

## **Objection Submission**

### **Woodlawn Advanced Energy Recovery Centre**

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| Location          | 619 Collector Road, Tarago                               |
| Application No.   | SSD-21184278                                             |
| Applicant         | Veolia Environmental Service (Australia) Pty Ltd         |
| Consent Authority | Minister for Planning or Independent Planning Commission |

Dear Minister or Commissioner

My name is Jennifer Filmer and my contact details are on the cover sheet attached to this submission. The signed political donation declaration is attached and I acknowledge and accept the Departments disclaimer and declaration.

This submission is an objection to the Woodlawn Advanced Energy Recovery Centre proposed for the area of Tarago.

My objections are based on air pollution, likely toxic fallout, climate change and location.

#### **Climate Change and air pollution**

Australia is moving to minimum polluting renewable energy sources. The title “Advanced Energy Recovery” tries to gloss over the fact the facility will be using burning of rubbish techniques that were outlawed in Australia over 20 years ago. You can no longer burn rubbish in your suburban back yard or on your rural property. If you are old enough to remember rubbish being burnt in these circumstances you will also remember the black smoke, the toxic odour and the smoke trail left across the community. A fancy title does not take away from the fact this facility will be burning waste and contributing to the depletion of the atmosphere, therefore accelerating climate change.

The same amount of energy listed by this company as an excuse for this commercial venture could be produced by non-polluting power generation.

Reducing climate change is everyone’s responsibility, and it certainly should be a high priority to the NSW Planning Commission. Choosing to promote developments that will have an adverse impact on our world is not acceptable in Australia today.

#### **Toxic fallout**

The proposed facility intends to incinerate waste over a long-life span. There is no way this proposal can predict what type of waste materials, and therefore toxic waste, will be produced in 20 years’ time. Twenty years ago you could not have imagined electric powered vehicles aiming to be the dominate form of transport on our roads, and equally you could not predict what type of waste would be produced from the running or manufacture of these vehicles. Cast your mind to the changes in technology, packaging, building materials over the last 20 years. It is not unreasonable that similar changes will happen in the future and the waste from these not yet developed areas will end up at the Woodland waste treatment works. In addition to the toxic chemicals contained in waste today consideration should be given to toxic chemicals developed in the future that would be released into the area and travel with the discharge plume from this development.

**Location**

I do not believe burning of waste is a solution to waste disposal or minimisation but as this proposal is before the Planning Commission I would like to address the location of the site.

The discharge plume from this facility will impact on local rural and residential residents, the Nations Capital, its residents and visitors and the environment within at least a 100 km radius. When the Port Kembla manufacturing facility was at full operations producing steel manufacturing under certain weather conditions acid rain, as a result of this facility discharge, was experienced over 300 kms away, killing scores of fish.

No current planning document will tell you how the biodiversity of this area will be impacted in the future as the developers just do not know. To tell you otherwise is to try to mislead you.

This is a commercial development with the aim of making money for a company to the detriment of residents, wildlife, vegetation, water and air quality for hundreds of kilometres around.

Please reject Application SSD-21184278.

It is the right thing to do for the Commission to stand up for the people and environment of NSW by rejecting this development application.

Yours faithfully



Jennifer Filmer  
12 December 2022