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Member for Maitland

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Ms Natasha Harras
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Dear Ms Harras

I refer to an application made by Cleanaway Waste Oil Processing Facility (formerly Transpacific) to modify their facility.

I wrote to residents in the Rutherford and surrounding area last year and sent out a survey to residents who reside in the vicinity of the Rutherford Industrial Estate which has been synonymous over the last 20 years as the cause of the "Rutherford Stink".

There has been an on-going campaign over the last decades to reduce the impact this odour is having on residents.

The complexity of this problem, which includes the location of the industrial estate in a basin, the number of different businesses that have the potential to contribute to this problem and the inability of the EPA to, on many occasions, be able to detect one single source has made resolving this issue very difficult.

I have been working with the EPA on this issue and I understand the EPA has indicated that there are issues related to the air quality impact assessment that need to be addressed before they can finalise their recommendation.

I too have concerns about any expansion, especially from a company who the EPA has indicated is a potential source of hydrocarbon odours.

I seek a thorough investigation of the potential for this expansion to cause additional air quality issues or a further decline in the Rutherford area prior to any approval being given.

Yours sincerely

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