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Status:

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Two Children

Oral submission notes

My name is Wayne Mulqueen, I am married to Carly and we have two children Marni and Ivan who are 8 & 10 years old.

Thank you to everyone present today for allowing me to give a short oral submission about my personal concerns regarding the proposed Taggart Quarry application situated at the Rangiora Racecourse area.

We live within a literal stones throw from where the proposed quarry is wanting to be located.

My concerns are directed towards the impact this quarry will have on my family and our health.

Having had cancer myself I know firsthand what it is like to not want to get any sicker. My daughter Marni and I both suffer from severe pollen/hay fever allergies, with myself taking sprays ever day and my daughter having to breath through her mouth 90% of the time because of a constantly blocked nose. Every morning she wakes up sneezing and coughing even though we have a high-grade filtration system fitted in our home.

I am concerned that with a constant level of dangerous silica and other dust particles in the air, over time, both Marni and I will experience a downturn in our breathing health and therefore a lowering of the quality of life for our whole family.

Additional to the dust impact, there will be a noise impact.

What on earth are we going to be able to do about the constant drone of machinery, diggers, and truck noise? As I understand it, it will be most days and for 15 years. The area is very open and given the short distance from our house, the proposed quarry mounds will not block out all the sound, so to get any sort of quiet, will that mean we have to keep all doors and windows closed and live inside?

It just makes no sense to me.

Rangiora is a beautiful town to live in now. We already have one Taggart quarry close to residential housing, adding another Taggart quarry even closer to residential housing increases the health risks of everyone entering Rangiora.

It seems counterproductive to me if the town is trying to thrive and grow the local population.

If this quarry goes ahead, it has the potential to negatively impact my family's life forever and I make a request to deny the application and to look for another location away from this town.

Thank you for your time and for listening to my concerns.

Yours sincerely

Wayne Mulqueen.