



3 February 2021

Department of Planning NSW
Attention: Katelyn Symington

Dear Ms Symington,

Re: Gunnedah Waste Facility – Application Number SSD-8530563

I wish to tender my submission and register my strong opposition to the proposed waste management facility to be constructed on Lots 1 and 2 DP 1226992 – 16 Torrens Road, Gunnedah.

As a ratepayer and landowner of the Gunnedah Shire I have grave reservations about this proposed project.

My main concerns are :-

The location of the waste dump is close to town, located in close proximity to residential houses and businesses with many employees.

The guidelines are too flexible and do not provide enough protection to residents from contamination of the air, pollution from toxic waste of groundwater and riparian flows. Gunnedah depends on groundwater for the town's drinking water. There can be no guarantee that seepage from toxic waste will not enter the groundwater system.

There has been no consideration given to ongoing monitoring and inspection. Once approved this facility has the potential to accept waste that was not outlined in the original application.

There has been no community consultation. The EIS was presented over a period that is traditionally when families are relaxing and taking a break.

There is not enough detail about the types of waste to be disposed of. The description of "Evacuated natural material and resource recovered material that meet the contamination thresholds as per the guidelines" is not a strong enough guideline when dealing with toxic waste.

There are too many loosely worded details to provide protection for the residents of the township and indeed landowners who may suffer the consequences of groundwater contamination.

Thank you.

