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# PORT STEPHENS GARDENLAND

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## SUPPLIERS OF GARDEN ,LAWN and HORTICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

### Pursuing a Sustainable Environment

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INDEPENDENT PLANNING COMMISSION

Subject : Reaction to IPC Commissioners Meeting at Seaham Hall

Dear Commissioners

My family and I have occupied this property since 30/06/2000, a Syndicate has approval on our site for a recently granted Hardrock Quarry .

Since 2000 we have cleaned our site up , re-habilitated, parts of it, put electricity on. Built a home here, built a workshop and offices. We have operated a Bulk Landscape , Garden Mixes, Potting Mix and Mulch Supply Business here. Using Re-cycled Forestry Resources and Domestic processed Green Organics. Our various products have contributed to vast areas of lawn being grown and millions of plants and trees being grown . For this to happen we haqve had onsite processing and mixing machinery and on road very large trucks, we are very aware of the intersection. We have been subject to outright lies, mis-information and many insults

Let us look at this meeting.

Climate Change /Koala Bears/ Heavy Vehicles

These three issues come up every time there is any new development, straight out of the anti DA book.

Climate Change.....This is an opinion. There are many that do not believe it and many that do, How many “catastrophic” predictions have come true ??? . Sea level was supposed to have risen 6 m by 2020, Fort Denison is not submerged or sea level risen at all.

Koala Bears..... Firstly , these are not the only creatures in the forests. But these are always the reason for stopping DA's When we purchased this site there were a small number in the south western corner of our property and still is { which is now subject to Bio-Banking{ ,small number on or north eastern boundary with Boral and still is. Boral quarry had been operating for 8 years before we came here and the Koalas were still there. What does this say about Quarries and Koalas. The greatest threat to Koalas is Humans and their pets .Now one of the speakers from a green tax payer funded organisation tried to imply that the Koala rating for this area as being low level was out dated because it did not suit her opinion, if this is the case and more were found , it hardly

proves that Quarries are bad for Koalas. She also tried to link Chlamydia with heavy vehicles , thjs is outrageous.

Over time we have had trouble with vermin , this includes wild dogs , wild cats, foxes and deers. The wild cats are ferocious ,psychotic animals that kill birds , small animals and possibly young Koalas. We have dealt with these a number of times and they are dangerous . We have even had a cat with a collar on it trotting around the place with a dead bird in its mouth, it got away. We had dingoes here and no vermin , we lost the dingoes when there was a wild dog baiting program, the vermin returned

We have gone to great lengths to improve the eco-system where we work , this includes larger mowing area , many of the bird species like this , thousands more trees and more water. This has vastly expanded the number of birds and species, the wallabies also increased because of the mowed areas. More nesting has occurred with birds and turtles. Balickera Water Tunnel.....On two occasions the tunnel has been cleared, one to get rid of the trees near and in it, this was to get rid of the bats because HWC considered them a health hazard to the drinking water supply, we received the ground up mulch. The second time recently to repair structural damage caused by age , again the bats were removed.

#### TRUCKS

These claims by many proponents were vastly over exaggerated, eg every truck that comes through Seaham turns left out of Boral Quarry, ridiculous. Boral are very strict about this , you get barred immediately if you do it . Ironically the only Boral trucks to turn left out of the quarry in recent times have been carting gravel to re-build sections of road along Italia Rd.

██████████ referred to a property on the corner of Italia Rd and the Highway , there are activities , including sand blasting, spray painting and truck repairs being carried out there ,hardly a good argument against a quarry.

Another speaker there had their own B-Double truck that lived on Italia Rd , that carted Hardwood Chip for export, hardly a good example for an environmentalist .

Many other trucks use Italia Rd including Milk Tankers , Logging Trucks , Quarry Trucks going west from other Quarries, Machinery Carters, General Goods , Concrete Trucks, Building Supplies etc

Getting woken up at 4.30 am by “speeding trucks”, how does she know they are speeding ,are not quarry trucks.

As more development is allowed around , Thornton, Chisholm , Seaham, Clarencetown , Dungog etc more Traffic is using Italia Rd.

The school bus issue is not the trucks or quarry fault perhaps greater diligence when you buy the property

Boral 's DA was approved in 1988 and activities started in 1992 , it was then an 80 year quarry, demand has shortened that, it will be there for a while yet again due diligence

One more question , the aggregate that comes out of these quarries to build roads , schools, hospitals homes , will these people refuse to use them ??? Recycled aggregates cannot be used in structural concrete

Regards

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