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**Attention: Director – Industry Assessments**

Planning Services  
NSW Department of Planning & Environment  
GPO Box 39  
SYDNEY NSW 2001

**Objection to Development Application No. SSD 8753**

**Re: Concrush Resource Recovery Facility Expansion at Teralba in the Lake Macquarie City Council Area**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We wish to lodge an objection to the above expansion for the reason of Air Quality in relation to Dust.

Our residence is part of an over 55's complex, consisting of 15 Lots, and is situated within the immediate dust fallout zone of the Concrush facility.

We have for many years been experiencing excessive levels of dust, particularly when the wind is from the north west or west, such that both outdoor and indoor areas of our properties need cleaning far more frequently than should be necessary and/or acceptable.

This lack of air quality impacts greatly on our living conditions and our health, particularly one of us with a respiratory disorder.

While there are some other small light industries around our area, Concrush is the one that adversely affects our environment more than any other, not only because of the nature of its industry but also because of its location being north west of our position.

While we do not have any technical analyses of the dust that is affecting us, visually, it does closely resemble dust consistent with crushed concrete, bricks and tiles, which is the nature of the Concrush operation.

With heavy machinery used to crush these materials on-site and with heavy vehicles also used to transfer these materials on-site as well as large uncovered stockpiles being used to store these materials on-site; it would be obvious to anyone that a substantial amount of dust would be generated by all of these activities, on an ongoing basis. It would also be

obvious that this dust would be readily and regularly carried by winds and deposited onto properties and not just those in close proximity.

We note the Development Application acknowledges a dust problem but intends it will be controlled by water sprinklers and water carts to be used by Concrush after winds reach 18kph continuously for 15 minutes.

Who will be monitoring and policing these restrictions?

Also the Development Application fails to address the issue of the dust created by the Concrush operation that will be distributed by strong gusting winds, onto surrounding properties before the 15 minutes time frame has elapsed.

For these reasons, along with our historical experience with poor air quality as a result of dust fallout, we do not accept that the proposed dust suppression tactics will be strictly adhered to in the long term.

We definitely oppose and reject the proposed expansion to the Concrush facility for it will only exacerbate our existing dust issues and we should have a right to clean air without dust pollution.

Yours sincerely,

Irene Chapman

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We declare that we have made no political donations in the previous two years.