



Windellama Progress Association

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Woodlawn Advanced Energy Recovery Centre SSD-21184278

The Windellama Progress Association (WPA) strongly objects to the proposed abovenamed project. The WPA is the representative body of the Windellama community and as such speaks on its behalf.

The inadequacy of time allowed by the regulators to read, research in depth and technically comment is of major concern to the community. Even more so Veolia confirms that parts of Windellama may be affected by ash fallout depending on wind velocity and direction. The time stipulated for study of the EIS is considered totally inadequate and is clearly in Veolia's favour.

Woodlawn Past Performance

It is public record that Veolia has been guilty of breaches of its licences in the past and fined accordingly. Considering this facility, by admission, is not being designed nor operated based on latest European or USA standards then any future breaches would appear likely and frequent.

Community Health and Welfare

The NSW Chief Scientist has stated “ that the building of Energy from Waste(EfW) facility in Sydney is too much of a risk to human health base on population density, but that it should be okay to build and operate in the regions where less people are likely to be affected”. Arrogance by the chief scientist aside, what is implicant in this statement is that people will be affected in some way by pollution from this facility regardless of where it is constructed. This being so , then why build it at all?

The health of all communities is at risk. Of the greatest concern is of course the township of Tarago. The nearness of the Tarago preschool and public school places them at significant risk. It cannot be stressed enough that the welfare of all its citizens and just not of those providing the most votes must be the main concern of any democratic government and its functional branches.

Community Consultation

In accordance with paragraph 1 of the NSW Energy from Waste Policy Statement, Veolia is responsible for proving “ community acceptance to operate such a process has been obtained”. This has also been firmly restated in the Veolia SEARS. This Veolia has not done and is in breach of its own SEARS. Veolia does not have the acceptance of local communities or indeed formal non-acceptance of the Goulburn/ Mulwaree Council to incinerate waste at the Woodlawn.

Water

Tank water and groundwater are the only sources of water availsble to the Windellama community to sustain them in their everyday lives. Any interference to these sources by wastewater or residual emissions from the incineration process, will have a detrimental and long lasting affect upon the community.

As no firm and detailed disaster proposals are stated in the EIS, only superficial references to development of, then the risk of contamination to the community is almost palatable.

Windellama also falls within the Sydney Water Catchment Area and any contamination of local sources will have implications for the Sydney area.

Community Impact

WPA has great concerns as to the anxiety on its community both long and short term. These include:

- a. negative economic impact on property, industry and agricultural value;
- b. bio-diversity and natural environment. (Windellama is home to the oldest eucalyptus in the world);
- c. full impact of ash and associated toxic fallout;
- d. air, water and groundwater quality, especially in the long term;
- e. the cumulative impact of the process side effects as stated in the EIS; and
- f. a full and comprehensive Disaster Management Plan.

Conclusion

WPA does not and will not support this incineration process until it has a full and responsible declaration of its operational purity and intent within its process. At the moment it does not.

The lack of consultation and placement reasons by Veolia has only led to valid suspicion and mistrust.

Declarations

The WPA has not made any responsible political donations in the last two years and the WPA acknowledges and accepts the Department disclaimer and declaration as required under the Department's submissions policy.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G.D. Lourigan'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and a long, sweeping tail.

G.D. Lourigan

President

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