

## Pamela Morales

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**From:** Vicki Curran [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, 15 December 2023 10:17 AM  
**To:** Pamela Morales  
**Cc:** david winterbottom  
**Subject:** Submission Bluescope Steel ASMAP Project

Dear Pamela

In addition to my other three emails regarding corruption of the Exhibition and Community Notification process that I have submitted as a submission; and as the Planning Portal has not allowed submissions to be made online today for the Bluescope Steel ASMAP project; please accept this further submission.

1. EIS provided by Bluescope is not accurate. It suggests noxious smells do not extend past warrawong/lake heights. As residents we know from experience noxious smells are common in summer months in Primbee and can even extend to Shellharbour city.

2. Acid rain. The latest report from UOW (some years ago now) that the pH of rain in Wollongong is 4.8. Normal pH is 5.6. Damaging acid rain is 4.5 and lower. This means additional industrialisation and urbanisation will likely lead to acid rain. No approval should be given for any increase in pollution from industry until further acid rain studies are conducted.

3. Sensitive populations. Msny suburbs nearby have large amounts of people classed as sensitive populations. The area surrounding Port Kembla has higher rates of asthma and respiratory disease when compared with the national average. The pollutants identified in the EIS are known to increase the rates of respiratory disease and also increase the likelihood of sudden respiratory symptoms such as asthma attacks. They are also suspected to increase autoimmune disease flares. Long term exposure may lead to various types of cancer and inflammatory diseases.

4. No state government air quality monitoring directly south of industrial area. Warrawong air monitoring station was decommissioned after 3 consecutive years of exceeding annual pollution levels. Current air monitoring stations at Wollongong, kembla grange and Albion park do not give accurate estimates for warrawong, port kembla, Primbee, cringila, Windang or Albion Patk. No increase in pollution levels should be approved until baseline air quality can be ascertained in the suburbs south of port kembla industrial area.

Bluescope has asked for the Development Contribution due to be paid to Wollongong City Council to be waived stating that there would be no new infrastructure required. I strongly object to this contribution being waived as Wollongong City Council could actually use the contribution to install adequate Air Quality monitoring and lead abatement in affected areas that they have refused to do in the past despite these being recommended following past investigations into the health impacts of residents living in a 10km radius of the Bluescope Steelworks. Council in the past has said it does not have the funds for these programs. Well now they would if they were paid the developer contribution.

5. Leukaemia cluster in Port Kembla/Warrawong in 1990s still unclear in direct cause. Due to the release of benzene's it is likely the cause was a large emitter in the industrial area. This has not occurred since output has decreased at port kembla. An increase in pollutants to previous levels may cause an increase in leukaemia cases.

6. Bluescope has been responsible for multiple breaches in licences and serious pollution incidents. They are a major risk to the local environment and the health and wellbeing of residents. No increase in production should be approved until they are free from breaches for an agreed upon timeframe.

7. I am extremely concerned that Bluescope Steel is experimenting with Biochar in the Gas Furnace at different ratios with crushed coal. The emissions and air quality assessments of these experiments that Bluescope has

undertaken with the UOW have not been made public. The EIS does not address the addition of Hydrogen or Biochar.

Any approval MUST put conditions in place to restrict all biochar and Hydrogen being allowed to be tested or used at scale production and restricting the approval to only the fuels considered in their EIS.

8. I again raise my concern with the NSW Dept of Planning and EPA and Council regarding the demolition of buildings and infrastructure by Bluescope. They state in their EIS that they have and will continue to demolish old infrastructure no longer needed via Exempt and complying Development Seep. As all agencies know from my previous work on this and motion at Council when I was on Council; the Exempt and complying Development seep does not provide the essential legislation required to address the contamination and health and environmental impacts associated with demolition and disturbance of buildings and infrastructure and soil of this contaminated site and surrounding buildings and homes that past studies have found require proper management and handling. In the past the approach and recommendation by council and EPA was to leave in place and do not disturb or dig in order to contain highly toxic materials and persistent pollutants and TENORMS that should not be disturbed by demolition and disturbance as it would Re emit these into the air we breathe and in surrounding homes and lands. I therefore ask that strict conditions be placed on any demolition of buildings and infrastructure and disturbance of ground associated with this upgrade to ensure the safety of workers on and off site in handling materials and to prevent disruption and re emission of the toxic chemicals and heavy metals into the air and surrounding residential areas

I was previously advised by EPA and Council that they would be working with the Dept of Planning to change the Planning legislation associated with Exempt and Complying Development to properly manage sites contaminated by our heavy industries where the EPA has not included these known contaminated sites on its register and Council has removed the Contaminated Land Warnings off the 149 certificates. We still have the situation here in the Illawarra that sees land and homes and old industrial sites that have been found to be highly contaminated with heavy metals and highly toxic dusts and persistent pollutants; and were found that best way to address these sites was to never disturb them; being demolished without any proper assessment or containment which is putting Workers and residents at risk and re emitting and redistributing the toxic materials that were emitted in the past via steel, coal and copper industries at Port Kembla. This should not be happening and would not be allowed to happen in Europe and USA.

As the Illawarra is expected to see a lot of new Industry established in the Illawarra using Renewable Energy and fuels it is very important that we do not just concentrate on decarbonising Industry but ensuring that all new developments assess the other toxic emissions that are known, unknown and or anticipated with these new advances and the cumulative impact on air quality properly assessed. It is important that conditions be in place that lead to open reporting to Community of Emissions, waste and discharge.

Regards

Vicki Curran  


Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Vicki Curran [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, 15 December 2023 9:18 AM  
**To:** Vicki Curran  
**Cc:** Pamela Morales; david winterbottom  
**Subject:** Re: Urgent Bluescope Steel ASMAP project

Dear Pamela,

In addition;

I have now tried to make a submission using the planning portal after clicking on "Make a Submission" link that was with the Bluescope project that states 1 Day Remaining.

However neither the Bluescope or Tallawarra projects are listed as being in exhibition on Planning Portal Dashboard so I can not make my submission.

I provide you with the screen shots I have just taken that show the only projects currently on exhibition that are available in the dashboard.

This week has proven to be impossible for my community who wish to read about the projects in their backyard from industries that have substantially and significantly impacted on them and our environment for decades; and make an informed submission.

As I can not make my submission on either Tallawarra A or the Bluescope major upgrade to increase production and emissions I request Extension of the Public Exhibition Period for both Bluescope and Tallawarra applications.

If my request for extension of notification period is not approved I would like my three emails to be considered as my Submission to both the Bluescope Upgrade and Tallawarra A upgrades please. I would appreciate confirmation that my emails have been received as Submissions to both Tallawarra A and Bluescope Upgrade applications.

Please find attached a copy of screenshots I have taken just now that show the only Projects that are available on the Planning Portal Dashboard to ask submissions concerning. Noting that neither Bluescope nor Tallawarra A projects are included.

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Major  
Projects



# Dashboard

## Projects on Exhibition

Close

Select a related Exhibition Case to make a Submission.

### Wilpinjong Coal Mine Extension-Mod-2

Project ID SSD-  
Mod

Exhibition Start 27/1  
Date

Exhibition End 15/1  
Date

[Make Submission](#)

### Dinawan Solar Farm



# Dashboard

## Burrendong Wind Farm

Project ID	SSD-8950
Exhibition Start Date	16/1
Exhibition End Date	20/1

[Make Submission](#)

## USYD & RPA Sydney Biomedical Accelerator Project

Project ID	SSD-5538
Exhibition Start	22/1

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# Dashboard

## Projects on Exhibition

Close

Select a related Exhibition Case to make a Submission.

### Aspect Industrial Estate Stage 4 Development (Warehouse 8)

Project ID SSD-  
6051

Exhibition Start  
Date 05/1

Exhibition End  
Date 23/0

[Make Submission](#)



# Dashboard

## Macarthur Health Precinct Stage 2

Project ID	SSD-5206
Exhibition Start Date	14/1
Exhibition End Date	31/0

Make Submission

## Honeman Close Data Centre

Project ID	SSD-5860
Exhibition Start Date	14/1



# Dashboard

Make Submission

## Bank Street Park

Project ID	SSD-5338
Exhibition Start Date	14/1
Exhibition End Date	01/0

Make Submission

## North Hangar Extension at BAE Systems, Williamtown



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**From:** Vicki Curran [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, 15 December 2023 8:54 AM  
**To:** Vicki Curran  
**Cc:** Pamela Morales; david winterbottom  
**Subject:** Re: Urgent Bluescope Steel ASMAP project

Dear Pamela

I draw your urgent attention to the fact that the Wollongong Project Applications for Tallawarra A and Bluescope Port Kembla are again not showing up on the Planning Portal as currently on exhibition.

I have record of screen shots.

I then tried to access these by changing the filter to be "collating submissions" and both then came up.

So anyone looking today to make a submission would think that the exhibition period has closed.

It was only after finding these applications by searching closed submission/collating submissions that I found them and at the bottom it reads "1 day remaining" to make submissions.

I urgently request the exhibition period be extended and the online portal monitored to ensure that all documents relating to these proposals are available online and that they are properly recorded and available as Currently on exhibition.

Please see attached screen shot that provided the evidence that this exhibition process has been contaminated further and needs proper and extended exhibition to allow community stakeholders to have proper access to information on which to make an informed submission.

Regards

Vicki Curran  
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SSD Modifications

Wollongong City

## **MOD 1 - Coal Transport**

📍 Southern Coalfield Cnr Princes Highway  
& Bellambi Lane Russell Vale New So  
Wales Australia 2517



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**From:** Vicki Curran [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 14 December 2023 12:31 PM  
**To:** Pamela Morales  
**Subject:** Urgent Bluescope Steel ASMAP project

Dear Pamela

Re Exhibition of Bluescope Steel ASMAP project

I bring to your urgent attention that we have been unable to access this application and associated documents online on Monday-Wednesday.

And prior to that only some documents were available online eg EIS but not the sears responses fro EPA and Coucil

Residents contacted NSW Dept of Planning and EPA yesterday about this and also Bluescope who were all unable to see this application on the planning portal and could not advise as to why it was no longer available.

Community has not received sufficient notification or consultation about this application.

We have only learnt about this application 10 days ago when I was searching to see if there had been any major projects for the renewable energy zone submitted yet. Soi happened on this and Tallawarra A application just by chance

A couple of weeks ago Bluescope led an Illawarra Mercury report that stated that they were no longer going ahead with their major plans to upgrade in order to supply and manufacture Wind Eergy Turbines SO community that Bluescope say they have consulted prior to the exhibition of this proposal eg Cringila Public School were left thinking that there was no longer going to be the Major Project Application lodged by Bluescope.

Under these circumstances I request that the exhibition period be extended to allow proper notification and free available online access to the application documents and time to make an informed submission.

As the submission is on the eve of closing I request urgent and favourable consideration and response.

Yours sincerely

Vicki Curran  
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