



8 October 2012

Mining & Industry Projects
Department of Planning & Infrastructure
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY NSW 2001



Dear Sir / Madam,

Re: Application SSD-4986: Incitec Pivot Ltd Ammonium Nitrate Manufacturing Facility

I am making this submission on behalf of the Local Advisory Committee for Presbyterian Aged Care Wescott, Stockton.

Background

Presbyterian Aged Care NSW & ACT (PAC) provides residential aged care, community aged care and retirement housing across NSW. PAC Wescott is located at 128 Fullerton Road, Stockton and provides the Stockton peninsula's only residential aged care facility with up to 130 frail older people housed there. We also provide community care programs both at a day centre in the residential care facility and directly into people's own homes across Newcastle and Port Stephens LGAs. We run an 8-unit retirement home close to the main site in Stockton.

Our Local Advisory Committee brings together PAC state and local management and representatives from local Presbyterian churches and the local community.

Submission

PAC appreciates the demand for industrial investment in New South Wales and the relatively limited number of areas where such developments can occur. We also appreciate that Kooragang Island has been an industrial site for many years.

As the Department of Planning & Infrastructure would be aware, the Stockton community (including PAC Wescott) experienced significant concerns with the 2011 contamination problems at the Orica facility. These events reminded us all that Kooragang Island is close to significant population centres. In our case, this includes a substantial number of frail older people with limited mobility, both at our aged care facility and in their own homes.

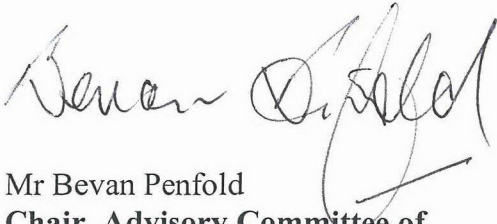
From our perspective, it would therefore be preferable if this development did not proceed at Kooragang Island.

Presbyterian Aged Care – Wescott

If the project is to proceed, we believe it is imperative that the development approval includes a requirement on Incitec Pivot Ltd to develop a strong emergency protocol with the local community including PAC Wescott. Since the contamination problems of 2011, Orica has developed a much more robust relationship with us, so that we are included in early warnings of any incidents. Any new industrial development on Kooragang Island should include a similar requirement.

We would be happy to be contacted further regarding our submission. Please contact Sharon Helton, Facility Manager, PAC Wescott on 49 071 300.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bevan Penfold', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr Bevan Penfold
**Chair, Advisory Committee of
Management - Presbyterian Aged Care - Wescott
NSW & ACT**