

ANNA WATSON MP MEMBER FOR SHELLHARBOUR

SAY NO TO THE NEW BORAL SAND MINES AT DUNMORE

The Member for Shellharbour, Anna Watson MP, took to the floor of the NSW Parliament today, to put a Notice of Motion forward calling on the NSW government to:

1. Note that Boral proposes two new sand mining pits in the Minnamurra River catchment at Dunmore;
2. Note that the proposed mine pits have been assessed under a repealed section of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979;
3. Note that the loss of biodiversity from the clearing of the land for the mines would be significant and detrimental to a high value and high quality environmentally sensitive areas.
4. Calls on the State government to stop Boral sand mining operations in these new areas.

“Today I called on the NSW government to stop Boral’s sand mining expansion into a very sensitive ecological area of the Minnamurra River catchment”, Ms. Watson said.

“It’s not like this Project has the stamp of approval locally, it’s actively opposed by all sides of politics, by the local community, by rallies, petitions, community associations and by both Shellharbour and Kiama Council’s”, Ms Watson said

Just what will our communities gain from these new mines; sand for Sydney construction and maybe a few new jobs that will last for 3 to 4 years?

“What will our communities lose because of the new mines: a 4.5ha of rare ancient Bangalay Sand Forest ranging from 100 years to 400 years of age, a rare high quality bird and animal refuge with every chance of contaminating the water table forever,” Ms Watson said.

“In terms of the DA application for these mines both Kiama and Shellharbour Councils have written to the Department of Planning & Environment with their concerns regarding Boral’s process being inadequate, insufficient, and incomplete, hardly inspiring” Ms Watson said.

“Boral have other sand reserves in their existing mining approvals outside the Minnamurra River catchment they could find another area to mine their sand, a place that doesn’t have the fragile high quality and high value biodiversity this area has”, Ms. Watson said

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

NOTICE OF MOTION

Ms. Watson says -

Mr. SPEAKER:

I give notice that on the next sitting day I will move that this House:

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3. Notes that the loss of biodiversity from the clearing of the land would be significant and detrimental to a high value and high quality environmentally sensitive areas.
4. Calls on the State government not to allow sand mining operations in these new project areas.

Signed: _____

Member for _____

Dated: _____