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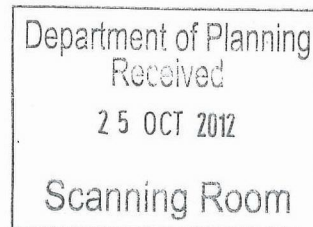
1/18 Snedden St, Merewether NSW 2291.

Mr Nick Hall

Mining and Industry Projects

Department of Planning and Infrastructure

GPO Box 39, Sydney NSW 2001.



Dear Nick,

Subject: Project Application Number SSD-4986

I wish to object, in the strongest possible terms, to Incitec's proposal for an ammonium nitrate plant next Orica's on Kooragang Island, Newcastle. My current address is in Merewether but I have recently purchased a property in Stockton where I will reside in the New Year. Reasons for my objection to this proposal are outlined below.

Incitec's Environmental Impact Statement for this proposal does not fully disclose potential risks because it is "Exempt from disclosure under the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* (NSW)". Part of the reasoning is that terrorists could use this information to target this plant because these plants can explode even without help from terrorists. Research reveals there have been twenty four ammonium nitrate explosions world wide in the past ninety four years. Around fourteen hundred people have died with many thousands injured and homes destroyed. Nowhere in the

world will you find two plants like this side by side. Why place it next to residential areas and adjacent to the heavily used Stockton Bridge. This proposal must be rejected.

To build Incitec's plant next to Orica, with its appalling safety record of pollution, only seems to be asking for double the trouble. Incitec, as well as Orica, may have the best of intentions with regard to safety, but unforeseen and uncontrollable incidents do occur. The hexavalent chromium outfall over Stockton, the ammonia pumped into the Hunter River and the ammonia cloud which put several rail workers in hospital are alarming incidents. These plants should be built nowhere near residential areas, let alone a beautiful coastal/river/wetlands system. Why this proposal has progressed this far beggars belief. It is a flagrant disregard for the safety and well-being of thousands. The potential for explosion and pollution is unacceptable for such an area, not to mention increased noise and dust. Surely there are safer, more suitable locations. This proposal must be rejected.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Moten', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Stephen Moten