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TERREY HILLS 2084
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Major Development Assessment
Department of Planning
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Re – Kimbriki Resource Recovery Project Application No. C 10_0064/MP 10_0065

Dear Sir / Madam,

We are strongly opposed to the major project application to construct and operate two waste treatment facilities at Kimbriki , which is situated approximately 500 m from our home where we have lived for the past 25 years.

We are particularly concerned about the proposed RRF – resource recovery facility and the processing of an extra 100,000 tonnes of household waste being so close to a residential area. Up until now, the household waste - food and organics are treated at the Crozier Rd facility at Belrose, which is ideally situated well away from any residential area and bordering on the Garigal National Park.

Our reasons for concern, are listed below:

1. Currently we are subjected to strong odours from rotting vegetation and composting which are particularly bad under certain weather conditions. With the introduction of a further 100,000 tonnes of waste, we would like to know how this will impact on our air quality? Other similar garbage processing sites at Eastern Creek and Menai produce over- powering smells which can be detected over a large distance when we are travelling along the nearby roads e.g. M7. We would like to know how they intend to address this problem? What measures will be put in place to contain the by-products (e.g. methane gas and leachate) from the treatment and processing of the waste?
2. Currently the stretch of Mona Vale Rd between Forest Way and Mona Vale via Terrey Hills is notoriously dangerous and has experienced many fatalities over the past 15 – 20 years. The traffic volume has increased significantly over recent years and so has the incidents of bad accidents. Only 1 month ago, a URM garbage truck rolled over, trapping the driver for many hours at the entrance of Kimbriki Rd and Mona Vale Rd. The entrance is steep and off camber, and the access to Kimbriki Rd is difficult in both directions especially during peak hour as there is no traffic lights or roundabouts and the driver may have to take unnecessary risks to complete the turn in and out of the road. We estimate that the delivery of 100,000 tonnes per year would involve 10,000 truck loads on Mona Vale Rd. How are these extra truck movements going to impact on an already congested area and the flow of traffic? The noise pollution of the trucks has to be addressed as they travel along Mona Vale Rd, passed our quiet and leafy suburb. Also there is a potential problem of littering as garbage blows out of the back of the compactors.
3. As our street is parallel to Mona Vale Rd and in close proximity to Kimbriki, we have been made aware that not all the residents in our street have been informed of this proposal.

In fact, many residents of Terrey Hills are blissfully unaware of the proposal and the magnitude of it's impact on all concerned. We feel that the intention of the Kimbriki management and local government is to push through the plan with scant disregard to the local residents. Although the Environmental Assessment will be made publicly available from 23rd to 30th March, there has been little time for our local Progress Association to act on our behalf, nor has there been any discussion in the wider public forum such as the local Manly Daily newspaper. Letters to the Warringah Council have gone unanswered and we demand action!

As we have said before, we have lived in Terrey Hills as a married couple for 25 years, but in fact Jeff has lived here since 1969 with his parents and he has seen a lot of changes over the years. He strongly feels that this is by far the most serious threat to our environment. There are 1300 homes in Terrey Hills and Duffys Forest and this proposal will impact on every one of them either direct or indirectly in some way, and they should be given the chance to speak up now, before it's too late.

Yours sincerely,
Jeff and Joanne Wenden.