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The General Manager  
Port Macquarie-Hastings Council  
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Dear Sir,

**Re: DA 1994/0468: Modification to Development Consent – Temporarily Increase Quarry Extraction Limits – Lot: 1 DP: 1107705, Ocean Drive, Bonny Hills**

The BHPA, having previously provided a comprehensive submission on this Development Application, thanks PMHC for the opportunity to comment on the draft VPA.

The following table, taken from our original submission, clearly outlines ten areas of concern expressed by the community.

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Perception of severity</b>	<b>Comment</b>
<b>Noise</b>	<b>High</b>	Particularly 6 to 7am, but also throughout the day, and much greater with empty trucks on the many sections of rough road through BH
<b>Vibration</b>	<b>Medium</b>	Severity related to proximity to Ocean Drive
<b>Dust and emissions</b>	<b>Low/Medium</b>	Impact mainly on traffic following trucks and on houses along Ocean Drive
<b>Increased degradation of roads</b>	<b>High</b>	Ocean Drive is already rated as very poor between the quarry and Houston Mitchell Drive, and the latter is mostly inadequate as the Applicant states.
<b>Pedestrian safety</b>	<b>High</b>	Particularly at crossings adjacent to bus stops and the 'top shop'
<b>Impacts on traffic flows</b>	<b>High</b>	Particularly at peak traffic times and with trucks 'tailgating'
<b>Increased potential for vehicular/bicycle accidents</b>	<b>Medium/High</b>	Inadequate narrow nature of the roads is a serious problem

<b>Decreased value of property</b>	<b>High</b>	For those owning property in proximity to Ocean Drive this is a serious issue
<b>Poor monitoring by Hy-Tec of truck driver behaviour</b>	<b>Medium</b>	Perceived lack of control over the behaviour of some subcontractors is an issue
<b>Impact on Village Atmosphere</b>	<b>High</b>	The Village Atmosphere, the very reason why people come to live in and visit a place like Bonny Hills is seen to be <b>severely compromised.</b>

It is disappointing that the draft VPA only seeks to address one of these concerns - the increased degradation of roads. The offer to contribute 54c for every tonne in excess of 120 000 tonnes per annum (up to maximum of 200 000 tonnes) equates to a maximum of \$43 200 per annum over the five year period.

The BHPA notes that the applicant, by submitting the VPA, acknowledges that increased truck movements will impact on, and require increased maintenance to, Ocean Drive and Houston Mitchell Drive.

Whilst the BHPA welcomes the applicant's offer to contribute to the repair and maintenance of Ocean Drive and Houston Mitchell Drive, our research indicates that the sum offered will have minimal impact on the increased costs of maintaining the roads.

The recommendations from the BHPA's original submission included:

- o *That Council negotiates with Hy-Tec to instigate measures to ameliorate the already considerable impacts of its operations on the Bonny Hills community.*

The BHPA is concerned that the discussions between PMHC and Hy-Tec appear to have not extended beyond the degradation of the road.

The BHPA seeks the assurance of PMHC that full consideration of the other nine impacts will be undertaken when assessing the Development Application itself.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Hafey  
Secretary