

Nicholas Hall - For Paul Broad

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Hi Paul

Please have a look at my attached letter to the editor.

I urge you to investigate planning guidelines for Kooragang Island. An explosives expert recently informed the Stockton community group that there is the potential for an explosion to wipe out Newcastle of the face of the earth.

No point doing something after this happens!!!!

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I AM passionate about the growth and prosperity of businesses in the Hunter Region and have worked as past marketing director of Hunter Development Corporation (HDC) and have privately funded initiatives such as the Fastest Growing Businesses awards and now Top Employers in the Hunter List.

Bob Hawes is doing a great job creating business, jobs and residences with the HDC and also providing an aesthetic aura to this region, but this will be under serious threat if the Kooragang Island chemical plants are allowed a free rein to possibly endanger the Hunter's lifestyle and business profile.

All government, business and consumer groups must lobby for stringent standards in environmental, noise, visual and emissions issues from these chemical plants at Kooragang Island. This city's growth could be doomed by an image of ammonia perfume, explosives noise and smokestacks.

The underlying message in Orica general manager James Bonner's recent comments to Newcastle Business Club seemed to be: "We provide employment and social sponsorship, so make concessions, as we have nil time-bound, definite initiatives on environmental responsibility for Kooragang Island".

And I believe Incitec Pivot needs condemnation for its attitude to the citizens of Stockton. This company needs to be sent a strong message to comply with strict environmental standards or pack up and leave this planet.

We survived the closure of BHP, so everybody needs to stand up and tell polluting firms that the Hunter will not accept growth at any cost.

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