

**INQUIRY INTO PERFORMANCE OF THE NSW
ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY**

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to draw the committees attention to the systematic failings of the Hunter Region EPA in relation to the Kincumber Quarry, located at 45 Kerns Rd, Kincumber NSW 2251.

In support of my submission I **attach**:

1. 2004,2005 and 2013 clean up notices.
2. 2008 licence amendments.
3. Letter from GW Building.

These attachments highlight the fact that the EPA were aware that Rexdor Pty Limited operated an illegal recycling operation for a period of at least 10 years. In this time the EPA appear to have failed to take any action to monitor or stop the unlawful activity. You will see from the 2004 and 2005 EPA clean up notices that the site appeared to be operating as an unlawful demolition waste recycling facility. It is apparent from the Clean UP notices that the EPA were aware of the illegal activity from at least 2004 and it wasn't until 2013 that the activity was finally stopped. From my review of the publicly available material the only punitive action taken by the EPA is a fine of \$320.

I have raised my concerns with the EPA by email and on the telephone and the response was that I am exaggerating my concerns. The EPA advised me on the telephone that when they issued the 2013 clean up notice that they would permit Rexdor Pty Limited to crush and sell the illegally dumped material in the clean up process as it would be too great a risk for the business to go broke if they were required to remove the illegally dumped material.

I **attach** the following expert reports to highlight the noise and health issues that the EPA had failed to deal with.

In my view the EPA have failed to adequately monitor this site and take appropriate action.

I request that this material and information be reviewed by the committee and used to assist in ensuring the EPA protects the community and the environment.

Thank you for your work on this matter.