

Dear Rebecka Groth

I am writing to strenuously object to this application and voice my concerns on the application to the expansion of operating hours proposed by Boral's cement recycling plant in the Fairfield locality of Wetherill Park (SSD-6525-Mod-2)

My home is located less than 1 kilometre away from the plant and as member of the community for 33 years the impact of extending the operational hours to 24/7 is alarming and must be rejected see below my reasons;

1. The health and safety of my family and the surrounding residential community and local sporting fields in general where contact with carcinogenic silica-based dust and cement particles is a well-documented health hazard and can cause Silicosis even with minimal exposure.
2. Increase in noise activity involving the heavy vehicles transporting material in and out of the plant using Gipps Road as the main thoroughfare which makes the noise factor inescapable. With the plant being only metres away from my home. The heavy transport vehicles will not only affect residents in Gipps Road, Hyland Road and Munro Street in particular my residence in XXXXX GREYSTANES, it will also affect residents in Alfa St and Kurrajong St the residents of Hassell St and surrounding Wetherill Park and Smithfield areas and all the surrounding residential streets. We live in a sound bowl area and noise travels far and wide. The noise can already be heard from 100's of metres away with ground vibrations of heavy vehicle movement and noise from the plant itself is affecting my whole family as well as my neighbours and our sleep quality will be detrimentally and severely affected.
3. Further to this, the air quality is already bad enough and getting worse in the area given the current truck movements however, the additional vehicle movements will produce even more choking diesel fume pollution (also a carcinogenic) of which my family and the whole surrounding community will be subjected to without relent should the plant commence operating on a 24-hour basis.

We are already suffering from the ill-effects of this plant which has put us all at risk and has reached the limits of what can be tolerated. We are entitled to enjoy a peaceful life in our homes and we do not deserve to have this peace destroyed even further by a business for profit in such a careless and reckless manner.

I understand a survey was conducted on the site by the Council evaluating the possibility of an operational hour extension application submission in April 2015. Considering the significant changes that have taken place in the area since that time, I believe it will be necessary and in the best interests of the community and indeed a duty of care to perform an updated impact study which includes; detailed feedback from the residents who will be affected by the operational hour extension, noise disruption analysis, air pollution forecasting and the matter of particular concern - atmospheric silica dust particulate spread concentration data.

The only satisfactory result in this case would be to reject the application in perpetuity to safeguard the health and safety of the residents. A duty of care to its residents being a primary function of the Council and must take precedence over industrial profit generation by a private corporation operating in a domestic environment. I strongly recommend the council and the Department of Planning and Environment recommends relocation of the plant to an industrial area that is not in such close proximity to residential areas as an amicable alternative which would protect the resident's quality of life in and around the municipality.

As a duty of care, I feel that the site should be closed and revegetated with native species and be encompassed in the riparian corridor to encourage our endangered species of flora and fauna to return to the site, creating native sound barrier of trees and plants to better protecting the residents from the noise and pollution of Prospect Highway and the industrial area at large.

Kind regards,