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Attention: Emma Barnett
Department of Planning & Environment
Industry Assessments
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Contact: Janine McCarthy
Our Ref: DOC2016/058003
Your Ref: DA-86-04-01-MOD 11 and 10397 of
1995-MOD 9

Dear Ms Barnett

**Proposed Modification to Weston Aluminium Dross Recycling Facility
DA-86-04-01- MOD 11 and LEC 10397 of 1995 – MOD 9
129 Mitchell Avenue (Lot 796 DP 39877), Kurri Kurri**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment in respect of the abovementioned applications seeking the trial processing of up to 1,000 tonnes of quarantine waste in existing furnaces over a two year period.

The proposal has been reviewed by Council officers, who are of the opinion that suitable documentation has not been provided in order to demonstrate compliance with relevant legislation and standards, being in respect to air quality, water quality, noise and waste management. It is recommended that the Department, as the determining authority, be satisfied that the development will adhere to the relevant legislative requirements.

The proponent's submission identifies that quarantine waste may be generated by the following activities/facilities:

- International airport environment
- Internal seaport environment
- Quarantine approved premises; and
- Internal mail centres.

Further to the above, the proponent's submission states that up to 1,000 tonnes of quarantine waste will be sources domestically, primarily from Newcastle and Sydney. In consideration of this, it is apparent that the proposal is inconsistent with Cessnock City Council's *Sydney Waste Policy W1.3*, which states:

Council not accept any Sydney Waste in the Cessnock Local Government Area and that such resolution become a policy of Council.

In addition to the above comments, it is recommended that, in the event approval is granted, a condition of consent be imposed on any determination notice issued, requiring the proponent to notify relevant authorities in writing, including Council, of both the commencement and cessation date for the trial.

If you require any further information, do not hesitate to contact Council's Development Services Manager, Janine McCarthy on telephone 02 4993 4254.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gareth Curtis', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Gareth Curtis
Director Planning and Environment