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21st November, 2024

Dear Independent Planning Commission,

Thank you for inviting submissions in regard to the proposed Stone Ridge Quarry Project at Balickera in the Wallaroo State Forest.

I made my objections clear in the submission I sent to the Department of Planning and Environment on 24th July, 2023. As I believe you have access to this submission, and the Commission does not want a repetition of its contents, I would just like to advise that my concerns have not diminished.

However, I would like to raise the reasoning given by Australian Resource Development Group in its planning request to develop the quarry. ARDG states on its website that “The proximity of the Project to key markets and existing State road infrastructure (i.e. the Pacific Highway) would enable a quarry at Stone Ridge to significantly ameliorate medium to long term supply-side pressure of quarry materials for the Lower Hunter and Central Coast regions, as well as provide direct access to the Sydney market if required”.

An article appeared in the 18th July, 2024 industry publication “Quarry”, which discussed the issues raised by the regulator Infrastructure Australia, of the lack of quarry material and its impact on construction, with the key areas under most pressure being Melbourne, the NSW Mid-North Coast and South East Queensland. On this basis, with the number of stone quarries currently operating within the Lower Hunter region, which should provide sufficient supply to the Lower Hunter and Central Coast, another quarry at Balickera is not necessary.

Sincerely,

