

Questions to ask at the drop-in sessions

Fish Creek Hall, 13 Falls Rd · Fri 23 Oct, 3 to 7 pm · Sat 24 Oct, 9 am to 1 pm

Pick the ones that matter to you. Ask for answers in writing and that your question is recorded.

HOMES CLOSE BY

- 1 EPA's separation distance for a quarry with crystalline silica is 500 metres, and anything shorter needs evidence that the risk to neighbours is low. 18 homes are within 500 metres, 14 of them on lots created before the existing quarry was approved in 1996. How will Fish Creek Quarries show the risk is low?
- 2 Some house yards run right to the boundary and an olive grove is within about 5 metres. Separation standards are getting stricter (the Northern Territory already applies 600 metres with crystalline silica), and a quarry runs for decades. Will this one be designed for where the standards are heading?

DUST AND SILICA

- 3 What testing has been done on the rock itself, and will the results be published?
- 4 Will dust, including respirable crystalline silica, be monitored continuously at nearby homes and along the road, starting before any work? Who sees the results, and what happens if they're too high?
- 5 How will loads be covered and mud and dust kept off Meeniyah-Promontory Road?
- 6 How will dust from the ridge top be controlled on windy days?

THE EXISTING QUARRY

- 7 The existing quarry's permit says it must not affect the amenity of the neighbourhood by noise, vibration, dust or grit. To our knowledge no agency has ever assessed it against that condition. Fish Creek Quarries has said rock from the new pit will be processed at the existing quarry. How much longer, and how much busier, will it be?

THE PROPOSAL

- 8 Where exactly will the pit be, how deep, and for how many years? Does any of it rely on a reduced separation distance?
- 9 How many trucks a day, on which roads, and at what hours?
- 10 How will runoff into Hoddle Creek be managed?
- 11 What will it look like from the road, nearby homes and businesses, and when will the visual impact report be released?
- 12 The Hoddle Range Flora Reserve is about 95 metres away. Will the biodiversity assessment cover the reserve and the threatened species recorded there, and will it be published?
- 13 When will the work plan be lodged, and how can the community comment on it?

ON THE DAY

Anyone can go. You don't need to live nearby, and going isn't support.

Hand your questions over on paper and ask that they're recorded.

You don't have to sign in or give your email or phone. A name and street is enough.

Ask for answers in writing. A verbal answer is easy to walk back.

Take your own notes: who you spoke to, what you asked, what they said.

Stay polite and stick to facts. Your questions speak for themselves.

Afterwards, send your notes and any answers to info@promcoastguardians.org so we keep a community record. promcoastguardians.org