

Taggart  
Joint hearing  
10 May 2021

Wendy Withall

Regarding-

Taggart Earth Moving Limited's Application

To; operate a quarry within the Rangiora Racecourse.

To the Hearing Commissioners.

Within my submission I have opposed Taggart's application for a resource consent to operate a quarry within the Rangiora racecourse.

*The RMA-*

I have noted in my submission that the RMA is to promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources.

Within the act it is noted that "Sustainable management means managing the use development, and protection of natural and physical resources in a way, or rate which enables people and communities to provide for their social, economic and cultural well-being and for their health and safety.

I now have more questions than answers.....

The RMA is challenged by this application and the application falls short of providing evidence that it responds or answers to any of the following questions-

- How does the application meet the criteria for sustainable management.....? It does not?
- How does the application protect natural and physical resources? It does not!
- How does the application enable people and communities to provide for their social and economic well-being? It does not!
- How does the application enable people and communities to provide for their health and safety? ... it does not.

*The motivation or Basis of the Application- is Commercial Returns-*

- I have asked myself.... why, do Taggarts and their consultants consider the Rangiora Racecourse, to be sound location for quarry activities, the only answer is- increased commercial profits. This is not a sound argument that meets the RMA criteria for protecting the environment.
- Does the application state the quarry is for the benefit of the sustainable management of natural and physical resources, the answer is..... No.
- So, Taggarts will have increased profitability due to reduced transportation costs. Does this benefit the health and well-being of the community.....? No.
- The application falls short of meeting any of the criteria for protecting natural resources in any way, so I ask, what are the benefits of a quarry at the Rangiora Racecourse?. I am yet to find an appropriate answer.

*The Effects of Quarry Activities-*

- *Dust-* I ask myself, how will fine dust effect my family..... our son has eczema and asthma, both of these conditions will flare up and the outcome cannot be measured. The application does not state how Taggarts will assist and resolve health issues caused by fine dust.

- *Mental Health*- The mental well being of residents will be impacted. There is anxiety and depression at the thought of the quarry activities commencing next to the nearby residential areas and this health effect cannot be measured, and there are no mitigations possible for this health concern. I ask, how have Taggarts made consideration for the effects of mental health.... they have not and cannot. This very real concern is already being experienced by many.
- *House Maintenance*- Arlington Park is a new residential area next to Rangiora Racecourse. Many residents still have roof and wall systems under warranty. To maintain these warranties, it is necessary to clean the surfaces down on an annual basis. The increased dust from quarry activities will now impose more time and cost on residents, Taggarts do not consider this in their application, So I ask, how does this meet social, economic and well-being of residents? It does not.

In closing, The Act notes- That its purpose, is safeguarding the life-supporting capacity of air, water, soil and ecosystems.

I ask myself, will Environment Canterbury deliver on the promise to safeguard these natural elements and the protection of natural and physical resources in a way, or rate which enables people and communities to provide for their social, economic and cultural well-being and for their health and safety, so commissioners.... now please ask yourselves, why are you here? to support a company's profiteering? At the expense of the environment or are you here to support the people who are the most important part of the environment.