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Dear Gary

I am writing again following our meeting and earlier correspondence regarding the proposed quarry operations at Sheppersons Lane, Kin Kin.

In my previous letter I indicated that I had written to the Regional Director (North Coast) of the Queensland Government Department of Transport and Main Roads, Mr Dennis Tennant, expressing concern about the impact of the proposed quarry operation on the local road system. I have now received a response from Mr Tennant and I enclose a copy for your information.

You will note from Mr Tennant's letter that the Kin Kin Quarry was approved by the former Noosa Shire Council before there was any requirement for local government to refer development applications to the Department of Transport and Main Roads for assessment. Consequently no conditions were imposed by the Department of Transport and Main Roads on the development and no obligations imposed on the quarry operator to contribute towards road upgrading.

It is of concern that the Department has no forward program for upgrading roads in the Kin Kin area along the proposed haulage routes and only maintenance work is planned to keep the roads in a safe and trafficable condition.

It seems incredible that a development approval granted more than twenty years ago can now be activated. Clearly the nature of the Kin Kin community has changed substantially over this period of time and what may have been acceptable then is not necessarily so today. I have particular concerns about the impact of the quarrying operation on the neighbouring properties, especially Living Valley Springs, and the inadequacy of the local road system to cope with the movement of heavy gravel trucks.

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I note that the Kin Kin community has launched legal action in a bid to prevent the quarry operation and you will note that Mr Tennant has referred my concerns to the Sunshine Coast Regional Council for their consideration and further reply.

I will write to you again when I receive a response from the Sunshine Coast Regional Council.

Yours sincerely

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WARREN TRUSS MP
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Leader of The Nationals

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15 January 2010

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Dear Mr ~~Truss~~ *Warren*

I refer to your letters of 17 July 2009 and 1 December 2009, about proposed quarry operations at Shepperson's Lane, Kin Kin. I apologise for the delay in responding.

As you may be aware, the former Noosa Council approved a development application for the quarry in 1987. Under the legislation in place at that time, local government was not required to refer all development applications with potential impacts on state-controlled roads to the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

Sunshine Coast Regional Council have confirmed that the application was never forwarded to the department. Therefore the department had no opportunity to assess potential impacts of the development and recommend conditions for mitigating such impacts.

At present, there is no committed funding in the department's forward program for upgrading Kin Kin Road along the proposed haulage route. Funding for an upgrade of Kin Kin Road can only be made available by redistributing funds allocated to existing high-priority projects in the department's current program of works.

The department understands there are community concerns about increased heavy vehicle traffic on Kin Kin Road. It will continue to monitor the performance of the road and assess its priority for upgrading in the future. It will also carry out regular inspections of the road and schedule maintenance works as necessary to ensure the road is maintained in a safe, trafficable condition

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With respect to your comments about the quarry supplying material for the Bruce Highway upgrade between Cooroy and Curra, quarry sites must be licensed quarries that are accredited under the department's prequalification processes before they can supply material for the department's road upgrades. At this time the Kin Kin Quarry is not a registered, specialised supplier under the department's Major Works Prequalification System and is therefore unable to provide material for the Cooroy to Curra upgrade.

Your concerns about the unsealed access to the quarry, potential impacts of the development on Living Valley Springs Health Retreat, lifestyle impacts for the local community and the capacity of local roads are all matters for local government and I have therefore referred your letter to Sunshine Coast Regional Council for consideration and direct reply.

I trust this information is of assistance. If you require further information, please call Mr Geoff Dawson, Manager (Network Planning and Performance) in Gympie on 5482 0333.

Yours sincerely

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D G Tennant

Regional Director (North Coast)