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**SUBMISSION ON PROPOSED EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY AND EARTHMOVING EQUIPMENT TRAINING,
LIME INDUSTRIES, 90 NOWERGUP RD, NOWERGUP
(Ref: DEV11/1122: DA2011 827)**

Dear Sir

I would like to record my objections to Lime Industries' proposed limestone quarry and Mining Training School in Nowergup. I think it is very important for the City of Wanneroo to place the highest priority to protect the important environmental assets that we have.

The site of this quarry would be devastating to the virgin natural bushland which is home to many species of flora and fauna including the endangered Carnaby's Black Cockatoo. The Neerabup National Park and Nowergup Lake are adjacent to this proposed mine and I am concerned that the impact of such an industry will have irreversible consequences to the local environment including the known caves and magnificent Tuart trees in the area and on the site. The Ocean View Tavern and Gibbs Rd valley is well known locally for its heritage value and is often chosen by locals and visitors alike as a showpiece within the City of Wanneroo as a scenic drive. To have a limestone quarry in the heart of this valley would be significant and have a hugely negative impact on the image of Wanneroo.

I do not believe that Lime Industries has a social licence to operate. As confirmed by the City of Wanneroo, Lime Industries has never had any approvals for any use on the site. Furthermore it only stopped its prolonged unauthorised use of the land by RMS Training and Recruitment after the Council resolved to pursue prosecution action. It operated on public holidays including Good Friday. Additionally, the DEC has refused to issue a licence whilst there are no local government planning approvals in place. The City of Wanneroo must abide by the minimum buffer distances of 300 to 500metres set by the EPA. This quarry proposal will come to within 80 metres of some residences. In its report, Lime Industries concedes that the noise levels will exceed the Environmental Protection(Noise)Regulations 1997 for day time operations.

The community has successfully campaigned against the proposal by WA Limestone for a limestone quarry and concrete batching plant on the adjacent site. The Lake Nowergup/Carabooda Valley is a special jewel of Wanneroo being adjacent to Lake Nowergup, Neerabup National Park and Bush Forever site 383. It would be totally unacceptable for this proposal to now be approved at a time when the City of Wanneroo and State Government are properly considering how to protect and enhance this unique area for tourism, businesses and passive recreation. This Tavern has been here since the 1960's and long precedes any identification of basic raw materials priority areas. The City of Wanneroo must protect the rights and interests of existing landowners. The City of Wanneroo must protect and enhance the landscape of this area as one of the last remaining rural landscape precincts left in the Wanneroo area for the enjoyment of all. I request to be kept informed about the progress of this application.

COMMENT:

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