

Hello neighbour,

Happy new year. This is Glenn and Tiffany from 295 Old Carrajung Road. You may have seen the letter we sent out just before Christmas about a planning permit for a proposed quarry directly across the road from our home.

We have been chatting to others in Carrajung and downstream of Reedy Creek, and know people are also concerned about the impacts to our community.

If you're concerned, we encourage you to write an objection to Wellington Shire Council, before the 31st of January. We've listed on the other side a few of the reasons you could object, and we are interested to hear other points that people are raising.

Placing an objection will include you in the official council process, which will entitle you to receive council updates about the project as well as participate in any negotiations with the quarry proponent Radial Timber. Radial Timber will also be required to respond to your objections.

You can write an online objection here:

<https://www.wellington.vic.gov.au/development/planning-applications-on-notice>

or use this shortcut: [noquarry.au/object](https://www.wellington.vic.gov.au/development/planning-applications-on-notice)

You can also post (by registered mail) or hand deliver a written objection to the Wellington Shire Council's planning office in Sale. This needs your contact details, as well as the Planning Permit application number (P376/2023) and address of the proposed quarry (317 Old Carrajung Road).

A few people have told us they would like help with writing an objection to the quarry, so we are inviting people to come to our place for an **objection writing workshop**.

When: Next Wednesday 17th January at 5:30pm

Where: 295 Old Carrajung Road.

If this time and place doesn't work for you, please contact us and we can arrange another time or come to visit you.

After the objections have been received by council, they will be sent to the quarry applicant, Radial Timber, who is required to respond to all objections. If their response isn't adequate and you're still objecting, the council will then hold a 'planning application conference'. You will be contacted by the Council and invited to attend along with the other people who have lodged an objection. This process will take a few months.

Any questions or to discuss, please contact us by email at glenn@gippsland.au or text 0488 860 268. We have also created a website and facebook group to share permit and objection information: **noquarry.au**

Thankyou,
Glenn and Tiffany

Some of the community objections to the proposed quarry include:

Landslips

Our valley has a history of landslides, specifically on Buttners Saddle Road above the proposed quarry. Radial Timber has supplied no geotechnical research to council or any plans of how they will attempt to prevent the site from collapsing, endangering the lives of their own quarry workers.

Dusty and noisy trucks

Radial timbers have not provided any planning on how they will mitigate the noise and dust impacts of their heavy trucks travelling through the Carrajung township and surrounding areas.

Wear and tear of roads

Heavy gravel trucks will place substantial wear on surrounding roads, especially Old Carrajung and Grand Ridge Roads. Radial Timber are expecting that ratepayers and council will fund the repairs and maintenance of these roads.

Flooding downstream

Radial Timber are proposing three tiny "Sediment Ponds" will contain the massive water flow and erosion through their site. This management failure will increase silt downstream, increasing the risk of flooding impacts for residents along Reedy and Bruthren creeks.

Deterioration of the creek ecosystem

Radial Timber plan to work within the prohibited 30 metres of waterways, and have not provided any ecological surveys of the existing flora and fauna of the waterways or any plans on how they will manage their impacts on these sensitive systems. Platypus were living in Reedy Creek a few decades ago and we should be restoring these waterways, not degrading them further.

Ugly eyesore

Radial Timbers are planning to provide very little screening on the southside along Old Carrajung Road, making locals and visitors have to see their mess on every drive through the valley.

Amateur approach

Radial Timber has no mining experience and their planning application clearly shows this. Their plan does not comply with the Council Planning Scheme, Small Quarry Guidelines, Catchment Authority or State regulations. This shows they cannot manage this site to even minimum standards.

Sneaky loopholes

Radial Timber are claiming that 40 separate land titles used for timber production across a 150 km area is one "farm" in an attempt to use a loophole designed for work on a farm. This would exempt them from State mining compliance obligations, including paying their required rehabilitation bond and site management requirements. They are clearly not wanting to follow even the basic rules that apply to small quarries.

Lack of community engagement

Radial Timber installed their little planning application sign seven days before Christmas, allowing very little time for our community to respond to this complex project. Radial Timber have been planning this for three years, but the sign was the first that we as immediate neighbours had heard of this, and others only saw this on facebook when we posted about it.