

Southern Highlands Progress Association Inc.

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Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
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and

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Dear Mr Ritchie and Ms Munk,

**Veolia Woodlawn Advanced Energy Recovery Centre
State Significant Development 21184278**

We have had the benefit of reading the objections to the above proposal by our colleagues the Bungonia Progress Association, the Windellama Progress Association and Dr Tim Evans, each as submitted to the Department. We agree with the content of those objections. We also confirm, as BPA has, that SHPA has not been engaged or contacted by Veolia in relation to the proposal. This is in contrast to other proposals including for SSD such as Gundry where the proponent has been (commendably) proactive in seeking to engage with SHPA. On that basis we also agree with BPA's comments regarding the lack of community consultation and engagement.

The Veolia proposal is very different to the last WtE proposal in which this Association was involved. But it is nonetheless a major proposal which will have a major impact on the communities located in proximity to it. We would therefore like to see a level of proactive engagement required of Veolia which addresses community concerns on operational practices and safeguards.

If the CCC were established with a mandate to translate reasonable community operating expectations and safeguards into actual conditions of approval voluntarily assumed by Veolia that seems to us an effective way to achieve that. It would certainly assist to allay community concern, much of which exists due to previous Veolia operational history on the site. SHPA would be prepared to review the terms of reference to achieve that with a view to providing a suitably qualified representative to the committee if that would assist.

We are happy to discuss the above in further detail.

Sincerely



Charles Mendel
Chairman
SHPA

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