Group ID: 422

Consent name: Fulton Hogan - Roydon Quarry

Consent number: CRC192408, CRC192409, CRC192410, CRC192411, CRC192412, CRC192413, CRC192414, RC185627

Name: Tara Barrett

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Directly affected: Yes
Consent support/hearing details

- CRC192408: oppose | WANT to be heard | WILL consider a joint hearing
- CRC192409: oppose | WANT to be heard | WILL consider a joint hearing
- CRC192410: oppose | WANT to be heard | WILL consider a joint hearing
- CRC192411: oppose | WANT to be heard | WILL consider a joint hearing
- CRC192412: oppose | WANT to be heard | WILL consider a joint hearing
- CRC192413: oppose | WANT to be heard | WILL consider a joint hearing
- CRC192414: oppose | WANT to be heard | WILL consider a joint hearing
- RC185627: oppose | WANT to be heard | WILL consider a joint hearing

Reasons comment:

There are many reasons for my submission. Firstly, I am very concerned about the dramatic increase in heavy traffic on these quiet rural roads. These roads were never designed for heavy traffic. This has been exhibited to me by the increase in truck movements since the development of Izone in Rolleston. Many trucks are already travelling from Izone through Jones, Maddisons, Newtons, Dawsons and Curraghs Roads at great speeds, with uncovered loads. These trucks frequently drive aggressively. On various occasions I have been tailgated by speeding trucks, lights flashing to get out of the way while I was driving the speed limit. A truck recently turned the corner in front of me and the driver was on the phone, not looking at the road at all. Part of the reason that this concerns me so much, is that the proposed quarry area is now a VERY rural/residential area, with a lot of lifestyle blocks. People are out on the roads enjoying the activities that brought them out to the country; horse riding, cycling, walking, jogging... all on the side of the road. Inattentive drivers and speeding trucks could have devastating consequences for people trying to enjoy these activities. There has already been an increase in accidents around the Dawsons Road vicinity since people have been cutting down the back roads from Izone. I feel that the activities aforementioned will not be able to be carried out in safety, when we have the equivalent of 1500 extra truck movements daily around this small, increasingly popular lifestyle environment. Secondly, I have serious concerns for our local groundwater, which ultimately services Christchurch. The water table is high and the likelihood of groundwater contamination is great. The applicant has applied for a permit to do just that, so they are obviously pretty sure that the groundwater will be affected. This is unacceptable considering all of the other groundwater issues Christchurch is having at present and our groundwater is something that should be protected at all costs. Flying over the current Yaldhurst Quarry, it is obvious that their 'lake' has been created by digging too deep into groundwater reserves. Thirdly, why on earth do we have to have a nice, growing rural area that some people have lived in for 60 years, surrounded by quarries? There is Yaldhurst, Rolleston, Fulton Hogan owned land on Yaldhurst Road, Options on land at West Melton and more. This is an area that people live in for the amenities it provides, which will be severely impacted. Activities that residents enjoy are already becoming too dangerous due to increased traffic using these rural roads. The number of trucks that will be using these roads will make these activities far too dangerous to undertake. The roads have no verges for users to walk or bike on and are really not wide enough for trucks and cars to pass each other safely without considering horse riders, walkers, joggers and cyclists. As a city, we are spending an absolute fortune in town to make sure our cyclists are safe, what about the safety of our rural people? Trucks travel way too fast, and drivers are often distracted, making this area a very dangerous place. I believe that there are more appropriate, less densely populated areas, with the same level of aggregate. The aggregate is going to be no cheaper for the consumer due to location at the end of the day. It will just mean more profit for Fulton Hogan and a huge number of people will suffer because of it. The proposed activity will be in the midst of a happy community, out here to enjoy rural life. Do not ignore the wishes of this community for the sake of money-making for one firm.

Consent comment:

I would like the consent authority to reject Fulton Hogan's application.