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RE MACKAS SAND QUARRY AMENDMENT

I write to make comment on this Amendment.

The Towers family, who owns the land adjacent to Worimi Lots 227 and 218 the subject of quarry approval, has a written Agreement with Mr. Bruce Mackenzie (Mackas Sand) which does not preclude a further access through Towers land which would mitigate any further damage to Aboriginal heritage sites.

I wish to advise that I am also concerned about the aspect of traffic vibration and damage to the Towers residence at the end of Lavis Lane.

The proponent has not done sufficient study into the potential vibration and damage effects this will have on the Towers residence (and possibly Fords also) due to extremely high trucking movements allowed (38 truck movements per hour which is approximately one truck every one and a half minutes (which could be decreased). The proponent should address the problem in relation to speed limits near the residences and the use of noisy brakes on trucks. This issue and others related to the project are now out of our control due to the fact that Port Stephens Council has compulsorily acquired parts of Towers land to realign Stockton Bight Track even though an Agreement was in place with Bruce Mackenzie.

Also I would like to request the amendment to change the transportation of product times to NOT BEFORE 7am out of Lot 218. I believe this would be in line with the Noise Control Act.

If there is damage to property, who is to compensate? I understand part of the Approval given was based on the fact that the Proponent would have to buy the property of a landowner if requested to do so. This is not a suitable option.

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