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Director – Industry Assessments
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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: Public Submission : OBJECTION

Application No SSD-8304 201 Five Islands Road, UNANDERRA

“Construction and operation of a liquid waste treatment plant to treat 56,500 tonnes per annum of liquid waste including 8500 tonnes per annum of liquid waste for metal processing and 48,000 tonnes of battery acid and wastewater.”

I write in relation to the above-mentioned Development Application proposal and wish to hereby state my objection to the proposed development.

My name is Peter Hinde and I am the Director of “Go Hire the Event People” a business operating from 14-16 Resolution Drive, Unanderra. I am concerned about the proposed intensification of the businesses located at 201 Five Islands Road, Unanderra, and the impact that this will have on my business and the surrounding locality.

I provide the following commentary for the Department’s consideration.

- **Air Quality**

I am concerned about the additional heavy truck traffic movements that this Liquid Waste Treatment Plant (LWTP) will generate and the subsequent increase in dust and deterioration of air quality generally. Our business stores tables and chairs, crockery, marquees and the like both in a warehouse (internally) and in open air storage (externally). I believe the increased heavy traffic movements will create additional dust and airborne pollutants that will require additional and ongoing cleaning of our plant and equipment, increasing operational costs. Additionally, I am concerned about the increased corrosion and deterioration that will occur and the potential for acid rain to fall on our property, reducing the life-cycle of our plant and equipment and increasing business operational costs. We note this has occurred already in the vicinity of our site.

- **Traffic**

The transportation of highly contaminated liquid waste by truck on already very busy arterial roads has the potential for a major vehicle accident and subsequent spillage of contaminated waste onto nearby properties and into the local waterways. This could have a devastating impact on the local flora and fauna, as well as the wider human population.

- **Flooding**

201 Five Islands Road, Unanderra, is located in a low, medium and high flood risk precinct. I am concerned that a major flood event, similar to the one the Illawarra experienced in 1998, would have a significant

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impact on the subject property and the flow on catastrophic polluting event to surrounding properties and waterways. This could have a destructive impact on the water quality for local flora and fauna also.

- **Contamination**

The site is zoned Heavy Industrial and has been used for heavy industrial purposes since the 1960s and is undoubtedly contaminated. I am concerned that developing a LWTP on the land will increase the potential for further contamination of the site and more particularly the groundwater in this locality. Our property is close by, and I am concerned with potential leachate extending into the groundwater and beyond the boundaries of the subject site.

- **Intensification of the Existing Industrial Use**

An existing resource recovery facility, including used lead battery recycling, is currently operating from the site. I am concerned that the additional heavy industrial use, represented by this LWTP will have an increased cumulative detrimental impact on the local environment and amenity particularly for the residents in the locale.

- **COVID 19**

The Covid 19 pandemic, that has occurred over the past 18 months, has resulted in reduced economic activity generally. I am therefore concerned that the traffic, air quality, noise and vibration studies that have been completed have utilised data that has been skewed due to reduced economic activity. Non-pandemic data may indicate that the cumulative impact of this additional heavy industrial use at this locality will be substantially more than realised.

It would therefore be appreciated if the above concerns could be favourably considered by the Department in the determination of this Development Application and, should additional information/plans be submitted to address the deficiencies of this application as stated, I would also appreciate a further opportunity to provide comment for the Department's consideration.

Respectfully, this application should be modified/amended to address our concerns, or ultimately refused altogether.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Peter Hinde