

## No Quarry

Neill Ridley, 3rd December 2019

My wife Margaret and myself purchased this property of bare land at 180 Dawsons Road, Templeton after spending two years looking for a nice quiet location to suit us in our retirement. We have since built our home here and are now going to be approximately less than 300m from the quarry boundary. We wish to oppose all resource consent from Fulton Hogan for the proposed Roydon quarry near Templeton, our major concerns with the quarry are dust, traffic and noise.

We believe that Fulton Hogan will not be able to control all dust that is produced through quarry operations. Dust is a major issue for us as Margaret suffers from Asthma and we own several valuable horses and also agist horses for a number of clients through our business as Thoroughbred racehorse trainers. The dust can cause serious respiratory problems in the horses and negatively impact their wellbeing and performance which will directly affect our livelihood and income.

The infrastructure of the roads in our area has trouble coping with the traffic volumes as they are now. Fulton Hogan have requested for 1200 truck movements per day which will greatly increase the traffic in our area. The truck and trailer units move slower than other vehicles which will slow down the traffic and could result in more accidents. As I've been first on the scene at a number of serious accidents at the Dawsons/Maddisons road corner, it's only a matter of time before some is killed with increased heavy traffic volumes.

Noise is another major factor of why we oppose the quarry. When the Speedway at Ruapuna raceway is on, on a Friday or Saturday night and there is an easterly blowing it sounds like the cars are right on our backdoor step when they are in fact 3.5km away. But we know after a couple of hours the noise will stop and it's back to peace and quiet whereas if the quarry were to go ahead at a must closer proximity to our home, the noise would be constant. My wife and I are home most of the day and enjoy the peace and quiet that this property allows us. Another 1200 truck movements will also be a constant noise and disturbance, not to mention the vibrations from the trucks and quarry operations.

In summary, Margaret and myself strongly oppose the Fulton Hogan quarry in Templeton, while we understand and don't oppose quarries being built, there are other suitable areas in the region where it will not negatively impact on so many peoples lives.

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