

Woodlawn ARC: SSD-21184278

My name is Andrew Harris and I live at 1954 Collector Road, Currawang, NSW 2580. I live 10kms from Woodlawn and strongly object to Veolia's proposed incinerator being built in Tarago, NSW.

**Veolia's incinerator could kill me!**

I believe that Veolia's toxic industrial waste incinerator will emit toxic air that will spread to my home, homes of family and friends and others that I love. This pollution will contain acidic gases, toxic heavy particulates and dioxins and furans. I have been diagnosed with sarcoidosis of the lungs, which means that I will be hyper sensitive to this new toxic air. I am currently unable to go outside when the smell from Veolia's current Woodlawn bioreactor wafts over my home and property as this causes an instant breathing attack which can only be relieved by obtaining clean air and the use of a reliever inhaler. This means that I must stay inside, close all the windows and wait until the smell passes and I the reliever relaxes my airway muscles. My reactions to the current smell from the bioreactor often occur before I can smell it. I can guarantee that my body will do the same when the supposed safe toxic air wafts over my home. How is this fair that a company can suggest and the NSW Government endorse the burning of mostly Sydney's rubbish at Woodlawn that will have an immediate and also potentially dangerous effect on a local person's life?

**The proposed incinerator is toxic to our health and environment:**

1. I live in Currawang with my wife and daughter. They too will be subject to the unknown effects of Veolia's toxic pollution coming from the proposed incinerator. I firmly believe that my daughter will be the worst affected as she will potentially live here for the next 25 years due to her age. What guarantee can you give her that the proposed incinerator will not cause her harm during its life? The proposed incinerator must be not allowed to proceed. Denying this proposal will hopefully make Veolia investigate alternate solutions that are long lasting solutions that respect the environment, local citizens health and public resources.

2. I have listed the effects of the toxic pollution to my family and I, but what about our pets as they live off the grasses and water on our property. If the toxic pollutions effects us, surely there will be effects on our pets. The area of Currawang and surrounds has for over a hundred years been used to produce fine food and wool for Australia and the rest of the world. This whole industry will be jeopardised if the proposed incinerator is allowed to proceed. Fellow Australians and people around the world will not want to purchase our foods and wear our goods if they have been exposed to the toxic pollutions produced by the proposed incinerator.

3. Veolia is unable to manage its current bioreactor facility. Almost on a weekly basis I report polluting smells to the NSW Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The smells keep occurring and Veolia continues to operate the bioreactor. As recently as October 2022, the EPA issued Veolia with a prevention notice. This notice has had no real effect on the operations of the bioreactor as Veolia just paid the fine and continued to operate. Veolia has demonstrated for many years that they care more about their operations and bottom line over the health and wellbeing of local residents. Please do not approve the proposed incinerator as the toxic pollutants will have an effect on our residents. This is guaranteed! Remember asbestos and Aqueous Film Form Foam (AFFF)? Both deemed amazing products at the time, however are now proven to kill and damage local environments. The NSW Government has a chance now to prevent similar trajectory paths from occurring again. Please do not endorse/approve the proposed Veolia Woodlawn incinerator near Tarago. Our current and future generations will thank you.

I have not made a reportable political donation.

I have read and acknowledged the Department's disclaimer and declaration.

Regards

Andrew Harris

Worried resident of Currawang, NSW