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NSW Minister for Planning
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cc Premier of NSW,
cc Federal Member for Hume
cc NSW Member for Goulburn
cc Mayor, Goulburn Mulwaree Council

Re: Application No MP 10_0012 : Woodlawn Bioreactor Expansion Project Tarago

References:

- A. Tarago and District Progress Association letter to NSW Department of Planning (addressed to F Greenway, Major Development Assessment, dated 23 March 2010.
- B. NSW Government Planning (Mining and Industry Projects) Notification of Exhibition Woodlawn Bioreactor Expansion Project (MP10_0012) **Undated**

On behalf of our local residents, the Tarago and District Progress Association makes this representation and request to you regarding the application by Veolia Environmental Services Pty Ltd to significantly expand their current operations at Woodlawn.

Earlier this year we became aware of the plans, proposals and intentions regarding development of the Woodlawn Bioreactor facility. Initial advice was by way of DA 31-02-99. We also became aware of NSW Government considerations regarding the facility by way of an article in the Sydney Sun-Herald newspaper on 21 March 2010 (titled "Our Rubbish Crisis"). Our representation on the matter was made by way of reference A. Our representation:

- a. Sought more time to enable this community to come to grips with the complexity of the applications and intentions and the risks and impacts they present to this community.
- b. Asked that the Department of Planning refer some additional matters, questions and proposals to the relevant authorities within the NSW Government or other authorities as may be

appropriate. These matters relate to broader 'planning' considerations involving development of infrastructure in this area of NSW.

Regrettably, we have yet to receive written response to this representation. Notwithstanding that matters may have now moved on to other stages of the Development Application process, our concerns and requests remain. We have also submitted a separate representation this week in response to Reference B.

This community cannot support or accept expansion of the Veolia facility at Woodlawn without all the community issues being adequately addressed and the resolution being fully communicated to the community. And we seek explanation in layman's terms that we can all understand.

The community is frustrated that we cannot fully understand or appreciate what is really going to happen. This occurs because of the complicated bureaucratic processes, the complex documents lodged by Veolia and the various consultancies associated with their application, as well as the technical nature of much of the information involved. The community remains unconvinced of the adequacy and effectiveness of the current safeguards, licensing requirements and compliance measures. And we do not accept that the information provided to this community by regulatory authorities regarding compliance is adequate.

As a result, the community remains concerned that there are too many unanswered questions and too many unmitigated risks to the safety of all users of the public road and rail facilities in the area, to the health and well-being of resident as well as to the future of the environment.

We therefore ask that:

- a. you intervene to halt any approval of all Veolia applications for development or project expansion of the Woodlawn facility until an independent assessment can be made of the whole situation;
- b. you instigate an appropriate independent assessment;
- c. this assessment also includes consideration of NSW Government planning of regional infrastructure issues – such as but not limited to routing of MR 92 through Tarago and along Collector road so that the very real issues of road safety for the area are addressed, and
- d. you ensure that there is ongoing communication between NSW Government and the community on this matter.

Yours sincerely

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President
Tarago and District Progress Assoc.

22 October 2010

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To Major Projects Assessment
Department of Planning.

I am writing on behalf of my defacto partner, Romy Stevens and myself who reside at 2011 Tarago Road, Tarago, to voice our concern in relation to the proposed increased heavy vehicular traffic through both Tarago and Bungendore, NSW.

This is following advice provided by the Tarago Progress Association Inc. of up to an additional twenty eight trucks a day utilising the Tarago Road to convey waste to the Veolia Development.

Our major concerns to this proposal is the current condition of this traffic way being able to cope with this increased volume of heavy traffic.

The road is currently in a state of disrepair with both pot holing and shoulder collapse evident.

A section near the turn off to the reactor is currently torn up for repair in both directions, the second time in less than six months.

A lot of sections are barely wide enough for two regular car sized vehicles to be able to pass in relative safety not accounting for the many blind corners, roadside vegetation and rises.

Any increase in heavy vehicles will only add to this disrepair on top of the regular truck traffic hauling sand from the quarries dotted along this trafficway.

We feel sure that any increase in heavy vehicle access will no doubt see increased fatalities on this road.

We wish to highlight our concern on road safety for all residents and general road users traversing this road. We also feel that if a risk management plan was developed by any heavy haulage company sub contracting these haulages or by Veolia themselves that the Transport Workers Union or OH&S officers would not permit sign off to enable their members to drive this road without extensive upgrades.

In conclusion we would like to request the Major Projects Assessment area take into account the concerns highlighted above and consider the requirement for a major road upgrade prior to any approval being issued.

Regards In This Matter
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We would like to put in an objection to the increase of waste to the Woodlawn site. As our main concern is extra traffic through village, rail crossing hold up's.

It is of greater concern to us the odour problem as we have a common boundry with the void precinct 1/2 Kl. It is our opinion that the odour is NOT controlled successfully at the rate now. It will increase with more volume.

Yours sincerely

L.J. & J.A. Hallam.

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Major Projects Assessment
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18th October 2010

Re: Project No MP10_0012

I live in Tarago and have done all my life. I am very concerned about the extra waste being proposed to be transported by road and rail to the waste facility outside of Tarago, at the Veolia Waste Facility.

My objections are two- fold, one as a bus operator and secondly as a resident of Tarago.

My points are as follows-

- Noise and vibration from trucks to the township
- Increased safety risk to our children walking or riding their bikes beside road ways
- Increased safety risk on the roads, to our School Bus, Driver, and Passengers.
- Odour from the trucks
- Increased odour** from the waste facility, with a bigger area of waste exposed.
- Disruption to a quiet lifestyle.
- Being held up at the railway crossing for between 5 & 10 minutes daily.

I am the Co -Owner of the School Bus Run which carries local children to school. We travel on the Braidwood, Bungendore Taylors Creek and Collector Roads. We will have to travel with these extra trucks.

If the delivery of waste from other areas were in between school bus times, I would feel much better about the increase in trucks. At the moment our bus times are 7am to 9.30am and 3.20am until 5.30pm.

The condition of the Bungendore Road in some parts needs upgrading and the intersection of the Goulburn-Braidwood road and Wallis Street Tarago is very dangerous for trucks turning the corner at the Loaded Dog Hotel. Trucks often cut the corner when turning.

I live in Tarago because I like the quiet lifestyle, the small community, and the good country air, the last point being one that needs immediate attention. The **BAD ODOUR** we often smell from the waste facility is disgusting. It literally makes you feel sick. We have rung on many occasions to report the smell, but are just fobbed off, saying "they are doing everything possible to stop the smell", but obviously it's not working. It seems our complaints go unnoticed and have done since the facility started. We get the odour on a weekly basis. It makes it very unpleasant to go outside and do anything.

Finally the other point that of concern, is the long wait for the train to go past the rail crossing. You have to wait up to 10 minutes for it to pass. Many times it holds up our school bus and makes us late dropping off school children. If there was an emergency and you had to take someone to hospital or waiting for an ambulance to come, it could mean the difference between life and death for someone if the train was blocking the crossing.

I am **not** in favor of any increase in waste to the site unless these items are addressed, especially the **ODOUR**..

Regards
Pauline Croker

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Please find screen shot of Veolia submission.thank you
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PROJECT NO MP10-0012

HOW CAN THE

BRAIDWOOD AND TARAGO-BUNGENDORE ROAD SUPPORT SUCH AN INCREASE IN TRUCK
ACTIVITY, WHEN ALREADY THESE ROADS SHOW CONSIDERABLE POT-HOLING DUE TO A
SUBSTANCIAL INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF TRUCKS THAT USE THE BRAIDWOOD-BUNGENDORE-
QUEENBEYAN ROADS, AS AN QUICK WAY OF ENTERING CANBERRA AND FISHWICK. VERY FEW OF THE
TRUCKS THAT COME THROUGH LAKE BATHURST SLOW TO THE SPEED LIMIT OF 60 K, SO WILL THE
SPEED LIMIT BE ENFORCED OR WILL WE HAVE SPEED COWBOYS DISREGARDING THE LAW AS USUAL

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Hi,

My name is Mark Davis,
I am a Tarago resident, I live about 200 meters from the Veolia Load out entrance.
16 and 18 Goulburn Street Tarago NSW 2580.

I object to Project No: MP10_0012 because of the VERY BAD SMELL.
We were told when the project started that there would be no smell.
But we have had to endure the most disgusting smell for two years.
The intensity of the smell varies, sometimes it is unbearable, sometimes it is not as intense but it is always there.
The smell makes me and my family dry reach and vomit when we walk outside, you can even smell it in bed when you wake up in the morning.

Veolia and Collex promised that there would never be any smell. (They changed their name from Collex to Veolia a few years ago) I think they changed their name to get out of some of their promises.

Collex promised the residents of Tarago that they would install Town Water and Sewerage, but they never did it.

The smell is usually the worst when it rains.
Most residents of Tarago including myself harvest rainwater from our roofs and store it in water tanks, the bad smell from the Bioreactor is getting into our water tanks from our roofs and you can

smell it when you have a shower or drink the water.

I think the town residents should be compensated for the bad smell, Veolia should come good with their promises to eliminate the smell and they should install a Town Water Supply and Town Septic systems free of charge to Tarago residents.

If there is an increase in trucks carrying garbage from local councils the roads need to be improved, these trucks drive slow and they smell bad, it is disgusting when you get stuck behind one. The roads around Tarago are shocking at best, the increased truck traffic is dangerous on such narrow country roads.

Regards,

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To whom it may concern

As a resident of Boro, NSW, 8 km south of Tarago I would like to express my concern with the further development of the Veolia waste facility at Woodlawn.

I feel that the roads are currently in reasonable condition however the impact of a couple of logging trucks a day has really been noticeable and in the last year the number of pot holes in the road have increased a nearly unacceptable level at times. I am concerned that with the addition of more trucks these roads will become further degraded and that the safety of those travelling on the roads will be compromised.

I am especially concerned as my children catch the bus to and from Bungendore and therefore will be affected from both trucks through Tarago and through Bungendore. The speed trucks travel on these country roads is terrifying enough when they are trucks that have to be there, but again I believe the additional traffic may well cause safety issues.

Yours sincerely

Cate Brooks

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Major Projects Assessment
Department of Planning

Re Project Number MP10_0012

Objection to Veolia Environmental Services' bid to increase waste from 400,000 tonnes to 1.2 million tonnes annually at the former Woodlawn mine.

Basis of Objection

As a resident who commutes 5 days a week from Sorrell Close, Buckingham Estate, Bungendore to and from Goulburn using the Tarago Road and Braidwood Road, I am increasingly concerned at the number, size and weight of trucks encountered on the route and the very poor condition of the Tarago Road.

The Tarago Road is narrow and absolutely unsuitable for the large trucks currently using it. At least once on every trip ie twice a day, I am confronted by a large truck on the wrong side of the road. During winter, travelling from Goulburn to my home at dusk or in the dark is a high risk endeavour with many near misses along the way as the road is poorly marked.

Recently the Tarago Road was closed for hours due to a serious accident involving a truck. An increase in the number of trucks would obviously increase the danger of traffic accidents.

I object strenuously to the Veolia submission to increase waste from 400,000 to 1.2 million tonnes due to the impact on the traffic on the Tarago and Braidwood Roads.

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