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**Group ID: 422**

**Consent name:** Fulton Hogan - Roydon Quarry

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

**Name:** John and Thea Botha

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**Is a trade competitor:** No

**Directly affected:** No

**Consent support/hearing details**

- CRC192408: oppose | NOT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
  - CRC192409: oppose | NOT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
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  - RC185627: oppose | NOT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
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**Reasons comment:**

Please see document attached.

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**Consent comment:**

We feel very strongly that all applications should be declined.

John and Thea Botha

We strongly oppose all applications.

2. The reasons for making our submission are:

1. Background:

For the last year and a half, we have been residing in Rolleston. Prior to that we lived in Templeton for over 10 years. The only reason we moved to Rolleston was that we wanted to build our own home and there was no land available to build on in Templeton. We loved living in Templeton, being part of a close nit and safe community. It allowed us to be involved in our grandchildren's lives as they attended the local Templeton Primary School. Both our granddaughters spent a couple of years helping with Road Patrol ensuring the safe crossing in front of the school on Kirk road. Even at a very young age did they recognise the dangers of traffic on that busy road. We loved being part of Christchurch City but on the outskirts where it does not feel like city life. Living on the fringe we got to enjoy the best of both worlds. Templeton definitely has a more rural feel to it. No large businesses in the area ensured that we had a quiet peaceful life. We still spend a lot of time in Templeton as our children are living there. Templeton definitely has a very different atmosphere than Rolleston that we appreciate and enjoy.

Since living in Rolleston our travel times to work have increased significantly. Thea works at Canterbury University and travel daily on the Southern Motorway from Rolleston past Templeton. There has been a significant increase in her travel time not only due to the ongoing road works but also the high volume of vehicles on the road. No doubt the extreme population growth in Rolleston have had a major impact on our transport system.

Our reason for making this submission is that we feel very strongly that all applications by Fulton Hogan for the proposed Quarry should be declined. It should be declined based on the significant adverse effects the proposed activities will have on the environment and the people living in that environment.

Specifically:

- Dust (nuisance dust as well as Health effects), the impact of dust on our air quality as well as visibility.
- Noise and Vibration generated by creation/preparation process as well as full operational activities and heavy vehicle traffic
- Water quality and quantity.
- Ground water
- Light Pollution
- Transport (Traffic and Infrastructure)
- Loss of Visual Amenity
- Operational Hours and Life of the Proposed Quarry
- Future development of the area
- Clean fill and Rehabilitation
- Cumulative effect

2. DUST

The environmental impacts of dust emissions are a great concern, especially the deterioration of the environment through depletion of our air resources and the decline in amenity. The sensitivity of the receiving environment and perceptions of the surrounding residents should highlight the importance of making the right decisions now (which is to decline the application) as there will not be any opportunity to undo any effects after they have occurred. With the proposed location being so close to residents and a large well-established community the tolerance to dust is a lot lower than you would expect in a purely rural environment.

- Nuisance Dust

As parents we see the long hours our children work and the added stress they have to deal with on a daily basis. They lead extremely busy and full lives. We are concerned about the impact of visual soiling on clean surfaces. The last thing they need is the added concern, annoyance and even expense of extra cleaning. What exasperate the situation is that they are facing the possibility of this actually affecting them for a 40+ year period. We are not talking about dealing with something for a short period and then it's over.

- Health Effects

We don't have to be health experts to know that air with dirt in it is harmful to breathe and that it can cause a wide array of health defects and problems. We often hear from people that they moved to Templeton because of the clean air. It is well known and recognised. The Government, councils as well as everybody living in New Zealand is prioritising looking after the environment through changing our habits and ways. We have a responsibility to balance these changes out across all sectors. There has to be the same focus and commitment to ensure good air quality that there are for example on phasing out plastic bags. Businesses should be expected to change and adapt in the same way that individuals are. In this situation we have to ask ourselves if it is worth the risk? Is it right to allow something now that we are not 100% certain won't cause harm?

- Visibility

We regularly travel on the local roads around Templeton and have come to understand the dangers and safety concerns especially at the intersections. Dust leaving the boundary will cause significant concern in the immediate vicinity.

### 3. Light Pollution

We love spending time outside in the summer with the kids and often end up being outside until very late in the evenings. Part of the appeal is the clear night sky and our enjoyment of the stars.

As we spend quite a bit of time driving between Rolleston and Templeton, we are also concerned about the change in landscape the lights on the proposed site will cause. The last thing we want is to look down into the quarry site with all its large

machinery every time we go over the new bridge before we enter Templeton. It will change the rural feel to an industrial one.

#### 4. Transport

Travelling on State Highway 1 Main South Road, I was looking forward to enjoying the benefits of the \$160 million (Stage 1) and \$195 million (Stage 2) spend by NZTA. They promise reduced commuter travel times, reduced congestion and improved safety. They are very specific in repeatedly saying that the improvements will improve travel times and reduce serious crashes. They go as far as listing the project benefits as halving the travel times between Rolleston and Christchurch CBD. We can't justify spending \$195 million to reduce the traffic volumes on Main South Road through Templeton, including over 2,000 fewer trucks per day (as stated by NZTA in their January 2019 Project update newsletter as one of the benefits) and then approve for 1,500 to be added back on the road. It is really important that the traffic generated by the proposed quarry does not cause the opposite effect than what NZTA is aiming to achieve. The changes allowed for a long-term plan. If we fill the roads even before we have seen any of the benefits, we will be in serious trouble.

#### 5. Loss of visual amenity

For years we have been going for long relaxing walks and runs on these roads around the proposed site. We love the wide-open spaces allowing us views of the Southern Alps. Being so close to nature while still part of the City is something very unique to Templeton. There will be significant change in the landscape should the applications be approved.

#### 6. Operating hours

We can't see any justification for a 24 hour operation or the need to operate Saturdays, Sundays or Public holidays.