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App. No SSD 6236 - Eastern Creek Energy from Waste Facility

To whom it may concern,

Although I am writing this letter to object to the Waste Incineration facility proposed for Eastern Creek. I actually consider its writing a waste of time. The notification letter from your department states "*EXHIBITION OF STATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION*" ... I can assure you that this "Development" is certainly significant to the neighbouring Minchinbury community.

- It is well documented that Western Sydney already suffers from one of the worst air pollution problems in Australia.
- **Asthma** hospitalisation is already at maximum levels in Western Sydney.
- The EPA is currently trying to **REDUCE** levels of pollution just to **MEET** international goals and levels.
- The levels of **Nitrogen Dioxide** and **Ozone** in Western Sydney often exceed recommended levels. "When NO_x and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) react in the presence of sunlight, they form photochemical smog, a significant form of air pollution, especially in the summer. Children, people with lung diseases such as asthma, and people who work or exercise outside are particularly susceptible to adverse effects of smog such as damage to lung tissue and reduction in lung function". To which the EIS for the development states it will add an additional 800 tonnes p.a. " *...the annual NO_x load to the Sydney airshed would be in the region of **800 tonnes/year***".
- The Federal Government is constructing Badgerys Creek Airport (without a curfew), justifying it with the flawed 1997 EIS. Which failed to even consider the impact of vehicular traffic, to and from the proposed Badgerys Creek site, and the associated infrastructure. Considered by experts in the field to generate 4 times the pollution than will be generated by Badgerys Creek itself. That is still (today) simply glossed over.
- The EIS for the development states "*Should other sources in the area (existing background and future development) add additional risk of emissions, the overall impact would increase*". It is obvious no one has considered the cumulative impact when Badgerys Creek Airport is operational.

Now Planning and Environment is being asked to "rubber stamp" what is essentially an "incinerator", that will consume 1.3 million tonnes ... 1.3 MILLION tonnes of waste per year. With the resultant exhaust emissions released through "*air emission stacks*".

A draft report released for comment by the US Environmental Protection Agency in September 1994. Describes dioxins (which accumulate in the body) as, "... *some of the most toxic chemicals known to science*". The report also states "... *there appears to be no safe level of exposure to dioxin*".

But nearby residents to this development have nothing to fear from dioxins because the EIS states "*The total intake for all receptors is well below the Tolerable Monthly Intake (TMI)*". Also if things do happen to go wrong, they assure us that the limits will be **exceeded** by "*... no more than 60 hours per year*".

The EIS also "wheeled out" the often used potential for employment - "*55 full-time employment positions*". May I suggest this "incinerator" has the potential to adversely affect significantly more people who **live** in Minchinbury and Western Sydney. I implore you not to sanction its construction.

In closing, you ask that I declare any political donations made in the last two years – I have never, and would never, donate nor even consider donating to any political party.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. L. Formby', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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