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Director: Industry Assessments
Department of Planning and Environment
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Dear Sir/Madam,

## Submission in relation to proposed Glenfield Waste Services Materials Recycling Facility

I am writing on behalf of the owners of 72 Railway Parade, Glenfield, and the Glenquarrie Town Centre in relation to the proposed extension of the recycling facility.

My client is very concerned at the impact this proposal will have on the amenity of the surrounding residential neighbourhood. The site of the proposed extension currently acts as visual and noise buffer to the existing facility. The extension of the existing facility and the subsequent removal of the native vegetation will see this buffer lost and will result in the facility encroaching right up to the urban edge of Glenfield and the Georges River Nature Reserve. Notwithstanding the applicants' commitment to providing visual screening, the loss of so much Cumberland Plain Forest is unacceptable.

Moreover we believe the applicant has failed to adequately justify its proposal. Simply stating that recycling is a nice thing and good for the environment is not a justification for putting recycling facilities anywhere. Campbelltown Council had proposed the site be zoned for open space to ensure an adequate buffer between the residential neighbourhood to the south and industrial and logistic area to the north and to protect the remanent Cumberland Plain woodlands. Protecting native vegetation is also a public good, and good for the environment.

The issue of dust is also not adequately addressed in the EIS. While the applicants report states that emissions should be negligible this is not an excuse to not take reasonable measures to ensure it is further minimised. If the consent authority does seek it to approve this facility it should condition it to ensure all roads are properly sealed and not left as gravel roads as is suggested by the Applicant.

Further the applicants' traffic report suggests there will be minimal traffic impacts from trucks using Cambridge Avenue. Again this is questionable, but the consent authority should

condition any approval to ensure trucks are not allowed on the residential streets and be required to only use Moorebank Avenue to access the site.

We believe that there is insufficient justification for the loss of so much native vegetation and open space and believe the application should be rejected. If it is not to be rejected we would urge the Department to condition the application to reduce the impacts of dust and other fugitive emissions and to restrict vehicular access and egress to Moorebank Avenue. Should you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me on **0417 238 212.** 

## **Yours sincerely**

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