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Dear Mr Cordwell,

As Mayor of such a vibrant, community-minded shire, it's my responsibility to represent the interests of our residents. I write this letter in the hope that you and your business will show some compassion for the community you have chosen to work in.

The current quarry operations at Kin Kin are causing a great deal of angst within the hinterland community and proving intolerable for many. Safety continues to be our number one concern. Not only for our residents, but also our local bus drivers and even tourists are becoming increasingly frightened for the safety of their loved ones, especially their children who must regularly cross the roads that quarry trucks traverse regularly at significant speed.

I respectfully call on you, as a good corporate citizen, to take steps to significantly reduce the number of trucks entering and leaving your quarry and to keep our children safe.

A good start would be to stop trucks during school bus times and significantly reduce truck movements to a more manageable level. This would clearly show you are community-minded and share our concerns about safety, especially for our local children. None of us want to see an accident involving a quarry truck and our local school buses. I urge you to show some empathy and not to ignore this request.

Pomona-Kin Kin Road and the haulage route are 'not fit for purpose' for handling such a large amount of quarry trucks and passing cars. When the Quarry first began in the 1980's, no-one anticipated the hundreds of trucks that now roar through the hinterland community.

We need to protect the amenity and wellbeing of hinterland residents.

This is a state controlled road and while the State Government is a stakeholder in the issue, we must find a compromise.

Please Mr Cordwell, put the community's mental wellbeing and safety of our children ahead of profits.

As a Council, we stand with the residents on this issue. Enough is enough. The steps we are taking are all about preventing a fatality before it occurs. Noosa's MP, Sandy Bolton stands united with us and the community on this issue. We have also sought support from the Transport Minister to help make the State roads safer for our community.

Our local school buses share the same route as your quarry trucks, and the many accounts of near misses have all of us deeply concerned.

Simply put: if we don't work together now, we could face a devastating and catastrophic outcome.

We owe it to our community to avoid this from happening.

Yours sincerely



Cr Clare Stewart
Mayor