

STOP MONTROSE QUARRY EXPANSION

Dear Heathmont Bushcare members,

The Planning Minister, Sonya Kilkenny, decided that the proposed Boral Montrose Quarry expansion application requires an Environmental Effects Statement (EES).

The first step in the process of an EES is for draft Scoping Requirements to define the matters to be investigated and documented in the EES. I believe these are exhibited for 15 days before the Planning Minister issues the final scoping requirements that the EES investigation must cover.

The [EES Statement of decision](#) and [Reasons for decision](#), dated 26/1/2026, list four scoping items in the reasons for decision as follows:

- surface water and groundwater hydrology and quality;
- biodiversity values, especially native vegetation and listed species of flora and fauna;
- noise and amenity; and
- landscape values, including those associated with the nearby Dandenong Ranges National Park

Nowhere have the impacts on human health been mentioned by the minister when it is expected to be in an EES. The *Ministerial guidelines for assessment a of environmental effects under the Environment Effects Act 1978* lists nine clauses of what an EES should address effects on at page 26, where the eighth dot point states: **“human health for example related to changes in air quality and the noise environment or changes to public safety”**. https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0028/682453/DTP0497-Ministerial_Guidelines-8th-edition-web-FA44.pdf

It is very important that the scoping requirements cover all the important issues and potential impacts of the expansion proposal and it is expected that the draft scoping requirement will be published in the very near future. Many of us are writing individual letters firstly to the minister asking to ensure the EES scoping requirement include investigation into impact on human health and then in addition to local members of parliament such as the Liberal MP for Evelyn district Bridget Vallence and Labor local MP Daniela Di Martino, who also supports stopping the expansion in her district of Monbulk. I am also making contact with the shadow minister for the environment, Nick McGowan.

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Kind regards,

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