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Planning Services  
NSW Dept of Planning and Environment  
GPO Box 39  
Sydney NSW 2001

Attn: **Director - Industry Assessments**

Relating to:

**Application no:** SSD 8660

**Location:** 90 Gindurra Rd, Somersby  
(Lot 4 DP 227279)

**Applicant:** Davis Earthmoving & Quarrying P/L

**Council Area:** Central Coast

**Consent Authority:** Minister for Planning or  
Independent Planning Authority

Dear Sir,

I object strongly to this Application no. SSD 8660  
for all of the following very pertinent reasons:

1. It involves the excessive dumping of construction and demolition waste (like crushed concrete and disused bitumen, not just sand and soil) within the nearby Somersby Industrial Park where the other legitimate SME business owners **do not want a garbage dump** next to their legitimate businesses.

2. It involves having a 200,000 tonne crushing and waste management facility bordering rural properties and within 50 meters of family homes. You can see this is **totally out of character** with the area's farming nature and the local natural environment.

3. Gindurra Road and the other local access roads from the M1 are quite unsuitable for over 200 trucks per day travelling over them past local front doors causing **vastly increased traffic congestion** for the residents as well as **unbearable noise and vibration** for them too. Acoustic barriers will help but will likely prove insufficient for the local residents. The traffic survey (1 hour on 1 day) carried out so far for the applicant is extremely limited in scope and proves to be **completely unreliable** for future planning.

4. This development will definitely lead to **seriously reduced air quality** for nearby residents and animals due to the inevitable presence of silica dust (a carcinogen) from the planned operations there. You must be aware of the **established future risks of silicosis** and lung cancer (like mesothelioma) from breathing in silica (respirable alpha-quartz) dust from crushed concrete, not just some arbitrary limit but **any amount of respirable crystalline silica**. There is no cure for silicosis.

5. This facility is planned to be sited not just near family homes but also within 100 meters of Riding (horses) for the Disabled, 300 meters of the Juvenile Justice Centre (boys from 16-21yo), 600 meters from Mt Penang Gardens (visitors), 700 meters from Kariong Mountains High School (boys and girls from 12-18yo) and 1200 meters from Kariong township where I live. North-westerly winds will carry this air pollution and noise over all these nearby places, **risking long-term damage** and perhaps incurable afflictions.

6. Asbestos has already been found on the applicant's site. The risk of airborne asbestos generated from the applicant's earthworks and **causing incurable asbestosis** for workers and nearby residents is totally unacceptable.

7. There is already a shed on the site twice the GCC-approved size. The height, size and bulk of the proposed facility (the hardstand) will be a **visual eyesore** and quite out of character with the surrounding forest and farming landscape with its rural residential blocks.

8. The stockpiling of industrial waste on the site will likely produce **offensive and disagreeable smells** for local residents and recreational users. It remains to be ascertained whether the planned industrial waste is non-putrescible or not.

9. The locality of Somersby is currently a tourist attraction for visitors to Somersby Falls and the well-known Somersby Reptile Park, and so a nearby crushing / waste-dumping plant has **no attraction for visitors** passing by.

10. Clearing the northern part of the site will destroy 1.5 hectares of habitat of the endangered pygmy possum and a rare prostrate Hibbertia species, which contradicts the Central Coast Council's professed desire that land use planning and development be **sustainable and environmentally sound** in the LGA.

11. Hundreds of Aboriginal archeological artefacts, products of prehistoric aboriginal workmanship, are found throughout the Somersby area and clearing this whole site will likely **destroy what remains** of this art there.

12. The Central Coast Council's plan for its region proposes a Southern Growth Corridor stretching from Somersby to Erina with significant capacity for economic growth in employment and infrastructure along it. However the strengths the Council is looking for in this area are in warehousing and logistics in a productive natural environment, **not dumping industrial waste** on an unsuitable site.

13. Siting a Resource Recovery Waste facility on this site will severely **reduce the surrounding house and land values** of Somersby residents causing them great dissatisfaction and stress with the approval process in the medium-term.

14. This application promotes a "Resource Recovery" operation, but it is nothing of the sort. Virtually the whole of the material will be **buried** in storage bunkers, not recovered after the crushing. This site is utterly unsuitable for a worthwhile, sustainable and long-term solution to urban industrial waste disposal and the applicant needs to look further afield for a suitable site for its business, **not in the Somersby area**.

I hope you will consider these 14 objections closely and carefully. You may be considering conducting further investigation into any or all aspects of these objections as needed, but I can find no redeeming feature of the proponent's application. Please **reject this application**.

Yours sincerely,

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(Kariong resident)

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