



HANSON (FORMERLY PIONEER) RED HILL QUARRY

Hanson, an English-based company, purchased the Australian company, Pioneer, several years ago.

When Pioneer applied to the authorities for permission to develop the quarry, Pioneer stated in their proposal that, “the visual impact of Pioneer No.2 (Red Hill) will be minimal, as the quarry has been designed to be visible only from within Pioneer property.” (PER Sept 1990) They also wrote, “The construction of the quarry pits and plant will require the removal of up to 40ha of natural and rehabilitated vegetation over 100 years.” Pioneer later confirmed, “The hole will be visible only from the air or from Pioneer property.” (EPA Bulletin 510 Apr 1991)

Notwithstanding their promises made in order to be granted approval, the quarry is clearly visible to a significant area of neighbouring property to the north-east, as is evidenced in the above photograph. Hanson’s lawyers now express the view, “there is no commitment by our client (or any other obligation) as to the visibility of the Pioneer operation from outside Pioneer property;” (Clayton Utz letter dated 13th February 2006)

Private property on the Darling Escarpment is now very valuable and as property owners we should protect our assets. Hanson have already cleared double the area of natural bushland for which they got approval in 1991 and there is 90 years to go (PER 1990).

Hanson have expressed their lack of concern and the government has failed to take action.

It is important that neighbouring property owners object to any further development until such time as we obtain from Hanson and the government legally enforceable commitments that any further quarry development will not be permitted if that development will adversely impact on neighbouring property.

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