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Chris Ritchie  
NSW Department of Planning & Environment  
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Dear Chris

I refer to the proposal by Veolia to develop a \$400 million cogeneration plant at the Opal Paper & Recycling Botany Mill.

You would be aware that the NSW Government recently released the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Amendment (Thermal Energy from Waste) (PEOA) Regulation 2022. The newly gazetted regulations, endorsed by the chief scientist, provide a level of clarity around the use of this well established technology that is proven to be safe, wherever it is located.

In light of the release of the regulations, I can confirm that the proposed Botany Cogeneration Plant will not proceed.

Veolia is disappointed in this outcome as the project would have brought significant benefits to the environment and community, including reduced waste to landfill, lower net CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, more local jobs and increased economic development.

Veolia remains committed to energy from waste technology, both thermal and biological, which has been widely adopted around the world for decades. The technology is proven to recover value from non-recyclable materials and helps mitigate climate change, while creating energy resilience as a replacement for fossil fuels.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tony Grebenshikoff".

TONY GREBENSHIKOFF  
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