligible in their documentation is both untrue, inaccurate and cruel.

IPCN please refuse this entire proposed quarry development, the catastrophic impacts cannot be bought out by offset credits, or we thinks, or desk top analysis.

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