

Attention: Chris Ritchie, Director
Department of Planning and Environment, Planning Services,
GPO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2001

Re: Erskine Park Resource Management Facility
Application No: SSD 15_7075

I make the following submission in relation to the Environmental Impact Assessment for the Erskine Park Resource Management Facility Project at 50 Quarry Road Erskine Park. I strongly object to the Stage 1 Waste Transfer Station EIS and request a reply to the following concerns:

1. I object to two stages of Transpacific's Waste project being dealt with in two different EISs. This means that the community does not see or get the chance to comment on the total impacts.
2. I object to the fact that the EIS does not sufficiently take into consideration the extensive impact of odour, noise and increased traffic from trucks on residential area in Erskine Park and St Clair.
3. I object that the EIS mentions the 90 place Childcare centre as well as the Retirement village in Erskine Park but fails to account for the 3 schools also in the same location as the Retirement Village. These schools are Mamre Anglican School with approximately 526 students, Trinity Catholic Primary School with approximately 350+ students and Emmaus Catholic College with approximately 1086 students and teachers. THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE.
4. I object to the traffic impact assessment stating the additional traffic generated by the WTS is within capacity. This report only considers the traffic impact on 3 very close intersections, these being Erskine Park Rd and Mamre Road, James Erskine Drive and Mamre Road, and Quarry Road and James Erskine Drive. It does not take into account the entire length of Erskine Park Road that has 8 intersections. This is one of the main thoroughfares that the Cleanaway trucks will use to bring waste into the WTS. Turning right out of any of these intersections is extremely dangerous and time consuming. Accidents are a frequent occurrence motorists are attempting to turn right. Erskine Park Road and Mamre Road should be upgraded prior to the WTS being approved in order to be able to effectively handle the additional traffic at all times, not just during peak hour periods.
5. I object to the route inbound trucks will take into the WTS. The EIS states the direction in which the outgoing vehicles will take but state they have no control over the direction the inbound trucks will take to the WTS. Sections of Erskine Park Road and Mamre Road are single lane, falling apart and back directly onto residential properties. These residents are currently experiencing noise disturbances and vibrations due to the current truck noise and we can only anticipate the increase level of traffic heightening this situation. We demand the EPA stipulates as part of its authority under the Pollution Control license, that inbound trucks do NOT travel along Erskine Park Road and Mamre Road to the WTS.
6. I object that similar odour producing facilities in the area have not been sufficiently taken into consideration. Residents encounter horrific smells from the SITA Waste Management Facility on Elizabeth Drive Kemps Creek on a regular basis and are extremely concerned that the odours from this Waste Transfer Facility be will on par or even worse, despite the measures proposed due to the close proximity to residential properties.
7. I object to the Air Pollution control device being bypassed in the early stages of the operation, being at 90% capacity and 270,000 tonnes per annum, without it affecting local residents. The implementation of the completed/functional air filtration system needs to be non-negotiable from the first day of operation otherwise this is NOT acceptable.
8. I object to the odour control measures proposed by Cleanaway as follows:
 - a. Cleanaway rigorously monitoring the odour for ONLY the first 12 months of operation, subject to a planning condition. Why only the first 12 months? What will this planning condition entail? Should the government consider approving this poor project, residents ask for an opportunity to review all planning conditions and for provision to be made for ongoing information provision and consultation before ANY approval is granted.
 - b. Follow-up monitoring NEEDS to occur on a frequent and consistent basis. Cleanaway NEEDS to be held accountable by the EPA for any breaches, as well as a timeframe set out which the breach must be rectified. This monitoring and ANY breaches should also be made available for public record. Currently air monitoring by Cleanaway for the Erskine Park landfill site is on a 2 yearly basis without any reporting obligations to any authority. This is UNACCEPTABLE for this new facility.

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