TO: Planning Services: NSW Department of Planning and Environment PO Box 39, SYDNEY NSW, 2001 Attn: Director – Industry Assessments

## **IN RELATION TO:** Application No: SSD 8660 Location: 90 Gindurra Rd, Somersby (Lot 4 DP 227279) Applicant: Davis Earthmoving & Quarrying Pty Ltd

The Hon Anthony Roberts

**Minister for Planning NSW Government** 

Dear Mr Roberts

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I am voicing my gravest concern as to the proposed use of land at 90 Gindurra Rd for the storage of waste building materials and crushing of concrete. The application currently before the Department of Planning states that 200,000 tonnes of refuse are to be processed per year, PLUS 500,000 tons in a further proposal for No 83 Gindurra Rd.

All this heavy waste management development will only produce a meagre 11 jobs on the 90 Gindurra Rd site.

The obvious concerns include the spreading of silica dust in a rural residential area with the consequent heath peril of lung diseases, and in particular, silicosis.

700,000 tons of waste processed per annum is equivalent to 70,000 10-ton truckloads per year, nearly 200 trucks per day, every day of the year. Obviously, the material will also need to be trucked out again after processing, further increasing required heavy vehicle movements.

In light of the enormous number of heavy vehicles moving on and off the sites consistently throughout daylight hours, existing traffic is likely to have significant issues passing through the vicinity of these sites with such large trucks and limited sightlines being available. Furthermore, in the event that there are delays or blockages on the main route into Gosford (Central Coast Hwy), Debenham Rd becomes the only alternative access route. The sheer volume of large vehicles that will be present in the locality will risk potential obstruction of this alternative access. Traffic and noise will be horrendous.

The proposed sites are adjacent to a number of nearby rural residential homes, some of which are substantial residences. The nearby land is highly suitable for rural housing, which would be an absolute asset and adjunct to the development of the clean and viable development of the nearby business park. There has been an application for subdivision of the nearby land into 1 acre lots for rural housing before Central Coast Council for the last 16 months.

Please use your authority to stop this inappropriate development. It could be located in a land holding of the applicant, in a far more suitable location within the western part of the Somersby Business Park which does not affect neighbours and does not put 7000 Somersby and Kariong residents at risk.

**Yours Faithfully** 

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