

To minister King , Thank you for this opportunity to speak with you .

My name is Kris Bogdanoff owner of the [REDACTED] , which has been in family for 46 years . Times were hard on the land especially after my father passed away in 1989 .

To make ends meet we had a little blue metal quarry ran by Boral industries for 25 years our land was crown land at the time but royalties was our life line .

15 years ago another quarry started which was owned by [REDACTED] , we didn't worry it was only small , it was very close to our house and didn't think it would be allowed to get bigger . How wrong was I .

10 years ago they put in for an expansion for 200 000 tonnes / year . The Narrabri Shire council got JRPP to pass it with certain conditions from EPA . Chairman of JRPP was Gary West (National party member) .

EPA started with minor monitoring for dust and noise which wasn't done right from the start . Dust results were missing or swapped to other locations to show favourable for them . Noise monitoring was done with equipment shut down or used not correctly to give consultants of their choice good results. Our community meeting every six months was a joke , I asked for a council rep for an independent chair but epa , council allowed Johnstones to pay a part time consultant for the chair .

Johnstones consultant brought to a meeting a offer to buy our land and give me a job but it was bogus no job and money was discussed, I found out later that this document ended up with epa to allow the company to up the noise limits saying no deal no protection.

Monitoring was moved off the property excuse was I was a danger to their staff ! EPA and Narrabri shire agreed with no evidence and didn't even ask me for my side of the story.

Then 2020 all of the sudden Boral our quarry operators packed up and left for no reason giving free rein for Johnstones to expand to 500000 tonne / year and with my soiled reputation my submissions weren't taken seriously.

JRPP was involved again , no public meetings were allowed and at judgement day only owners , council staff and government reps for inland rail were allowed.

When Boral left I had several interested party's wanting to continue my quarry but Boral surrendered the DA without my knowledge and council did not help me or other companies a way to continue, they didn't want any other trucks on the road but the company supplying inland rail .

Now I have the property freehold the council said I have apply for a new da to open my quarry again like there has never even been one there before which is impossible unless I go to a different part of the property.

Now I have no money , no compensation and quarry which has exploded in size with 50 trucks going passed everyday with a leave pass from inland rail to take out as much is needed which is going to be a lot more than 500,000 tonnes a year .

Now council , epa wont talk to me explaining what's going to happen, I had to move away from this operation because of no protection for me and my family .

Not blaming ARTC but blaming Narrabri Shire and NSW EPA for not protecting a rate payer who's gravel was used by the shire in the passed 25 years .

As the mayor told me over the phone no one cares about me or my little quarry.

Funny enough the Johnstones quarry was sold recently, the consultant that chaired the meeting part time is a full time employee of this company also this new company owners are good friends with the mayor . How convenient!

This is a snap shot of what has happened to me and my family , I could write a book about but my wife probably won't let me cause it still gives us great pain !

Your sincerely

Kris Bogdanoff.