

MARTINS CREEK QUARRY WATCH

An information sheet by Martins Creek Quarry Action Group for impacted residents



Important Update

As you may be aware, on the 23rd of December 2022 the Independent Planning Commission announced it had received new information from the DPIE and Applicant in relation to the Martins Creek Quarry Expansion Proposal. The new information can be found by googling IPC Martins Creek. Readers should then click on the documents tab on the IPC website and the new information can be found under the heading "Additional Material 23 December 2022".

Specifically the new information responded to nine questions that the IPC had requested answers to from the DPIE. As part of the joint response to those questions Daracon has offered up further revisions to the proposed project parameters. The Changes submitted are:

- Reducing annual limit to be transported by road from 500,000 to 450,000 tonnes per annum
- Reducing the maximum daily truck movements from 280 down to 160 per day
- Reducing the maximum hourly truck movements from 40 to 24 per hour

The new information and the above project changes have been placed on public exhibition until **5pm 31 January 2023**. The IPC is seeking public comment from residents specifically in relation to the new information. Submissions must be made to submissions@ipc.nsw.gov.au

What Does the Change Mean?

MACQG Committee has reviewed the new information and revised project parameters above. The Committee's position is unchanged, the above parameters are completely unacceptable, if approved the hourly and daily scale of trucking operations proposed from the site will see a return of the trucking madness residents experienced between 2007 and 2019. Daracon, and Umwelt are continuing to flagrantly ignore and understate amenity and social impacts that (if approved) will be imposed on residents who live adjacent to the site (from blasting, dust and industrial noise) and on residents whose villages and residential streets will be turned in to Daracon mining haul roads. There will be unacceptable impacts to Rural Amenity, Village Amenity, Road Safety and Paterson Village Activity Function.

Why is there ANOTHER public exhibition period?

Unfortunately, because Daracon and Umwelt have made these changes subsequent to the November 2022 exhibition period the IPC have decided to exhibit this new information and changes to the project parameters. Also because 9 questions and answers responded to by DPIE and Daracon are material in nature it appears the IPC believes it is beneficial to get public comment on the responses to these questions from the wider public.

What do I have to do, this is really confusing?

OK, this is best answered in two parts, it is really important to note that the IPC is specifically wanting public comment and feedback as it relates to the new information only. The IPC does not require or want information already submitted to the panel in November 2022.

The IPC is requesting submissions by email only by **5pm 31 January 2023**. The email address to lodge submissions is **submissions@ipcn.nsw.gov.au**

If you are struggling for time or cannot fathom that 50 to 60 pages of new information the **MCQAG committee recommends you make a brief submission that states to the IPC that the changes do not remedy or adequately mitigate the impacts and issues contained in your November 2022 and that you find the information contained in the 9 answers as erroneous and misleading.**

If you have time and the resilience to respond in detail the MCQAG Committee recommends you take the time to review the 23 December 2022 new material from the DPIE and Daracon/Umwelt information on the IPC website. Readers should review and then detail out the concerns or issues they have with that new information. **Importantly your submission should clarify whether or not the revised parameters adequately mitigate the impacts and issues contained in your November 2022 submission.**

Will my November 2022 submission still be considered by the Panel?

Yes, the IPC have confirmed in writing that all submissions made in 2022 will still be under consideration by the Panel in spite of this new information

If I don't make an objection in this current public exhibition will the IPC assume that I now accept or agree with the Proposal?

No, the IPC have confirmed in writing that a non submission from a resident will not be taken as acceptance of the proposal, the IPC have further confirmed this is not a referendum or poll, the IPC has stated to MCQAG that this is not a numbers game, the IPC are focusing on the issues and impacts raised in November 2022 to the Panel. In spite of this MCQAG Committee encourage all residents to lodge a further objecting submission that confirm whether or not the new information resolves or mitigates the impacts and issues of concern to them.