

Proposed Waste Facility Gunnedah EIS
submission

I have deep concerns about the proposal to develop a waste facility in Gunnedah. I live in Coonabarabran and use Gunnedah both for medical reasons and for shopping.

- The volume of waste to be processed by the facility annually is very high and I question the ability of such a small site to cope with it.
- These large volumes are expected to be transported to the facility from much bigger cities. Connection to rail to facilitate this process would seem to be essential especially as this is much cheaper than truck as well as being environmentally better.
- This will necessarily be a two way exchange requiring disposal of the sorted waste. Storage area for sorted waste between loads seems inadequate.
- Unusable waste is proposed to go to landfill. This may be massive quantities of such waste as concrete and contaminated soils. It is not clear where these materials will find suitable landfill.
- I have concerns that this may become the dumping ground for the toxic waste salts from the Narrabri Gas Project.
- The siting of what may become a toxic waste dump so close to Gunnedah is just not acceptable.

Thank you