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## **RESIDENTS URGED TO PROTEST SAND MINE**

**Construction company Hanson Australia is pushing ahead with a proposed sand mine in Wellard, despite strong objections by the City of Kwinana about the environmental damage it will cause.**

Mayor Carol Adams said she was deeply concerned to learn that Hanson Australia is calling for public comment on the sand mining of the former Banksia Road Rifle Range area, which for several years has been under the control of the City as a conservation reserve.

"Several companies have repeatedly attempted to create a sand mine at this site, for over twenty years, and Council has repeatedly advised against its construction, including meeting with the relevant Ministers in an effort to stop the proposals as it is not in the interests of our local residents or the environment," she said.

The Banksia Road conservation reserve is 26 hectares in size, covered in mostly native vegetation which contains almost 100 species of native fauna - including six conservation-significant species and the home of many local Carnaby and Red-Tailed Black Cockatoos.

"If approved, this mine would pave the way for broad scale clearing of natural vegetation of unique Banksia Woodlands in the Wellard area, resulting in an environment devoid of native flora and fauna," Mayor Adams said.

"The City has surveyed the community a number of times to ensure we reflect the desires and concerns of our residents and we are consistently told that they place great value on the surrounding environment and Kwinana's natural areas."

Sand mining and associated truck movements will create an amenity issue through increased traffic, dust, vehicle and machinery noise that will adversely impact the quiet rural lifestyle of our residents who live in close proximity to the operation.

Mayor Adams attended a meeting on Sunday where residents of Wellard, Casuarina and Oldfield expressed their grave concerns about the proposal and sought assistance from the City of Kwinana, Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale and local members of Parliament to help them in their fight to stop the sand mine proposal.

"We urge all residents of Kwinana to make their voices heard by submitting comments on the proposal put forth."

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“The City is strongly opposed to this mine because it will have a significantly negative impact on our residents as well as the loss of valuable Banksia Woodlands which are home to precious native flora and fauna,” Mayor Adams said.

The proposal will be available for viewing at the Kwinana Public Library or at [www.pgv.net.au](http://www.pgv.net.au). Comments must be received by Friday 10 August 2018. Written submissions can be posted to PGV Environmental, Unit 1, 61 Guthrie Street, Osborne Park, WA 6017. Contact telephone number 0419 179 079. Electronic submissions can be made to: [jackie@pgv.net.au](mailto:jackie@pgv.net.au)

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