Dear <insert name and role>

I’m writing to raise my significant concern regarding the proposal to open a new quarry (also known as The Boundary Road Project) on Arthurs Seat, on the Mornington Peninsula.

While I understand this proposal is currently the subject of an EES and there will be a public consultation opportunity in due course, my personal level of concern warrants writing now.

Arthurs Seat is a place of environmental, cultural, and recreational significance for all Victorians. Its remaining old growth bushland provides critical habitat for the Peninsula’s wildlife, including koalas and other rare or threatened species, and its escarpment marks the gateway to one of the State’s most loved tourist regions. It’s simply not the place for an invasive and destructive quarrying operation like that which is proposed.

I note that Victoria’s own extractive resources strategies do not highlight the Mornington Peninsula as being a top 15 area of interest for rock and granite mining. I also understand that the charity which proposes this mine will not pay royalties because of their status. To consider a mine of this type, in this area, when there is no strategic value to Victoria or Victorians is astounding.

Land of such high conservation value and so sensitively situated should not be open to industrial exploitation. In 2021, as Victoria looks to protect its Green Wedge areas for future generations, areas like Arthurs Seat need to be protected.

Rather than consider turning this site into an unnecessary and destructive open cut mine, I urge you and your Government to consider how this parcel of land can instead be integrated into the Arthurs Seat State Park. It must be preserved for future generations.

Regards

<insert name>