



Monday, 21 January 2019

Hon Richard Wynne MP
Minister for Planning
Level 16, 8 Nicholson Street
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Dear Minister,

I am writing in relation to the proposal from the R.E. Ross Trust to open a granite quarry in the Arthurs Seat State Park in Dromana, on the Mornington Peninsula. This proposal involves a 43 hectare, 200m deep quarry to be excavated at 115 Boundary Road, in an existing Green Wedge zone.

I understand that this proposal is currently before the State Government for an Environmental Effects Statement (EES).

I wish to voice my strong opposition to this proposal. Proceeding with such a proposal would result in the fundamental erosion of the Green Wedge on the Mornington Peninsula.

As you may be aware, R.E. Ross Trust owns another site at 121 Boundary Road. This site was dismantled by the Trust and minimal maintenance was undertaken. This resulted in the spread of pest plant species, including Sallow Wattle and Radiata Pine, into the surrounding Arthurs Seat State Park.

The construction of an even larger quarry would result in widespread environmental destruction in an area renowned for its natural qualities. In addition, it would negatively impact upon local residents, creating significant noise and visual pollution.

I have already received many objections from local residents and community groups, including the Peninsula Preservation Group, in relation to this latest proposal.

I would also note that the last will and testament of R.E. Ross, he clearly wished his funds to be used for the "preservation and maintenance of national or public parks". Allowing such a project to go ahead would be in direct contravention of R.E. Ross's wishes.

I would appreciate being kept informed on the progress of the State Government's deliberations on this proposal and urge you to consider the environmental damage that such a proposal will cause.

Yours sincerely,

Hon Greg Hunt MP