

I, Leah Llagas, of 22 Rositano Place Rooty Hill NSW 2766, a mere 3kms away from the proposed site, STRONGLY OBJECT to this SSD for the following reasons:

1. Insufficient effort was made to consult with the local community.

While I have seen and heard of people receiving flyers in their letterbox, I haven't. How can they ignore consulting with residents so close to the proposed site? Cleanaway has made claims that they have consulted with over 300 members of the local community without a single objection. Even if I was given this opportunity to participate in such a "consultation", I would not have engaged in their choice on engagement. They have used a marketing company who are trained to phrase questions so they can obtain the answers they were PAID to collect. THIS ISN'T AN APPROPRIATE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION METHOD and the results of such a marketing endeavour should not inform the decision-making process for such a proposal.

2. This proposal endangers the health of the whole Sydney basin, not just the local community where it will be built.

This is certainly not a NIMBY (Not in my backyard) issue, as plume plotters have shown time and time again how far the toxic substances will travel (up to Bondi in some instances). The plume plotter has the ability to predict such effects having taken into consideration the wind speed and direction and temperature on any given day. Besides this, approval for one facility certainly opens the door to the other proposals all over Sydney and NSW, when Waste to Energy facilities in EU and US are being decommissioned at the moment due to the ill health effects on the community (which only surface many years later).

3. This is NOT a sustainable way to dispose of waste and is right at the bottom of the waste hierarchy.

It undermines recycling efforts as proven in European countries. Once it is operational, the "beast must be fed". It also "steals" real jobs from all the other ZERO WASTE strategies because it is an automated process. It destroys valuable resources and the embedded energy in its production so it has a negative net effect when it comes to energy production.

4. The toxic effects have been proven to be much more systemic - being found in produce, livestock and eggs, which are distributed right throughout the country even if farmed near the proposed site.

There are numerous grocery warehouses including Woolworths, Coles and Aldi within 5kms of the site. There is also Lite N Easy and chicken & vegetable farms around the area. The Prospect Reservoir, which forms part of the emergency water supply is a couple of kilometres away. With no prevailing winds, the immediate 5km radius becomes the "sacrifice zone" but the toxicity spreads very quickly with the transfer of all the goods and fresh produce housed in these warehouses and farms, as well as the water in the Prospect Reservoir.

These effects have devastating consequences in utero. The future generations are sacrificed. CURRENT health statistics in Western Sydney show some of the highest

pulmonary conditions. The air we breathe will only get worse and this puts additional physical, psychological and financial burdens that can never be justified!

5. The Next Generation's proposal was already rejected by an Independent Inquiry.

Various government departments have raised their objections to an incinerator ie EAPA, Department of Health. Yet, the Department of Planning engaged an Independent Inquiry which still rejected the proposal. How is the Cleanaway proposal different? We have also previously collected 11,000-12,000 signatures from people who object to incinerators in Sydney. I am convinced that the same 12,000 people would object to this proposal as the science has not changed. The proponents have but not really as they have the same ridiculous track record when it comes to the environment.

6. Australia still doesn't have enough air quality standards to regulate a proposal such as this.

As mentioned, incinerators are shutting down everywhere in EU, US and other countries because of the effects only discovered many years later. Are we really going to wait for the dangerous toxic effects before we say NO to such money making proposals? Proposals like this should not be allowed to apply considering that there is no suitable regulation available once they are operational. Self-regulation is not good enough especially due to the next point.

7. As with the TNG proposal, this SSD is being proposed by a company with a laughable reputation when it comes to the environment.

Are we really that naive to think that they are doing this for the environment? They are effectively offering bribes and incentives to community organisations and the Blacktown Council in their proposal disguised as their way of giving back to the community. Wow! Can people really not see through that? It's worse than Ian Malouf's idea of providing solar panels to 1000 homes!

8. Energy from Waste facilities are dangerous FULL STOP!

No one can ever rule out with certainty the likelihood of accidents when these facilities are concerned and have happened in other facilities in the world. Accidents which cannot be afforded because of their catastrophic effects:

- Explosions at facilities due to malfunction;
- Increased release of particles and odours when the plants shut down when weather temperatures surpass 37 degrees Celsius then turned back on again (we will surpass that twice just in this coming week November 16-23, 2020);
- Spillage of toxic residue as they are transported through the Sydney suburbs to places where they want to encase the toxic ash equivalent to ¼ of the waste they burnt and dump into landfill;
- Seepage from such encasements in the future and leaching into the environment;
- and the list goes on!

In conclusion, I urge the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment to stand up for the people it has been established to protect, not businesses such as Cleanaway that will profit from proposals such as the outdated technology of Energy from Waste facilities, which may seem like easy fixes in the present but with dire consequences in the immediate as well as the long-term future.