Group ID: 592

Consent name: Taggart Earthmoving Limited

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

Name: Martin Pugh

Care of:

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Suburb:

Town/City:

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Country:

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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 am making a submission on this issue, as I do not believe that establishing a quarry in such close proximity to our urban centre of Rangiora is a positive idea. I am concerned for the noise, dust, pollution of the air in which residents breathe and impact on the peaceful landscape and the detrimental effect this will have on the quality of life for neighbouring

residents. I do not believe there is effective enough dust mitigation stategies or acoustic bunding to eliminate the quarry impacting negatively on neighbouring residents and Rangiora residents. The proposed strategies are mitigation strategies, not elimination strategies. As it is not possible to eliminate noise, dust and air pollutants as a result of a guarry in the proposed site. I do not accept that this guarry should proceed given the above mentioned impacts to local Rangiora residents. To further exacerbate the impact on the air quality and noise pollution likely to be caused by the proposed quarry, the predominant wind pattern we experience during the summer season, is a North West wind, often in excess of 40km per hour. This would carry noise and dust, in spite of any bunding or mitigation strategies, directly toward residents and the township of Rangiora. Their seems to be little from the commercial entities responsible for requesting these consents for the Rangiora publics health and their entitlement to a low air pollutant environment, in the proposal to establish a quarry in the proposed site. I understand that the rationale behind the quarry being located in Rangiora Racecourse revolves is concerned with supporting a positive balance sheet for the Rangiora Racecourse organisation, as a result of the income provided to them by Taggarts Earthmoving, for the use of the land for the proposed quarry. I find the commercial interests here motivating the proposed quarry to be quite distasteful, especially when I believe, that the quarry would negatively impact the residents of Rangiora. It strikes of a proposal made solely on its commercial interests, with little regard for the community of Rangiora and residents. I am aware of the national financial decline of a number of horse racing organisations. Significant public taxpayer money has already been used to support the industry, an industry which is declining due to waning public interest in horse racing, increased awareness of the animal welfare issues involved in horse racing and a higher public awareness of the harmful social impacts of gambling. To summarise, I do not support the proposed consents for the quarry in Rangiora

Consent comment:

Decline all consents, on the basis of the above reasons.