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Dear IPCN

Apologies for the late submission. Our internet has been down due to the ongoing storm.

I object to the Deep Creek Quarry due to:

- Declining koala numbers and koala habitat
  - Koalas are a declared endangered species. We cannot risk extinction by destroying their habitat
- Traffic
  - The Bucketts Way is riddled with potholes, and is renowned for serious accidents
  - The condition of The Bucketts Way is unsuitable for additional heavy vehicles
- Unsafe intersection at The Bucketts Way and the Pacific Highway
  - There have been a number of accidents at this intersection since its so called upgrade.
  - Oncoming traffic cannot be seen by motorists waiting to turn onto the Pacific Highway when heavy vehicles turn onto the Bucketts Way
- Impact on the Port Stephens Marine Park from quarry water overflow into Deep Creek
  - The Marine Park is carefully managed to preserve the park and recreation. Both will be compromised when Deep Creek suffers damage or pollution from the quarry
- The unassessed cumulative and combined impacts of current and future quarries and mines in the region
  - An independent assessment of the cumulative and combined impacts of all quarries and mines in the region must be undertaken before Deep Creek Quarry is further considered.

Yours faithfully

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