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Ref: Veolia's Power Proposal

Woodland ARC: SSD-21184278

To whom it may concern,

I have not made any political donations over the last two years.

My name is Alan Ross Cameron and I live in Sydney and have two properties next to each other at Tallong NSW, which are

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- B. 32 Weir Road Tallong 2579

I use these properties regularly and as a primary producer I currently run Angus cattle on both properties. I am also the Secretary of the Southern Highlands Progress Association (SHPA) previously the Marulan Residence Action Group (MRAG).

I was recently made aware of the proposed application by Veolia to build a large waste to power generating plant at Tarago, which will be powered by waste transported by road from Sydney. Along with many residence in the surrounding areas I am opposed to this proposal on a number major issues which are.

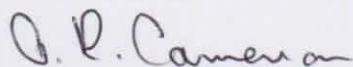
- A. Veolia's waste to power proposal will generate unacceptable levels of pollutants 24 hours a day seven days a week for the next 25 years and these will spread throughout the region from Canberra to Goulbourn including where our properties which are at Marulan/Tallong.
- B. Pollutants from this inefficient proposal will include toxic metals, acidic gasses and heavy metals which can lead to major health issues for humans, farm stock and wildlife and will accumulate in the environment including water ways and dams over time.

- C. This proposal will create over 2 million tonnes of toxic waste ash including 380,000 tonnes fly ash which is classified as hazardous waste by the EPA. A majority of this waste will be dumped on site creating further contamination to the soil and waterways. Veolia's track record on polluting local ground waters is very poor as noted by the EPA on previous occasions. Veolia's track record proves they can't be trusted to safely manage toxic materials.
- D. If this proposal goes ahead it will have an effect on our children, grandchildren and their grandchildren as well as livestock and wildlife virtually forever and MUST not be allowed to go ahead.
- E. Veolia's proposed incinerator will exceed NSW government safety standards for air emissions during start-up, shut-down and many other 'non-standard' operating conditions. Veolia's overseas incinerators often exceed safety standards and Veolia has a track record locally for failing to comply with license conditions at their existing Woodlawn facility.
- F. There are many locals in a wide area of this proposal who have been there many years looking for a safe quite area to live and they are extremely concerned over this proposal. These people left the noisy city environment for a cleaner country lifestyle and if it went ahead the value of their properties would fall dramatically just so an inefficient waste to energy incinerator can be built.
- G. This incinerator will contribute to climate change by emitting 140,000 tonnes of greenhouse gases (CO₂) each year. To approve the project is inconsistent with the NSW government commitment to Net 0 emissions by 2030. Many of the items that will be used in the incinerator could and will be recycled over the coming years. We are seeing less plastics being used in a variety of areas and being replaced with recyclable items, it's the future not incinerating them.
- H. This project is in direct conflict with alternative development and growth in the local area. Maintenance of successful local agricultural businesses, along with increased growth in rural- residential developments expected over the next 10-20 years will sustainably increase the size and diversity of the local community, supporting local businesses, volunteer organisations such as the NSW RFS, CWA and local schools. In contrast this proposal would risk the viability of local agricultural businesses, reduce existing residential developments as families move away due to the health and environmental pollution, and put a halt to any further long-term local business development or growth in rural residential developments as the area.

- I. Waste power generating proposals closer to Sydney have been rejected for similar reasons as well as the Jerrara Power proposal at Bungonia which was also rejected in 2021/2022, so why should this applicant think it's suitable to apply for the same type of proposal out of Sydney?
- J. We have been advised that over 100 trucks a day will transport rubbish from Sydney to the site, which is over 200 kilometres away and other trucks will be taking the toxic residue to another site to be dumped. This will create a potential safety issue for road users and locals, damage local roads plus add additional pollution from the trucks and the massive amounts of fuel used, what a waste.

Should someone from your department wish to contact me please call 0411380842

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'A. R. Cameron'.

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