

Taggart - joint
hearing - 7 May
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Submission from Dianne and Chris Wallace

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We are opposed to Taggarts proposed quarry at Rangiora Racecourse.

Our concerns are,

1. Dust movement in a residential area – as per claims by Taggarts in an answer to Incite Resource and Environmental Management that monitoring of dust levels will be in place, but has it been established who will audit this monitoring. Will this be Ecan's responsibility and, if so, will the ratepayer bear the cost of compliance?

We also note that Ecan have installed barriers on the riverbank beside the Rangiora aerodrome to prevent vehicles driving up there. This is to prevent dust (as per sign) from falling within the aerodrome area and on aircraft which could create a danger. The question is, will there not be a similar problem with dust if there is a quarry working at the Rangiora racecourse, and the health and wellbeing of Rangiora citizens will be involved?

2. Traffic Volume – It is stated that the considered route for heavy traffic is Lehmans Road and River Road but does not state or show the direct route that will be used when back filling, which leaves room for change. i.e., is the route definitive?

Also, with pedestrians and cyclists crossing River Road to access the trails in the Ashley River there does not seem to be any reference to their safety in relation to a substantial increase in traffic. How will the safety of these users be dealt with?

3. Noise Levels – the projected levels have not considered the proximity of people's homes which do not have noise measurements. These people are individuals with different levels of tolerance to the continuous noise of machinery, bearing in mind when the homes were purchased no known quarry was planned, nor was the information available to these people. It has been reported that the quarry was secretly being planned in 2015.

4. Water.

We have concerns that the excavating and backfilling could disturb this natural resource. We understand that water from this area will be provided in an emergency if the current Rangiora supply fails.

Why would we jeopardise this natural supply?

5. It seems to us that this application for a short-term consent of 15 years, with unknown consequences, is entirely to benefit financially Taggarts, and the Rangiora Harness Club without consideration to the surrounding people.

6. The seeming secrecy between Taggarts and the negotiating representatives of the Rangiora Racecourse is a concern.

Where is the transparency?

At this hearing on Wednesday, 5th we heard from Mr Crawford that the appropriate interested parties had been considered – We have yet to find when and where this happened?

In fact, before the quarry proposal was made public, below comment was made to a us as new residents, by a member of the Rangiora Harness Club -

“you won’t be happy with the plans the racecourse has”.

7. Finally and as per “Environment Canterbury’s” own website, it is quoted that when considering a resource consent it has to be taking into account “how the activity will affect other people’s use and enjoyment of the environment.”