

Submission re Proposed Toxic Incinerator
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Project: Woodlawn ARC
Application Number : SSD-21184278

I, Suzanne K Powrie object to Woodlawn ARC SSD-21184278 , the proposed toxic Tarago Incinerator Inc.

I declare that I have not made any reportable political donations in the last two years.

I acknowledge and accept the Department's disclaimer and declaration.

Reasons for Objection:

I have lived at this address since 1986 and provided my own water supply, sewage treatment, rubbish disposal and power supply, run a cattle stud and legal business until my retirement, and raised my two children. My life has already been seriously disrupted as the result of Veolia's supposed "bioreactor".

*B-Double trucks destroying the road past my small rural property, wiping out the local wombats and other mammals, birds and reptiles, making driving anywhere between Goulburn and Canberra a life threatening affair. Said trucks begin their 6 day a week journey to the current facility between 4.00 and 4.30 AM.

This is to send Canberra waste to the facility. Such traffic would be expected to increase if this proposal is allowed to proceed.

*Tarago is subjected to bad odours and stacking trains to accept Sydney waste.

*This mine/garbage pit has been phoenixed at least twice due to a supposed inability to prevent leakage to and from the surrounding substrate and aquifers. Veolia's operations are also continuously subject to these problems.

*Veolia has, by it's own admissions, breached conditions of operation many times. This is a matter of record. The company also has an abominable international record and reputation. Now this same company wants to build and operate a toxic incinerator to burn Sydney waste.

*This incinerator would emit an expected 380,000 tonnes of acid gases, toxic heavy metal particulates and persistent organic particulates among other toxic emissions. I already have reduced lung capacity as a result of pneumonia/sepsis and bushfire smoke and particles in 2017 and 2020 and do not need further avoidable problems.

*I rely on rainwater for all water needs. As even Veolia admits, NSW Government safety standards will be exceeded on many occasions. What will I drink, wash with, bathe in, water vegetables with, water animals with, when scientific evidence states all these uses should be avoided in the presence of the predicted pollution?

Given the position of the proposed toxic incinerator at the head of the Sydney Water Catchment, the projected toxic pollution will also affect Sydney's water supply.

*The predicted pollution will adversely affect NSW and ACT agriculture, viticulture, animal raising and egg production.

*Any electricity generated by the proposed toxic incinerator is dirtier than coal fired power, burning as it would, fossil fuel products (eg plastics) and using a diesel fuel burner.

*Even at a commercial level, the proposal makes no sense. Projected 30MW produced as opposed to a coal-fired power plant with equivalent emissions produces 876,000MW.

*The NSW Government acknowledges, in its own Energy from Waste report, that incinerators impact human health. It admits that “there is no safe threshold of impact”. Legal remedies can be expected in the future should this application be approved, especially in view of this admission.

*Approval of this application would also be contrary to the NSW Government commitment to Net 0 emissions by 2030.

*Characterization of waste incineration as “renewable energy generation” is fallacious and will in fact contribute to the current climate crisis by admitting at least 140,000 tonnes of CO2 to the atmosphere each year.

*Pollution from such incinerators is linked to asthma, lung disease and other breathing difficulties, an increased risk of miscarriages, stroke, cancer, and heart disease amongst other harmful, and avoidable, health impacts.

The above represent only some of the valid scientific, factual, socially impactful reasons for refusing this application.

Sydney and Canberra get rid of their waste, rather than avoiding or reducing it.
Goulburn gets the “Veolia Basketball Stadium”.

This community gets pollution, toxic air and water, destroyed roads, loss of wildlife, ruined rural peace inter alia. All of which will be exacerbated should this unconvincing and dangerous application be approved.

Why is my health and quality of life, and those of my family, neighbours and community of less value and importance than those of Sydneysiders?

Not safe for Sydney, not safe here or anywhere.

Many councils have already rejected the insupportable building and operation of toxic incinerators, please do the same.

Yours faithfully

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