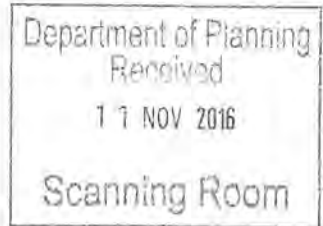


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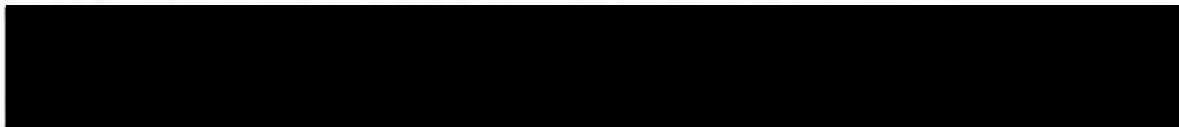
The Director,  
The NSW Department of Planning and Environment  
GPO Box 39  
Sydney NSW 2001



Subject: Objection to THE REVESBY RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITY Application N SSD 7349  
in the name of Bells Hire Pty Ltd [REDACTED]

Political Declaration: None of us has ever made a political donation.

Privacy Statement: We agree and submit to the Privacy statement.



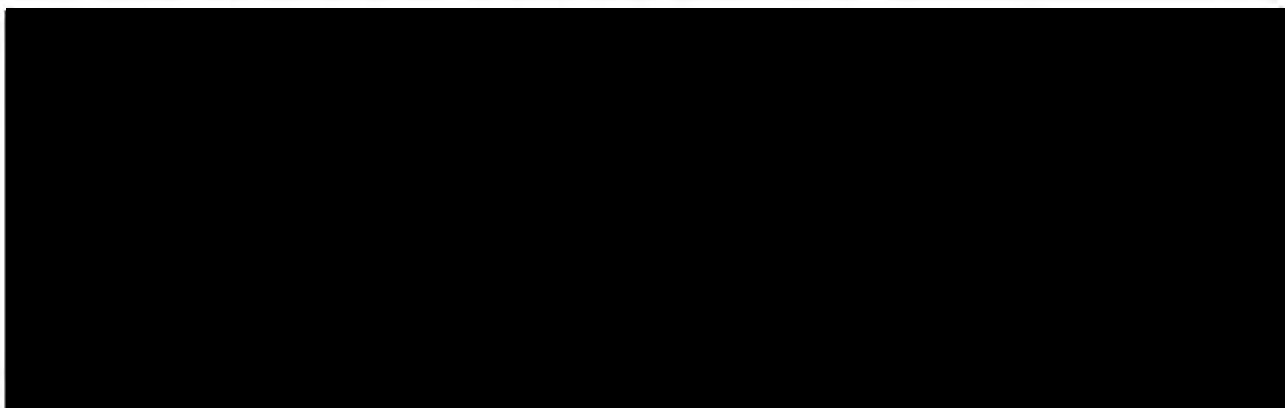
1. LACK OF NOTIFICATION. [REDACTED], none of us was included in the notification list as cited in the relevant Cardno-produced EIS (see page 15). As a consequence, we have had only a short time to prepare this DA objection, and there has been no time for formal testing and evaluation of this 180-page EIS by our consultants (Environmental and Earth Sciences).
2. A PAPER TRAIL OF EVIDENCE. [REDACTED], the attached copies of past correspondence and photographic evidence that was sent to the EPA over the last 8 months. This material relates to our complaints about unacceptable pollution and noise levels (in excess of 90db), particulate fallout, vibration (both shaking and atmospheric low frequency percussive wave noise) and shock tremors resulting in cracking of brick walls and concrete floors.
3. FAILURE TO CONTAIN DUST. As the operations are carried out in the Enviro open yard it is impossible to prevent windblown dust being created by springboard elevators, large uncovered tip trucks and very large bucket loaders that are constantly moving concrete brick and dust containing rubble. It is painfully evident the water-misting devices are inadequate and indeed ineffectual. This dust may well contain asbestos: see next paragraph.
4. THE ASBESTOS THREAT. THIS IS THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM. The most alarming aspect is not to be found in the EIS but in EPA Notice No. 154623 dated 30<sup>th</sup> May 2016. This notice states that in on-site sampling of some 28 stockpile locations, **two-thirds were**

**found to contain Asbestos contamination.** The EPA estimated that **over 10 tonnes** of Asbestos was present in the plant at that time. **It is our understanding that neither Bells Hire nor Enviro is currently licensed to hold or process asbestos.** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]! The dust and particulate fallout has been on going, and high winds and occasional heavy rain have undoubtedly deposited asbestos over a very large surrounding neighbourhood during this past year.

5. **ILLEGAL DISPOSAL OF ASBESTOS.** If the present licence allows 30,000 tonnes/year of waste processing and there are approximately 290 working days/year (including Saturdays), this translates to some 104 tonnes/day of throughput: what goes into the plant must go out. So, given that the EPA has found in excess of 10 tonnes of asbestos **on just one sampling**, there is the clear implication that Bells Hire/Enviro are a major conduit for the unlawful disposal of Asbestos by Demolisher/Builders in the Sydney area. We repeat: it is our understanding that neither Bells Hire nor Enviro is currently licensed to hold or process asbestos.
6. **ONGOING PROBLEM AT THE HEART OF THE INDUSTRY.** We cannot believe, in light of its past and recent history, that the Building and Demolition Industry to be an honest industry. As long as the anti-landfill disposal levy of \$234 per tonne of non-putrescible demolition waste remains in force, together with the illusion that all recycling is good, we believe that the inclusion of asbestos in demolition waste will remain. Enviro's \$230 per tonne waste recycling charge produces a finished product worth less than \$20 per tonne. This fiscally inefficient loss producing procedure is directly added to the cost of any new building. And sighting a non-putrescible tip in the heart of a manufacturing industrial area will destroy (and is destroying) the area's ability to produce clean, high-quality technological goods, service and repairs.
7. **TRAFFIC CONGESTION.** Our street is blocked at most times during the day by many semi-trailer trucks delivering to Enviro (many of which are uncovered). Should the current DA's eightfold increase be permitted, viable access will be denied to all surrounding properties in Violet Street and around the corner into Carrington Street where many demolition trucks now wait. The street is currently constantly having to be swept of dust dirt and grit.

We are available to furnish further photographic evidence if required.





28<sup>th</sup> April 2016

Attention: Mr Ranmal Mendis

ranmal.mendis@bankstown.nsw.gov.au

Senior Building Surveyor

Bankstown City Council

P.O. Box 8, Bankstown NSW 1885.

[council@bankstown.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@bankstown.nsw.gov.au)

Dear Sir,

[REDACTED]

It is approximately 6 months now since we approached [REDACTED] Mr Bruce Fordham, managing Director of Enviro Recycling P/L situated at 37-51 Violet Street, Revesby. The issues were SILICA DUST from cement and brick crushing.

Our approach was to complain about the large volumes of silica laden dust that regularly descend on our property. This can be much as 3mm over a few hours particularly noticeable on car windscreens. Since that time a shade cloth screen has been erected but the volume of dust has not decreased. Air is also polluted when Enviro process timber which releases phenol smelling vapours which affect the eyes. Dust masks are required at these times.

Resident employees are extremely upset and angry at these pollution extremes. A common retort is "we are living in hell!" This continual silica dust problem still awaits a solution.

NOISE.

Noise levels at the boundary are always in excess of 70db when the heavy plant is near our boundary Walls (usually 70-90 dB on our handheld meter).

However the dB is almost bearable compared to the resonance created at our wall by large throttle openings of their diesel motors when close to our walls which are unprotected on the Enviro side. The compression waves on our wall create a standing resonance or harmonic inside our building which can make occupation unbearable.

Our walls are cracked from floor to ceiling due to extremely large equipment impacts that have occurred on many occasions.

It appears that the only lasting solution to the noise problem is a high wall at least the height of our own walls to be constructed between our properties to stop the noise penetration. It is noted that Council only require a 3 metre wall height which obviously will not stop the problem.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]



29<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Attention: The Licencing Officer

EPA

P.O. Box A290 Sydney South NSW 1232

Dear Sir,



SILICA DUST from cement and brick crushing and noise well in excess of 70db.

Our approach was to complain about the large volumes of very fine sawdust and fine silica laden dust that regularly descend on our property. This can be much as 3mm over a few hours particularly noticeable on car windscreens and concreted areas. Since that time a shade cloth screen has been erected but the volume of dust has only marginally decreased. Air is also polluted when Enviro process timber which releases phenol smelling vapours which affect the eyes. Dust masks are required at these times.

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Enviro are using our factory and office walls as their own waste retaining walls, their heavy machinery excavators often contact our walls resulting in very heavy impacts.

Our walls are cracked from floor to ceiling due to extremely large equipment impacts that have occurred on many occasions. Structural cracks in our concrete floor are evident at the base of our wall support columns.

It appears that the only lasting solution to the noise and recycling waste problem is a high wall at least the height of our own walls to be constructed between our properties to stop the noise penetration and damage to our property. It is noted that Council only require a 3 metre wall height which obviously will not stop the problem.

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12<sup>th</sup> July 2016

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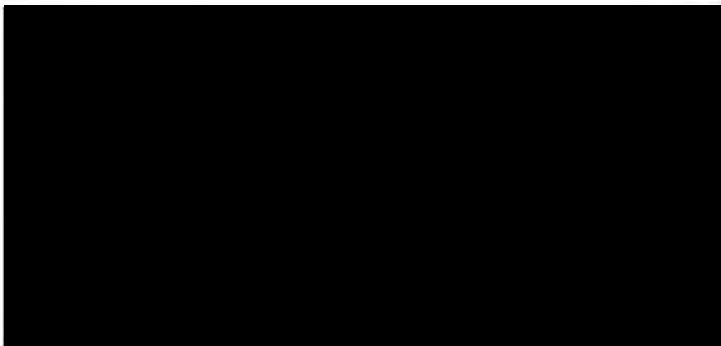
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Can Council please help our plight.

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25<sup>th</sup> May 2016

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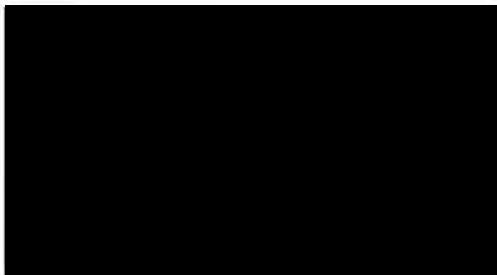
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1<sup>st</sup> August 2016

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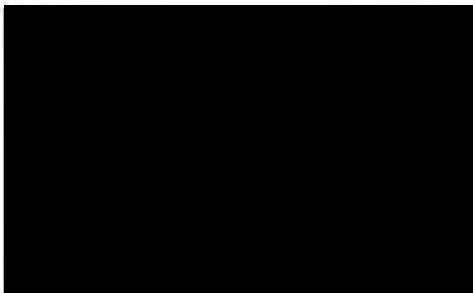
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9th August 2016

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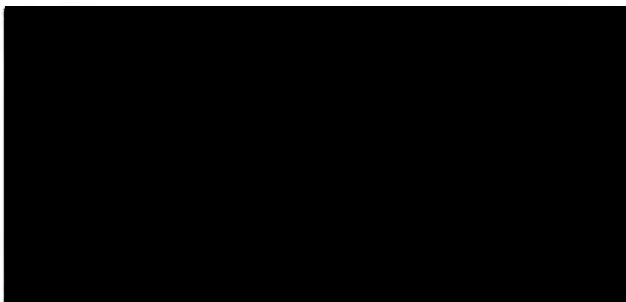
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24th August 2016

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Revesby EPA Reference C11080/2016.

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AS I write this letter the whole building is vibrating and making it impossible to work!

Today is the 24<sup>th</sup> August and we are covered in sawdust and cannot go outside our building as our eyes sting to an extent it is unbearable for any length of time. The db at my desk I have just taken and it is in excess of 93 db!, however much worse than the loudness is the physical pulsating pressurewaves which make work impossible.

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