

Re : Petition to rezone certain lands for prohibition of Extractive Industries and to stop any mining at the Rindean mine site

The following residents of nine properties surrounding the old Rindean mine site, in the Somersby region of the Central Coast

have ask me, on their behalf, to petition the NSW Government to rezone their properties as 'land where Extractive Industries are prohibited' and stop the Rindean mine from proceeding in the future.

The reason for this petition is due to the following;

A Development Application No. 42409/2012 had been submitted to the Gosford Council to reopen the small old Rindean sand mine at Lot:2DP: 362339 No. 620 Wisemans Ferry Road Somersby by Coastplan Consulting – Erina. This site has not been used for 10 years. The Resident Action Group of mainly residential residents from houses within 500 metres of the mine site, plus over 100 residents of Somersby and Narara and the local Darkinjung Aboriginal Land Council have all submitted objections to the Council and requested it stop the mine proceeding in the future. The data submitted to the Council was not acceptable with respect to air quality to the EPA and was of concern for air quality and water to Central Coast Health and not acceptable to all the residents with respect to air quality, noise, water and environmental impact. Further data was resubmitted and again found to be unacceptable

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Six of the above residential ratepayers are within 200 metres of the mine site and one, who is within 100 metres, has a medically diagnosed respiratory condition, three of these residents have children and all would be subjected to unacceptable levels of fragmented silica dust, which is more toxic than beach silica.

The other reasons for the residents objections is due to the prevailing easterly winds blowing dust over the houses, the effect of breaking into the water aquifer, as they use it for drinking purposes , the effect of toxic water runoff, due to heavy metals, on the Narara Creek, as we have exceptionally heavy rain falls in Somersby and thus effecting Eco developments and aboriginal land sites located along Narara Creek, the noise and health effects from 20 diesel trucks a day climbing out of the pit and the negative effect on future development with respect to proposed additional horse equestrian, riding and breeding establishments coming into the area in the vicinity to the mine site.

A similar occurrence occurred in 2007 in Somersby at the adjacent proposed Somersby Fields sand mine, which was next to a primary school and the effects of the dust and noise on the children and mine water in Narara Creek were all considered by the previous Government to be important enough to proclaim the prohibition of Extractive industries on the land in question. This was gazetted in the State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007, Map2- Gosford

As the mine DA was considered at the time by Gosford Council and the JRPP and as this is a very small mine, we wish to request of your government, that, after discussions with the Gosford Council and the JRPP, you place a prohibition of Extractive Industries over all the properties indicated above, the mine site and The Department of Agriculture Research Station, as indicated in the Attachment of the Gosford Local Environmental Plan 2009 Map 017, Sheet LZN-017, to prevent once and for all future applications for this sand mine and the surrounding properties.

As this issue has been well documented in the local paper and by resident meetings and by the many objections, the majority of the 640 residents in Somersby together with the many hundreds of residents in the vicinity of Narara Creek would be most appreciative if you would agree to our request.

Yours sincerely