

31 May 2012

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Attention: Emma Barnet

Dear Chris,

**Macdonaldtown Gasworks Remediation Project (MP 09_0145)
Exhibition of Environmental Assessment
Bankstown Council Submission**

We write in reference to your letter dated 20 April 2012, in relation to the Macdonaldtown Gasworks Remediation Project (MP 09_0145), which may require the use of alternative lands in the Bankstown LGA (land known as 2 Worth St, Chullora - Lot 1 DP 8835526) to remediate contaminated soils from the Macdonaldtown Railway Station lands.

Council assessment of the development application acknowledges that the proposed works is required to remediate the subject site (in Macdonaldtown) to reduce and limit potential harm to human health as a result of historical contamination of the site, and that this is a responsible thing for the landowner to do.

Council also acknowledges that the subject site for alternative remediation in Chullora straddles the boundary of Strathfield Council; however there may be impacts on Bankstown residents and businesses. Therefore Council does not support the proposal to transport any contaminated materials to, or through the Bankstown Local Government Area.

Should the Department decide to support such a proposal, despite Council's strong objection, there are a number of concerns that must be addressed as part of any assessment. These environmental impacts include:

- Air quality i.e. odour and dust – An Air Quality Impact Assessment has been completed and an Air Quality Management Plan will be implemented during works. This must be conditioned within any consent for works, should the proposal proceed at the Chullora site.
- Water Management – A Stormwater and Sediment Control Plan has been prepared, and must be conditioned, to ensure that no sediment or

contamination run-off seeps into the local watercourses, should the proposal proceed at Chullora.

- Noise & Vibration – A Noise and Vibration Management Plan will be submitted to the Department of Planning prior to commencement of any works. This must also be conditioned, due to the close proximity of residences to the east of the subject site.
- Waste Management – A Waste Management Plan will be prepared prior to commencement of any works. This must be conditioned to ensure all soils and materials are properly decontaminated and returned to their original location.

Transport & Traffic – A Traffic & Pedestrian Management Plan has been prepared. Council is concerned over the number of additional heavy vehicle movements required to transport many thousands of cubic metres of contaminated soil to the subject site for decontamination, and the impact on its local roads, specifically Worth Street. Council does not support the transporting of waste/contaminated materials to site and its preference is that it be decontaminated onsite in Macdonaldtown.

However, should the Chullora site be required, Council recommends that the Dilapidation Report be conditioned with any consent, to ensure Bankstown Residents are not left with restoration costs as a result on any additional wear and tear on its roads. This Report must be forwarded to Council for review, both before and after the proposed works.

- Contamination Spill Management – Council must be provided with confirmation that spill management has been considered as part of any assessment of the proposal, should there be an incident on one of our local roads during transportation stage of works.

Council again reiterates its position that it does not support for the proposal to transport contaminated materials to Chullora, decontaminate the material, and then return it back to Macdonaldtown.

If you have any questions regarding the contents of this submission or require any further clarification, please don't hesitate to contact me on (02) 9707 9097 or email on daniel.smith@bankstown.nsw.gov.au

Yours faithfully,



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