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RE MODIFICATION TO MACKAS SAND EXTRACTION OPERATIONS ON LOT 218 & LOT 220 SALT ASH NSW

I would like to make the following objections to the mentioned modification application.

I am a member of the Towers Family who own Lots 76, 13 and 101 DP 753192 as mentioned in the proposal.

We have an agreement with Bruce Mackenzie of Mackas Sand to access Lot 218 across our property using the formed track that has been used by a Family owned Company, QSC. At no time have the Towers Family denied Bruce MacKenzie of Mackas Sand access to this road nor have we as a Family Group had any issue with his Company accessing Lot 218 via this approved access.

Bruce Mackenzie has taken the steps to alter the access by asking Port Stephens Council to realign the paper road known as Stockton Bight Track to make it easier for him to access Lot 218 via 3 blocks of land that he purchased from one of our neighbours, Mr Neville Moxey. These blocks of land have been separated from the Moxey Family Farm and the access to these blocks have historically been through the balance of the Moxey Family Farm. Bruce MacKenzie has since purchased the balance of the Moxey Family Farm and does not require this access along Stockton Bight Track.

The paper road traverses up into a 100 metre (approx) high hill and makes a 90 degree (approx) turn back down towards the paper road. The other section of the Track that Bruce MacKenzie has asked Port Stephens Council to realign is at what my Family call the "deep V". This section of Track is where there is a Billabong created by a natural water course. The Towers Family have owned and lived on this land continuously for over 150 years and these sections of the Track are significant areas for our Family and also for the Aboriginal People of our area.

We, the Towers Family do not agree with the Council in regard to the realigning of the Track and then the forming of a roadway through this area as it means that the road is not under our control. The agreement that we have with Bruce MacKenzie of Mackas Sand means that the vehicles travelling into Lot 218 have to travel over our land and we had the right to put in place speed controls and safety measures to ensure that ALL traffic using the roadway could traverse in a safe manner.

In the modification there is mention of Worimi Sand Dune Adventures using an elevated knoll. I would like to point out that as this an area with the highest sand dunes in the southern hemisphere there must be other elevated knolls that would be just as suitable and not so close to a proposed sand mine extraction area.

In the modification proposal it states that Worimi LALC resolved unanimously to approve this modification at an extra ordinary meeting on 14th September 2011. This meeting was rushed through just days before the new board was elected. Further in the proposed modification document it is suggested that not all of the Worimi People are in favour for this modified access to be approved.

My Family have on numerous occasions asked Andrew Smith to allow us to consult with the Worimi People to discuss the access issue and to inform them that the Towers Family are more than happy for Bruce MacKenzie of Mackas Sand to use the agreed access but to no avail. It is very unfortunate that only one side of the issue is being heard.

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Submission for Job: #5120 Mackas Sand Project Access Road Modification
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