Group ID: 422

Consent name: Fulton Hogan - Roydon Quarry

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

Name: Gerard Blank

Care of:

Home phone:

Email: [redacted]

Contact by email: Yes

Is a trade competitor: No

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:
I oppose all of the consents submitted by Fulton Hogan in respect of their proposed quarry because I am concerned about the significant effects on our local environment and the amenity of the area. I do not believe the proposed activities are consistent with the local area and have the potential to have a strongly negative impact on the enjoyment of the rural and semi-rural character of the area. In particular, my key concerns are: Pollution of the air: I believe the proposed quarry presents a high risk of adverse health effects for neighbouring communities, livestock and companion animals due to the still-largely under researched impacts of silicate dust. Given the strong prevailing easterly and nor-westerly winds in the area, it will not be possible for Fulton Hogan to avoid spreading dust beyond their boundary with the mitigation strategies they describe in their submission. This will have a strongly negative effect on neighbouring property and people. Pollution of groundwater: I am concerned that the activities described in the Fulton Hogan applications will lead to the pollution of local groundwater. In particular, their intention to dig close to local groundwater levels, and discharge wash-off to ground creates a serious risk of groundwater pollution. In addition, their proposed take of groundwater for their industrial activities will put further pressure on the limited supply of water for local communities. Traffic: The key concern for myself and my family is the impact of the proposed traffic movements from the quarry. We have lived for over twenty years in the area and have enjoyed both the quietness and recreational amenity of the local roadways. Our family uses the roadside for horse riding, walking and cycling. All of these activities will be made unsafe and likely impossible by the introduction of 1500 heavy truck movements per day from the quarry. Trucks from existing quarries, which occasionally divert onto our local road network, have been seen to drive aggressively, spill mud, stones and other material and damage the roads and verges. These roads are not designed to carry even the percentage of trucks Fulton Hogan claims it will allow to use the rural road network. This will dramatically reduce our recreational amenity, contribute to air pollution and potentially put other road users at risk. Noise: The heavy industrial activity proposed by Fulton Hogan will create a major noise impact on my family and our community. Our property is within 2 kilometres of the site and it is highly likely that our quiet enjoyment of our rural property will be significantly affected by the proposed 24 hour operation of heavy machinery, crushing and loading equipment and truck movements.

Consent comment:
I wish the consenting authority to decline the applications for resource and discharge consents for the proposed quarry. Should the authority decide to ignore the wishes of the community and the serious health and pollution impacts of the quarry and approve the applications, I wish to see the following conditions applied: - Hours of operation should be limited to reasonable business hours (e.g. 7am - 6pm) Monday to Friday, and limited hours (e.g. 7am - 12pm) on Saturdays. - Traffic movements to and from the site should be limited to the above business hours - Truck movements should be restricted to only direct access to and from the site from State Highway 1 and/or the motorway. No diversion onto the local rural road network should be permitted - All truck loads must be securely covered, empty trucks should be washed down before travelling to and from the site and any accidental spills of stones, dust or other materials should be removed immediately by Fulton Hogan - Operations on site should be suspended during periods of high wind (e.g. gusting above 70 kph) and restricted during high fire danger periods (usually December - February)