



CVC DA2014/0098MOD - Sheridans Hard Rock Quarry/Matsid Pty Ltd

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As you are aware, on 15th December 2016 the Joint Regional Planning Panel met to consider an application by Sheridans Hard Rock Quarry/Matsid Pty Ltd to vary their existing development permit to allow for an increase of daily truck movements from 20 vehicles (40 return trips) to 66 vehicles (132 return trips) during periods of peak demand, whilst not exceeding the annual permitted number of truck movements. This represents **one truck every five minutes** during daylight hours on peak days.

This application was of great concern to the community as, whilst the application was made to Clarence Council in relation to Bald Hills Road, this represents only 13% of the actual journey - the remaining portion of the journey along Waterfall Way and through the townships of Dorrigo and Bellingen accounts for **87% of the journey**.

Following representations by members of the community, the JRPP deferred their decision to allow further consultation with the relevant stakeholders - including Bellingen Shire Council, with particular regard to the impacts of peak truck movements through Dorrigo and Bellingen.

An advertisement was placed in the Bellingen Courier Sun by the Clarence Valley Council on 20 December 2017 - calling for submissions in relation to the modification application. A notice was not placed in the Dorrigo Gazette as it had already shut down for Christmas. We have been advised by CVC that this information was also posted to Bellingen Shire Council on 12 December 2017. **A copy of our submission is attached.**

We are writing to ...

1. Enquire if BSC responded to this call for submissions and if so, to request a copy of the response. (**Access Application Form attached**)
2. Enquire if the BSC will support FOWW on points 2,3 and 4 of our submission relating to the monitoring of truck numbers
3. Call on the BSC to send a representative, and register to speak on behalf of the community at the next JRPP hearing (when scheduled) as your lack of involvement in this process gives the JRPP the impression that this is not a matter of community concern.

We should point out that Sheridans Hard Rock Quarry does not have a good track record in relation to adhering to the conditions of its license, having most recently been fined in October 2017 for exceeding its extraction limit by 40,000 tonnes in 2016-17.

Bellingen Shire Council has thus far abstained from any active involvement in this issue, (which dates back to 2014), in spite of the fact that increased truck movements through our towns have the possibility of severely impacting the health and amenity of both shire residents and tourists alike, on whom the shire depends for its economic viability. As far as we are aware, no BSC representative has attended any of the JRPP hearings, or public meetings and we now call on the council to involve themselves in this issue.

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