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Subject: FW: Supposed Treatment of Spent Pot Linings.

APPLICATION No.: DA-86-04-01-Mod7 and LEC 10397 Mod 5
Location: Lot 796 DP 39877. 129 Mitchell Avenue, Kurri Kurri.
Proponent: Weston Aluminium.
Council Area: Cessnock City Council.

From: Colin M. Maybury 21 Brooks St Kurri Kurri NSW 2327

Att: Executive Director, Major Projects Assessment.

Dear Officer, I have been involved and seen the operation of this plant close to us here in Kurri Kurri.

I was part of the LEC proceedings and saw how the Dept of Planning assisted an unhealthy industry get its application to treat toxic waste through the court.

Now it is increasing the risk to households and residents. This plant is too close to residences. It has a sad and bad history of exceeding, and modifying, conditions.

It should be obvious after the experiences of the polluting plants here in the Hunter and the environmental damage of coal mining that toxic waste plants should not be built and operated close to existing homes.

The experience of the much more distant residents of Stockton from the decrepit Orica Plant at Kooragang is a stark example.

Why should people who were there first have to live with the trauma and fears of a poisonous plant beside their homes?

I have found the company to be untruthful in times of exceeding decent standards. Now the implication in the Proposed Modification uses double speak to indicate a total of 40,000 tonnes of dross and SPL?
How much dross, how much SPL and who is to decide it is Second Cut.
As far as I am aware the hill of SPL at Loxford Hydro plant is a mix of SPL.

I am told the VP Hydro claimed there is no toxic waste on site. There is. Hundreds of thousands of tonnes of it. Millions of tonnes around Australia and NZ.

The only offered use of SPL is as road base and it seems incongruous that a road base making plant has been built just near the Weston Aluminium Plant.

Is this to allow surreptitious mixing of the toxics and road base? Will the plant be used to treat all the SPL in Australia and New Zealand as it does dross?

Why is the SPL not being treated on site at Loxford where there is at least a small buffer zone? Weston Aluminium has no buffer zone.

The aluminium industry has historically been a leach on the Australian taxpayer in subsidised electricity and special conditions and is now leaving for more subsidies overseas. This SPL waste has been allowed to accumulate

for
over 40 years at times poisoning the waterways of the area.

There seems to be no truth in this proposal by either the applicant Weston
Aluminium or the Dept of Planning.

I have many photographs of the plant's exceedances and the untruthfulness of
their explanations. Please examine those and refuse this application.

Insist the Norwegians clean their own fouled nest before they leave. Treat
the toxic waste inside the buffer zone or preferably elsewhere.

Kurri Kurri does not deserve this toxic waste subterfuge.

Signed, Colin Maybury. 11th June 2012.

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