

RE: AMPOL'S PROPOSED CHANGE OF SITE CLEANUP UNDER MOD 7

My name is Kim Gilmore of [REDACTED], Kurnell and I have lived in Kurnell since 2014. In 2016 I built the unit/residential block at [REDACTED] Kurnell which comprises 3 units and 3 shops under a draconian zoning of "Shoptop Apartments". The zoning is under the Regional 19 Plan for Kurnell which I understand was created to provide a limitation of occupancy in the event of necessary evacuation given the location of the Caltex now Ampol Refinery and having regard to the single lane entry and exit into Kurnell.

In 2019 after the refinery closed its operations and continued with storage of fuel and aviation fuel, the demolition of I believe 17 towers took place on the Ampol Site.

It has been revealed on 14th May 2025 that Ampol imported Sustainable Aviation Fuel SAF with the view to blending the same and pumping it to the airport across Botany Bay. 2 MILLION LITRES -2,000,000 litres are to be held at any one time on site, apart from the diesel and fuel which remains Sydney's WHOLE SUPPLY OF FUEL FOR A MONTH AND A HALF. I understand FUEL IS ALSO PUMPED TO Newcastle. Recently the immediate neighbours to the site including myself experienced a high pitch shrill for approx. 24 – 36 hours. I would like to know if it was the blending and pumping operation and if so what noise levels were undertaken at the time in the interests of the Community by Ampol.

My daughter bought a unit the building at [REDACTED], Kurnell and has married and is now with her young family aged 5 and 8 years, both of whom attend the Kurnell Public School.

In fact, the Kindergarten class is now 2 classes due to the number of young families moving into Kurnell.

Tourism has grown since Scott Morrison organised the Bronze sculptures placed along the foreshore and the walkway along Silver Beach to the Boat Ramp and Bonna Point, which is a protected sanctuary for mangroves and migratory birds such as the Curlew. Since then, the New Whale Watching Platform has been built at Cape Solander (est. over \$3M) and it is recorded over 220,000 visitors a year view the migrating whales (about 40,000 whales last year with \$14,000 whales spotted visually from Cape Solander as they head north on their migration in May and return from September to November), the wharves at Kurnell and La Prouse were built over a 2 year period and opened early this year (I understand over \$100 MILLION). THERE IS NO FERRY SERVICE YET. The new Visitor's Centre in the Park is under construction at an estimated cost of \$25,000,000 due to be completed by the end of 2026. The Aboriginal spears taken back to England by Captain Cook have been returned to Australia and it is intended to house the same in the new Visitor's Centre. The new Visitor's Centre is for Conference areas, to accommodate visiting school children and other conference committees. It will also include a 70 seat restaurant.

There is a proposal before the State Government to develop 4,300 new homes at Boat Harbour WHICH ADJOINS THE AMPOL SITE. Given that families will move into these homes with

perhaps 1 or two children, this would mean the local population will increase from 2,300 in Kurnell currently to an additional (say on average 3 person per new dwelling at Boat Harbour) 12,900 residents, living immediately adjoining the Ampol site.

As a member of the community I am concerned with a respect for SAFETY, HEALTH and lifestyle of all the community especially my family, AND ONGOING LIVELIHOOD OF THE Kamay Botany Bay National Park and all its species including the migratory birds such as the Godwit and Ruddy Turnstone (which travels from Alaska to Australia , stopping once at the Gilbert Islands – an 11,200 km journey), the impact on tourism, which will further increase the populous with the introduction of the proposed ferry service. The ferry service will link the north head land of Botany Bay to the South at Kurnell linking the Sydney cycleway from North Sydney to South Sydney.

These are my concerns as a resident of Kurnell:

- Impact on residential lifestyle. This includes ramification of health of residents and visitors from pollutants leaching out from the proposed capping of the site due to weather conditions, namely flooding – which happened two years ago and caused a huge area polluted by leaching toxins from Ampol into the residential area. Protected mangroves and waterways were polluted and killed and subsequent clogging of the natural drainage through the sedge grasses. Water coverage of certain areas in residents' backyards are still unrectified despite one resident going to the National Media. She is 93 and has water in most of her backyard knee deep.
- **IN DECEMBER 2016 THERE WAS A TOURNEDO WITH RECORDED WIND VELOCITY OF 213 KL PER HOUR.** The damage was monumental, many homes destroyed, the Desalination Plant had its roof ripped off, I personally noticed along that road a section of armourguard from the road wrapped around a pole like a hairpin. Could you imagine weather conditions such as this ripping through the Ampol site with a proposed **800megawatt BESS SITTING ALONGSIDE 2 MILLION LITRES OF AVIATION FUEL?** **There was a BESS FIRE** in Moss, USA, WHICH COMBUSTED -IT BURNT FOR DAYS. THEY EVACUALTED EVERYONE IN THE SURROUNDING 10 MILE RADIUS. No amount of testing can prevent this, despite any safety corridors put in place between units, NOTHING WOULD STOP A COMBUSTION OF **800 MEGAWATTS OF BESS.**
- **All pollutants on the Ampol site should be removed to avoid any possibility of contaminmation by leaching and other factors.**
- **No heavy industry should be allowed under any zoning on this site due to the volatility of the amount of fuel contained on site. No further pollution should take place amidst existing and future residential development, and protected flora and fauna area, on this point action should be determined to stop the BESS installation and further heavy industry thereon.** After 75 years of pollution it should be time for people to be responsible and also be accountable for decisions made in this matter.
- **An independent Geotech report should be undertaken of the whole site and all pollutants removed. There should be no rezoning for any heavy industry given my outline of the surrounding residential and protected areas above surrounding the**

Ampol site. NO AMOUNT OF SO-CALLED CAPPING will stop leaching and polluting of the immediate areas including land and sea.

- **Capping of this subject area is simply a BAND-AID. It will save Ampol millions, to rezone to heavy industry will make billions, and we as residents are left with ongoing noise, air pollution and health ramifications for us and our kids and visitors. The water table pollution and destruction of protected areas and species is inevitable.**
- **IF IT WAS ALL THAT SIMPLE, TO HAVE THE UPPER HAND ON SAFETY –**
- **THE EVACUATION OF RESIDENTS YEARS AGO FROM AN INCIDENT,**
- **AND ALSO THE RECENT FLOODING 2 YEARS AGO WHICH LED TO POLLUTING AND CONTAMINATING MARTON PARK/CAPTAIN COOK DRIVE/TORRES STREET**

THESE EVENTS WOULD NOT AND SHOULD NOT, HAVE HAPPENED.

I STRONGLY OBJECT TO MOD 7 AND OBJECT TO CAPPING OF TOXIC WASTE. I OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED REZONING OF THE AMPOL SITE TO HEAVY INDUSTRY.

Yours truly,

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