

# Eastern Creek REP Throughput Increase OBJECTION

**Application Number** - SSD-11606719

I STRONGLY OBJECT to any further expansions to the Eastern Creek REP/Bingo site, including this one because BINGO are unable to conduct their day-to-day business activities whilst adhering to the laws required of them, so until they can do that, how can you possibly consider further expansions?

I know you will have received other submissions/objections detailing facts and data regarding what has and does go on at the Bingo site, so will leave that for them and use my objection to detail the effects and injustices on community.

The communities who put their life savings into building and buying homes here long before any thought of a tip, are being treated with total disregard at every turn, at every new proposal/expansion approval, at every new offence and breach Bingo get away with, at every new pollution incident Bingo cause, at every new proposal Bingo lodge that requires even more time taken away from community members lives. It's time for it to stop! The residents who live here in the Western Suburbs deserve the same rights and considerations as the residents in the rest of Sydney, where this would never be allowed to happen. A mistake or deal was made in 2010 that allowed this tip to go ahead, it is time Dept of Planning stood up and rectified this or at the very least stopped it going any further. It won't make what has happened over the years right, but it will hopefully stop any further injustices happening.

Bingo is putting communities health at risk on a daily basis, whilst the EPA stand by and do nothing to enforce the law. Although incidents have occurred since this tip opened, over the last few years our communities have had to deal with toxic gases (H<sub>2</sub>O) being released from the Bingo site, even though they try to deny it is them a lot of the time, on a regular basis. Now, to try to cover that up they are using another chemical (effects on humans unknown) to try to mask the smell, so we are being still being poisoned but they are hoping we won't notice it. For months (now in it's second year) on end, residents have been forced to keep their homes locked up, unable to make use of their yards or leave their homes and even been woken up by the smell which leaves them feeling sick, sleep deprived, and suffering various illnesses and headaches/migraines and very possibly, long term illnesses as well.

They have also had a number of asbestos handling breaches and a fire which made residents and local workers sick for weeks on end. People, including children who hadn't had asthma attacks for years were now experiencing attacks due to this fire. Many residents had a coating on their pool water and some sort of black material in their pools, that was difficult to remove and obviously Bingo knew they were responsible as they offered to pay for the cleaning of at least one resident's pool. Was that also to make sure there was nothing left for testing? We'll never know and the EPA said they didn't take any samples at all from the fire or anywhere nearby. The EPA were calling people who had made complaints for up to 1 month after the fire, this says that it was something very serious, but when we asked about it, we were told that they didn't attend until day/s later and that Bingo self-test.... How is this even possible or legal? Who is watching and checking, isn't that something for an independent body? We have heard "rumours" from people who should know, that there was airborne asbestos from this fire, but once again, we will never know, because our lives, our health, our safety is totally disregarded.

On top of everything we have to put up with in being a neighbour to this site and company, we also have to waste our time and lives reporting pollution incidents, letting community know about more expansions and proposals, trying to reach someone at planning when the totally inadequate submission system once again, doesn't work, asking for email addresses to use, waiting on call backs, doing posts to let other know... this is more than anyone should have to do.

I could go on and on about what we have experienced and are expected to put up with as a Bingo neighbour, but I am in between 2 shifts today and have wasted some precious "free" time which is very rare for most of us, doing yet another submission that I can only hope will actually be taken notice of.

So, once again, I ask you to please put a stop to this now, this is what you are employed to do, look after the best interests of communities as a whole, not just big business.

\*\*\* Whilst wasting more of my time over the last few days, sick, trying to work, live and do my own submission, I have also been trying to chase down an email address to use for members of the community who, for whatever reason, don't want to make an account on your site to submit. I should not have had to spend my time doing this, there should be another option available for people to lodge submissions, besides the rarely working submissions button, and I would appreciate this being looked into as soon as possible to allow more people to give their opinions on these proposals as quickly and easily as possible, rather than making it as difficult and frustrating as you have. Which of course leaves many out of the process...although I'm sure you know that already. Let's do better, Dept of Planning, lets make it easier to hear from as many as we can.

\*\* The email address I was given yesterday was bouncing (I have proof if needed as the Planner involved just said to me that it is working...so I must be making it up?) so we asked for an extension when we found out about this today to give us time to contact members of the public with a new one but were denied that extension.

\* We were given a new email address earlier today by a DOP staff member, but were told not to use it just yet as this staff member would ask about an extension for us, so here it is, 4.15pm and I have not heard back from that person as yet... but have heard from a resident that said the submissions portal is down again... so what now? As I said in my previous paragraph, Dept of Planning, you really do need to do better, a LOT better.