



18 September 2015

The Secretary
Department of Planning and Environment
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Attention: David Mooney

Dear David,

State Significant Development (SSD 6236) Energy from Waste Facility at Honeycomb Drive, Eastern Creek

Thank you for the opportunity to provide an addendum to Council's previous submission dated 21 July 2015 relating to SSD 6236 Energy from Waste Facility at Honeycomb Drive, Eastern Creek.

Our previous submission focused on the direct impacts of the proposed development on the Penrith Local Government Area (LGA) specifically relating to visual amenity, air quality and noise. Notwithstanding, Blacktown City Council has approached Penrith City Council with additional information as a result of an independent environmental review of the Environment Impact Statement (EIS) which has identified significant inadequacies in the application. Having reviewed Blacktown City Council's submission as it relates to their LGA and given the scale of the development and its regional importance, Penrith City Council must support the concerns raised by Blacktown City Council as part of the region of Western Sydney.

Blacktown City Council's decision to engage an independent consultant to assess the EIS is considered to be a valuable contribution to fully understanding the proposal. The independent environmental assessment commissioned by Blacktown City Council highlighted a number of deficiencies in the EIS and supporting documentation required to make a full and detailed assessment of the application. The Minister must ensure that the key environmental concerns identified in Blacktown City Council's independent assessment are addressed to confirm that there will be no environmental impact as a result of the proposal. If the impacts of the development cannot be suitably addressed, then the Department should adopt the precautionary principal in determining the proposal and development consent should not be granted.

Penrith City Council is of the view (subsequent to Blacktown City Council's submission) that the EIS is incomplete and needs further analysis. Like Blacktown City Council, Penrith City Council requests that the proponent provides a detailed response to the matters and issues raised.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me on 4732 7526.

Yours faithfully,

Paul Lemm
Development and Environmental Health Manager