

Eastern Creek Energy from Waste Facility SSD6236

Dear David,

I am emailing you because I am against the proposed Next Generation Waste to Energy Facility at Eastern Creek.

I have lived in Minchinbury since 1989 and in that time have seen many changes, not always for the better. Over the years we have had to contend with sirens and explosions from the quarry that shook our homes, the foul odour of the dump, noise pollution from the M4 and now M7, as well as the dust that continually invades my home first from the operations at the quarry and now from the Genesis Recycling Facility. In the future we can also look forward to the massive increase of noise, air and traffic pollution from the airport at Badgery's Creek.

My concern is that we will see a marked increase in traffic, and subsequently noise, to our local area due to the increased volume of waste being transported to the Genesis Facility for thermal treatment. Nearby Wallgrove Road, and the M4, have already become heavily congested due to the number of businesses that now occupy the land that was previously Wonderland at Eastern Creek, and Minchinbury and Erskine Park's industrial areas. We do not have the infrastructure to handle any increased volume in traffic.

I have raised three children in Minchinbury and as a parent I am extremely concerned about the air pollution that will occur from the thermal treatment of waste at the Genesis Recycling facility. While researching this proposed facility I see there are many such facilities elsewhere in the world. But it would seem that none of these facilities are in such close proximity to residential properties as this one would be at Eastern Creek. Perhaps the Malouf family would like to live and raise their families this close to such a facility. As a parent and mother I don't want this facility close to my family.

Another problem I have with this proposed business going ahead is my ability to get any information on it. Unless you have a legal degree it is near impossible to understand the detailed information on the project. This information needs to be in plain English so that we, the general public, can understand and make informed decisions.

While reading about the proposal I continually found that my concerns regarding pollution were to be dealt with at some time in the future by relevant people deemed specialists in these areas of concern. The relevant studies need to be done, and made public, now before submissions from the general public close. Not after as in this case.

Not enough has been done to alert the communities that will be affected by this facility, the majority of residents are completely unaware of what is being proposed. We have been given a very attractive information pack about the facility that highlights it's positive aspects but it's glossy presentation does nothing to answer any of my concerns.

In a similar vein why was the original paperwork sent out to residents with the heading Eastern Creek Energy from Waste Facility Blayney Export Meats Smallstock Abattoirs and then changed in a later document ? This is suggestive of questionable behaviour. I'm sure you can understand first my confusion, and secondly my scepticism.

Why has the Minister for Planning not directed that a public hearing should be held on this proposal ? Why has this not been highlighted with public announcements in our local papers and/or on radio? Not enough has been done to bring this matter to the attention of the public who will be directly affected by this facility.

In view of all of this please do not allow this proposed facility to go ahead.

I look forward to your response on this matter.

Sincerely

Kim Wright.