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Application: Date: トナ・スティー えっして I am standing here, talking to you because I don't want a quarry in my backyard. The proposed Fulton Hogan quarry Dawson's road is approximately 750m away from my home on Curraghs road. Quarries are to blame for numerous health problems, they affect road safety and use massive amounts of water. Yet there are 10 plus within a 10km radius of my home. The Yaldhurst Road Metals quarry has recently been given the green light on an expansion, yet it has also been associated with cases of Silicosis.

Crystalline silica is a common element found in minerals such as sand, granite, soil and many more. It is a main residue found in all quarries. The affects of exposure to this are scary. It leaves the lung black, irritated and dry affecting your breathing and constant exposure can lead to the disease Silicosis which progresses over time and can be fatal.

Another concerning factor is the amount of water quarries use. Quarrying requires water for many things such as the sluicing of the gravel, the general washing of equipment and most significantly the suppression of dust. This causes the surrounding houses to be left without water.

The whole quality of rural living will be ruined by a quarry. The share volume of tracks travelling the roads day and night will be disruptive. It is estimated around 1000 trucks do so and this will not only ruin our tranquillity but will affect the safety of these roads as well as physically destroying them.

I grew up raising baby animals and spending every free moment outside. My biggest fear is that this will not be possible for those who do or will live near the incoming quarry. I propose areas like McLean's Island and surrounding are dedicated to quarrying and that all operators must share this land. Preventing farmland close to populated 10-acre lifestyle and farming blocks being used as quarry land. For the now and for the future please do not consent this quarry!