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**Subject:** Fw: Deep Creek Quarry proposal - Submission AGAINST the proposal

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To whom it involves or concerns

I, Mark Pepperall and wife Maria Pepperall strongly oppose the Deep Creek Quarry Proposal due to the following issues:

1. The current road infrastructure is not adequate to support existing traffic let alone a major/significant increase in fully laden double bogey trucks of immense weight, transporting crushed rock along the Buckets Way:

The Buckets Way was recently voted within the top 10 worst roads in NSW.

- Both Local Government organisations involved will not have enough generated funds to adequately maintain their respective sections of the Buckets Way sufficiently. The contributions made by the developer will not cover the millions of dollars per annum required to satisfactorily upkeep the road network to a safe condition.
- Together with local residents, the other residents of Port Stephens and Midcoast LGA's, ( some well over 100 kilometres away) would not like their hard-earned money being spent to repair road networks that could have been avoided in the first place.
- Due to the additional traffic and lack of additional infrastructure, there will be enhanced driver frustration leading to unnecessary risks being taken by local and non-local drivers causing catastrophic consequences.
- The Limeburners Creek Bridge is still under construction with completion date always being extended. This only adds to local residents and visitor's frustrations.
- There are no overtaking lanes heading towards the Pacific Highway from the proposed quarry. The results of driver frustration will again be imminent.
- During peak traffic times, especially during holiday periods, traffic is banked up long distances due to vehicles turning right and left onto the Pacific Highway. This causes further frustration and decreases visitors holiday experience.
- At the Pacific Highway intersection, the left turning lane is not wide or long enough to assist with the turning of normal road traffic let alone fully laden double bogey trucks of immense weight.

It was proposed at earlier meetings that trucks could turn left at this intersection and proceed over the Karuah Overpass and enter the Pacific Highway at this location when heading South.

- The existing infrastructure involving bus stops from Baldyknob Road to the Quarry is inadequate and creates safety concerns with very large trucks bounding along in close proximity to children and parents alike.
- The current road infrastructure of Forest Glen Road is unable to support the amount and weight of trucks during the quarry's construction phase and subsequent movements. This road infrastructure will require major enhancement prior to the proposed movements.

2. Our Environmental concerns relate to, but not limited to the following:

- During site development it is proposed for a large number of trees and shrubs to be removed including some endangered flora species. The trees and shrubs that survive the felling, will be severely impacted by dust, soil compaction, water infiltration and being more susceptible to disease and insect attack due to their stressful situation.
- During site development and operation, the quarry will produce unacceptable levels of dust impacting on native flora and fauna as well as the health of human residents within the dust flight zone. I understand the dust can be carried significant distances, with potential to medically affect those breathing within its path. This may include animals and marine life.
- We are also very concerned, during the washing process, the waste material may enter our nearby creek systems and therefore killing wildlife and organisms that live within the creek ecosystems and ultimately affect our important Oyster Industry in Karuah.
- The washing of the of the material during drought will also deplete water reserves needed by animals and other land owners for irrigation, if applicable.

In closing:

The majority of people and their families who decided to invest their lives into this area, did so, to move away from a dirty, noisy and crowded environment. Not to put up with this all again through road congestion, dust pollution and industrial noise.

We truly hope the persons whom have the authority to say no to this proposal, do so for the betterment of this country community and the sustainment of our Ecosystems, instead of dollars.

Mark and Maria Pepperall