

OBJECTION

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WE ARE VERY STRONGLY OBJECTING TO THIS NEW PROJECT

The family have owned and lived on this grazing property since 1952.

It is a viable productive property, supporting the family

The property is around 6 kms directly west of Veolia on the edge of Lake George.

Woodlawn Mine closed down operations in around 1998 leaving a huge hole.

The Woodlawn property was then taken over by Veolia to transport putrid waste out of the Sydney area. This was in 1 train load a day. We as residents in the area are very aware that this is not the case today, with at least 2 a day and many trucks coming in from outer areas, some miles from Tarago.

When reading the EPA for the initial project we discovered that what you read in EPA's is not necessarily the truth. Unfortunately we believed that no smell meant NO SMELL.

The odour that frequently drifts over our property, causes us incredible discomfort. Not only during daylight hours, there are nights when the stink invades the house, enough to disrupt sleep. Despite claims that the odour is lessening I find that hard to believe, it is over our property on a very regular basis.

Now you want to put the people of the area under further pollution by adding an Advanced Energy Recovery Incinerator and expect us to believe there will be no further consequences from this. In the EIS it is acknowledged that there will be minor impacts to the environment. Are we really expected to believe that, of course there will be problems that will cause greater impacts on the surrounding area than you anticipate, where does that leave us?

The waste being burnt in the incinerator is all far more toxic and the emissions from the incinerator will drift over the surrounding areas the argument that the chimney is very high and will disperse in very small quantities so wont impact is not real. Weather condition vary greatly and that will determine how far away the ash will travel and drop. This area have a number of fog or low cloud days, all these things will have an effect. Since we are in the area of the odour we will be directly influenced by any contamination released from the incinerator. The highly toxic ash emitted from this incinerator will effect both human and animal health.

Dioxins (POPs) which will be emitted from the incinerator are highly toxic and can cause reproductive and developmental problems, damage the immune system, interfere with hormones

and also cause cancer. Serious problems related to childhood development are sometimes linked to Dioxins. I'm sure you are aware of all this.

We CAN NOT use European/UK weather conditions as a given. Weather conditions change over a few kilometres so how can you accurately make these predictions. You are predicting perfect conditions not the reality, which we all know are highly unpredictable.

We produce beef cattle fat lambs mutton and, wool as well as crops sown to fatten stock for sale. All of these products are subject to strict requirements to meet the markets and are individually identified so if there is a trace element found we are responsible, this becomes impossible when we do not have control of what is being deposited on our grazing land water troughs and households. The Dioxins or (POPs) will have the same effect on the production systems of sheep and cattle as they do on humans.

The water supply to the property is from underground and is used exclusively for livestock and other farm usage. However, it is tested to be brackish for human consumption, so household water is collected into tanks from the roof of the house and other farm sheds.

We are required to maintain a Biosecurity Plan for the property, and have a Property Identification Code, which is necessary when stock are sold and bought. It is a requirement that any chemicals applied to pasture and livestock treatments are recorded. Stock transported travel with a National Vendor Declaration filled in with chemical used and signed as a guarantee that the information on the form is true. These regulations and standards set by governing bodies are constantly changing.

Our property values are already effected by the odour and the proximity to a toxic incinerator will further effect the property price.

As you consider the incinerator to burn this putrid waste is so clean you should consider building it out near the new airport where an area can accommodate it near the source of the waste. It would cost the government less money, in energy fuel transport etc and leave us to be able to supply healthy livestock to the markets.

This is a very serious decision to build a structure like this which can have impact on so many lives.