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Fears quarry will blast off next year hosed down



Some Dulong residents feared quarry operations were set to scale up in 2021, but council says they will remain unchanged.

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Council has assured it will be business as usual at a hinterland quarry next year as residents fear a surge in operations.

A statement released this week by Sunshine Coast Council announcing an \$8.5 million contract awarded to Black Cat Civil to support quarry services at Image Flat and Dulong sparked concern for some Dulong residents.

The two-year contract to provide mobile crushing and screening services starting early-2021 was set to have Black Cat Civil crushing, scalping, blending and screening about \$350,000 tonnes of rhyolite and basalt shot rock a year.

Dulong Futures spokeswoman Gillian Hall raised concerns the Dulong Quarry on Sherwell Rd was about to scale up significantly, after reading the release.

She was concerned at the lack of consultation and the impact it would have on the local community.



📷 Founder of Dulong Futures Gillian Hall. Picture: Che Chapman

But a council spokeswoman on Wednesday reassured the community that the Dulong site would remain unchanged.

“There will be no crushing or screening operations at Dulong quarry and operations will continue unchanged,” the spokeswoman said.

“Council will continue to work closely with nearby residents and provide advance notification ahead of hauling or high impact activities.”

[In December, 2019, the *Daily* reported](#) the community had held similar fears of an upscaling of operations, which were hosed down by council.

It was reported that between 30,000 and 60,000 tonnes of basalt was extracted from Dulong Quarry each year.