



Thursday, 24 January 2019

Ms Jenny Stephens  
Chair – R.E. Ross Trust  
Suite 2, 43 Agnes Street  
EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002

Dear Ms Stephens,

I am writing to you in relation to a proposal from your subsidiary, Hillview Quarries, to open a granite quarry in the Arthurs Seat State Park in Dromana, on the Mornington Peninsula.

This proposal has caused me great concern as such a project would result in the fundamental erosion of the Green Wedge zones on the Mornington Peninsula. It would also negatively impact upon local residents, creating significant noise and visual pollution.

The R.E. Ross Trust has established a renowned reputation for its charitable work and commitment to a wide variety of causes benefitting our community. I am concerned that such a proposal would have an unintended negative impact on the Trust's reputation.

I would respectfully ask that the Trust reconsider its intention to proceed with this proposal, as this area is home to a diverse range of flora and fauna and has become an environmental asset to the community. I would also note that R.E. Ross's will explicitly outlined that his estate was to be used for the "preservation and maintenance of national or public parks". Allowing such a project to go ahead would be going against the wishes of R.E. Ross himself.

I commend the charitable work of the R.E. Ross Trust and have witnessed the positive impact that the Trust has had on our community, however, I remain deeply concerned over this proposed project.

I would be happy to discuss this matter further with you at any time.

Yours sincerely,

**Greg Hunt MP**