

Submission Against the Proposal by Taggart Earthmoving Limited to Operate a Quarry at 309 West Belt, Rangiora (RC205104)

My name is Eamonn Waters and I live at _____ My house is situated approximately 1km south (as the crow flies) from the proposed site of the quarry.

I wish to oppose the application by Taggart Earthmoving Limited to operate a quarry at 309 West Belt, Rangiora (resource consent number RC205104) on the following grounds:

1. My quality of life will be adversely affected by dust
I am a chronic asthmatic and moved to Rangiora from Christchurch in 2018, in part because the air is fresher and cleaner in the area of Rangiora in which I live. I certainly would not have purchased my current property had I known that a quarry was going to be operating 1km away. I have read Taggart's application and the negative effect on air quality has been described as "negligible". However, for an asthmatic sensitive to dust, as I am, what is negligible to a non-asthmatic is certainly not negligible to me. A northerly wind will carry additional particles of dust which will negatively affect my health.
2. My quality of life will be adversely affected by noise
My wife and I frequently walk from our home, down Huntingdon Drive past the Arlington shops. The application states that the estimated noise level at Huntingdon Drive caused by the quarry operation will be in the vicinity of 48-49 dB. The ambient noise level at Huntingdon Drive does not appear in the application but, due to the nature of this road, I can guarantee that it would be very low indeed. Therefore, the operation of the quarry will have a significant negative effect on the noise level at Huntingdon Drive. Having a quiet daytime drink in the garden bar of "The Five Stags" will become a thing of the past if the quarry goes ahead.
3. The proximity of the quarry operation to the groundwater is a scary prospect. A major contamination may be beyond the financial ability of Taggart to remedy. If Taggart goes into liquidation, who fixes the situation?

Please remember that the north-west area of Rangiora has been a desirable location for many to live. When noise, dust and possible water contamination are considered as a whole, this area will no longer be considered so desirable. Taggart do have options other than establishing a quarry at the racecourse, as outlined in their application, but the racecourse is preferable because of its proximity to the Taggart depot. Clearly, this is a case of putting profit before people.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my submission. I do not wish to speak at the hearing.

Yours sincerely

Eamonn Waters
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