

I totally object to the proposed incinerator being built by Veolia.

My name is Dennis Clark and I live at 9 King Street TARAGO NSW 2580 and I have lived at Tarago for 32 years.

Veolia already impact our lifestyle with their continual breaches of the existing EPA Licence (in particular **Section L6 Potentially offensive odour**), I ask why the community can expect Veolia to meet any new conditions relating to the proposed incinerator when they **do not** meet the existing licence conditions.

Below is an extract from a letter written to Mr Richard Kirkman, Managing Director and CEO of Veolia by TADPAI, dated 7th April 2022

This extract was written by me and the odours referred to were strong pungent smells of Hydrogen Sulphide gas

“Am I the first of more to come

I’m a 67 year male, (never smoked), I have been diagnosed with an uncommon viral cancer of the neck with a specific gene marker. I am currently undertaking a 5 day program each week of radiation, with chemotherapy one day per week.

This article is not about me, but to alert the people of the Tarago and the wider surrounding area of my concerns. If life, has thrown me alone, an unexpected “curve-ball”, I will deal with it on my terms, but would like all of the surrounding communities to be aware of a potential health risk.

During mid 2021, I made numerous complaints to the EPA and Veolia about the sickening odours from Veolia’s operations at Woodlawn.

Two representatives of Veolia came to my home to placate me and explained that work was being undertaken to alleviate the odours and emissions.

In early August 2021, I noticed a swelling on the side of my neck whilst shaving; this swelling appeared over a short few days.

Over the next few months, I had a series of scans and medical tests, with a diagnosis of neck cancer in January 2022. The medical professionals indicated that because I have never smoked that it may be a viral cancer and subsequently a core biopsy confirmed that it was a viral cancer with a specific gene marker. The mutation of the cells to viral cancer was triggered by something in a short period in July 2021 to early August 2021.

I have reported this matter to EPA who has also referred it onto NSW Health.

The EPA has issued a file number, and incident description.

220407 Veolia Viral Cancer

Incident type: AIR

Incident description: Caller reporting a recent health diagnosis that is suspected to have potential links to ongoing exposure to air pollution in the Tarago region.

I have not made any political donations to any party whatsoever.

I acknowledge and accept the Departments disclaimer and declaration

Regards

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