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Dear Christine

SSD-5275 – Expansion of Kemps Creek SAWT Facility

Confirmation required for extension of our submission till 14 June 2013

We refer to our telephone conversation on 13/5/13 in regards to the above DA where we & our neighbour (Mr Monaghan) have as yet not received the notification letter to residents. As you can see, our property borders the south/south west of SITA site at Kemps Creek.

This is of great concern to us as our land borders the SITA site, where we are directly impacted by the existing SAWT & the proposed expansion. For instance, over the past 3 years we have made over 293 complaints (since 25/7/12 – including 86 complaints lodged with the EPA) to SITA for over 320 days of highly offensive odour emanating from the compost maturation & finished product pads. We are yet to experience any real improvement in frequency, strength or offensiveness of SITA's nauseously offensive raw/unprocessed compost odour. This is after 5 visits to discuss the odour issue & tour the SAWT etc where I have confirmed the type/source with SITA & have made every effort to contribute feedback etc to help SITA in resolving their problem.

I have worked with SITA to look for any period of relief where we could identify a measure that has made any difference, so as to explore continuing or expanding such. This included odour fences, regular turning of the raw compost, covering the raw compost rows, cleaning leachate ponds, replacing media in Bio Filters (even though I have consistently without doubt identified the raw decomposing compost as the source of the odour problem).

However, I found no improvement which has continued to regularly stop us from having the enjoyment of our land.

Due to the lack of notification of the period for submissions, you confirmed that an extension has been granted for our submission to respond to the DA, till 14 June 2013. This is to allow time for us to review the lengthy application & engage the professional services of Town Planner - Michael Brown Planning Strategies for proper consultation, in preparing a submission. I consider my long period of experiences with the SITA SAWT as important feedback & input into the current & future expansion of the facility.

Preliminary review of the DA has already identified concerns & raised questions regarding the following, of which we will include in our submission:

- 1) issues of operation during the lengthy 2 yr period of construction, until the development is commissioned,

- 2) odour mitigation,
- 3) continued high risk of odour due to the relocation of the outdoor composting pads during the 2 yrs till the development is commissioned,
- 4) clarification in regards to the movement of compost to the finished product pad (which is currently located very close to our boundary),
- 5) the current & future location of the Finished Compost pad,
- 6) where reference to our land is incorrectly labelled with the wrong property number,
- 7) double glazing,
- 8) existing land use conflicts,
- 9) the assessment of noise & operating hours of the proposed expansion where it conflicts with that as approved in the original SAWT DA 06_0185. In the “*Major Project Assessment – Advanced Waste Facility – Director Generals Environmental Assessment Report March 2008*” –section “*Operational Noise*”, where it states the following:

- a) Page 16 - DECC advised on noise assessment being reasonable due to controls including:

- “restriction on operating hours & intensity of operations”

Unrestricted hours will now remove these controls.

- b) Page 17 – “*The Department, however, considers that noise impacts of the project on the area surrounding the site were acceptable as the noise levels were low enough to ensure future land use conflicts were unlikely when the area becomes developed for employment uses.*

Nevertheless, the Department believes SITA should be required to:

- *restrict the hours of operation on site*

These requirements have therefore been included in the recommended conditions of approval”

Please confirm the extension for receipt of our submission & that we will not be penalised or our submission treated any different to those rec'd by 3 June 2013.

Yours sincerely

Paul Sims

Also, on behalf of June Sims, Glenn Sims, Craig Sims, Tanya Lockwood.
