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Group ID: 592

Consent name: Taggart Earthmoving Limited

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

Name: John Macphail

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

Reasons comment:

My submission is to oppose the application because of the environmental effects caused by the quarrying activities. The Dust and Noise will cause my residence to be effected to the extent that my health and wellbeing will be at risk. I have expanded my submission below.

Consent comment:

The only option is to refuse to grant the consent required. The proposed quarry is too close to the town boundary.

Submission by John and Anne Macphail

My Submission is against the application by Taggart Earthmoving Co to establish a Quarry at the Rangiora Racecourse.

My Residence is located very close to the site and my concern is that my **environment** will be compromised, my **property** value will decrease and my **health** will suffer.

I am concerned about the effect of Noise and Dust that the Quarry will generate.

The Taggart Consent application states that the effects of Dust and Noise will be Negligible. This adjective is used more than once to dismiss the effect that the activity will have. Negligible means small, unimportant, and not worth considering. However the application goes to great lengths to tell us about the actions it will take to limit these Negligible issues.

The proposed Quarry will have a significant environmental effect on the residences of Arlington and surrounding area.

The dust generated by the Quarrying activity will generate an unhealthy Air Environment despite the dust mitigation action planned.

The Canterbury Air Regional Plan States that discharge of Dust into the Air is permitted only if the discharge does not go beyond the boundary of the property of Origin.

As the applicant has highlighted, the use of motorised scrapers, diggers and truck movements will cause the uplift of fine dust particles that will be carried by the predominant winds to the residential areas nearby.

NW winds already carry a considerable amount of dust from the Racecourse direction and the addition of Quarry Dust will be unbearable to the residents.

The planned water use to dampen the dust will be useless on a hot NW day due to quick evaporation. The mitigation planned will also only be carried out during the hours the quarry is working. Once the workers have gone home the dust will still be actively carried up and away to cause health issues to neighbours.

I feel the ability to lodge a complaint that will be recorded in a register, will be a waste of time, given the lack of ability to action anything once Consent is approved.

The CRC Manager's annual audit is also a very open to be ignored if no operational limits can be placed on operations.

The applicants Contractors, Marshall Day Acoustics, have come to the conclusion "Noise effects from the quarrying activity will be acceptable".

This conclusion was reached following a desk top survey at a variety of locations in the area. The locations were not in, or behind the residential area. No actual measurements using real noises or for any length of time. Difficult but not impossible.

The Waimakariri District Councils District Plan allows for a maximum of 55dbL for Rural Zone properties. This is noted to allow farmers to carry out their farming activities such as Tractors, Farm machinery and mowers etc. The expected effected period is short and seasonal.

The difference with the Quarry is it is proposed to carry out daily activities 6 days a week. The Quarry would be an affront to our quiet and peaceful environment. The Quarry is an ongoing commercial operation with a constant rumble.

The applicants assessment of caused noise is accurately understated with estimates of 50 dbL maximum. I expect this to be a low rumble that is constantly annoying, it will have a serious effect on the residents close by.

I ask this hearing to please consider the health and welfare of this community and refuse to grant the application.