

In relation to Directions 1.1 and 1.3.

As a newly established, family oriented, fishing club in the area, with some fifty members, we are in full support of establishing safe and environmentally friendly surrounds for our children and many generations of children to enjoy. On behalf of members of our fishing community, we feel Deep Creek and all surrounds are of great environmental value to this area and putting this at risk is unacceptable.

Although this draft plan may bring employment and an economical boost to the area, we believe in teaching our children and adult members alike, ethics, morals and standards in a sustainable environment showing good marine practices.

We must think of the environmental impact this would have on our valley. The existing quarry in Valla already has inadequate filtration systems and is too close to Deep Creek. Any expansion of this practice without expansive and expensive systems in place to stop the massive amount of arsenic – which is prevalent in the valley – leeching into our waterways and surrounds would be nothing short of a tragedy. The valley is a 1:100year flood zone which, with the climate changes, is more and more susceptible to these events which in turn, would have a dramatically adverse effect on the environment.

Yes, we do want a secure economic growth with jobs for generations to come, but not at the expense of the environment. With this proposed industry will come more trucks on an already dangerous and degraded country road. This region has a strong agricultural background with many thriving businesses and this is the future we envisage for our children.

Surely agriculture, tourism (of which the waterways are a major draw) and the environment must come before this particular type of inappropriately damaging plan.

Thank You for your time.

Valla Beach Tavern Fishing Club