Group ID: 592

Consent name: Taggart Earthmoving Limited

Consent number: CRC204106, CRC204107, CRC204143, CRC211629, RC205104

Name: Nicola Surtees

Care of:

Mailing address 1:

Mailing address 2:

Suburb:

Town/City:

Post-code:

Country:

Mobile phone:

Work phone:

Home phone:

Email:

Contact by email: Yes

Is a trade competitor: No

Directly affected: Yes

Consent support/hearing details

- CRC204106: oppose | NOT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
- CRC204107: oppose | NOT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
- CRC204143: oppose | NOT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
- CRC211629: oppose | NOT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
- RC205104: oppose | NOT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing

Reasons comment:

I strongly oppose all consents. The negative impacts of the proposed quarry are many and varied. I list some of them here. I am deeply concerned about silica dust; this is a serious physical health risk. We live in a high wind zone and experience winds from all directions –the dust will travel a significant distance. Taggarts does not seem to have accounted for

the variability and strength of the winds. Furthermore, I do not accept that Taggart's proposed use of water to dampen dust etc will be sufficient to mitigate the health risks and am against the need to use such a precious resource in this way. I am deeply concerned about changes to the quality of our ground water and related health risks. The proposed quarry is located in a community drinking water protection zone. In my view it is completely unacceptable to locate a quarry in such a zone. Leaching of contaminated fill could be expected to occur. In addition, I am also deeply concerned about the negative impacts of the proposed quarry on mental health and wellbeing. The nearby Ashley Rakahuri Regional Park is currently very well used by residents, including myself, on a regular basis for walking and biking etc – this supports not only fitness, but positive mental health and wellbeing. Dust and noise will spoil people's enjoyment of the Park. Noise from machinery and other activities worries me, over such long hours of operation. This has the potential to negatively impact quality of life and thus mental health and wellbeing for many residents. I don't accept the plans to mitigate the noise will make any real difference; I can already hear noise from Taggarts at my address in certain winds. Heavy truck noise and movements worry me, again, over such long hours of operation. This too has the potential to negatively impact quality of life and thus mental health and wellbeing for many residents. Additionally, there is the potential that the noise and rumbling will be upsetting for people who continue to experience distress from the Canterbury earthquakes. i.e., the noise and rumbling may trigger an adrenaline stress response. Furthermore, the noise, rumbling and vibrations may negatively impact rare bird life at the Ashley Rakahuri Regional Park e.g., Caspian terns, banded dotterel and wrybill (these species are all nationally vulnerable). My final concern is that my property will devalue considerably. My partner and I would never have chosen to buy a home so close to the proposed quarry - or indeed anywhere in a town the size of Rangiora with a quarry next to residential areas. As our only asset, this prospect is alarming.

Consent comment:

1. Reject the application for resource consents outright. 2. Reject any further applications for resource consents related to a quarry on the proposed site.