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Attention: Director, Infrastructure Projects

Name of Application: Safer, more efficient and cheaper location for
Cheltenham Intermediate Service Facility.

Application number: (SSI-5100)

Statement to support or object to the proposal: I support the proposal to have a rail line. I object to the dangerous location of the Cheltenham Intermediate Service Facility.

I am writing to you so that the location of the Service Facility can be changed to a safer area. If the Service Facility was located closer to Kirkham St. with only access from Kirkham St. it would eliminate the hazard that NWRL will cause if located on the netball court area.

Work Health and Safety issues/hazards have been identified in an emergency. If the emergency occurs on the rail line like an explosion, fire or terrorist attack or a simple break down, you need immediate ability to evacuate people from the train.

Person Conducting a Business or Undertaking (PCBU) must do what is reasonably practicable to ensure the health and safety of workers and others. Others are customers, clients, contractors and members of the public.

Putting the exit next to Cheltenham Oval where over 100 cars are parked up and down Castle Howard Rd. and Oaklands Av. is not reasonable and certainly not practicable.

These streets are restricted to one lane and unfortunately on some occasion's people park so that other vehicles cannot pass and the drivers need to wait till the footy game or cricket game or training session (5 nights a week) is over, till they can leave or go looking for the offending vehicle owner.



Emergency evacuation buses, coaches and fire fighting vehicles and ambulances would not be able to access Castle Howard Rd. in this situation and you would have a disaster on your hands.

Then we have the school's sports day when approximately 400 people from Epping Heights Primary school or over 1,000 people from Cheltenham Girls School attend. What a disaster if the emergency happened on one of these days. Cars, people, toddlers and babies all caught up in the catastrophe. WorkCover using hindsight will have enough evidence to gaol the PCBU's and Officers for 5 years and impose fines of up to three million dollars on the corporation and \$600,000 on the Officer. If other individuals are involved in the decision making then they receive a \$300,000 fine and a 5 year gaol sentence.

To add to the risk the schools hold their PE days on the oval where there are 40 to 80 students and the teachers and parents. Again adding extra transport problems with buses and parent cars and then trying to evacuate people from the rail line with all these people at the egress area. The congestion would certainly cause more problems and injuries and the law suits and WorkCover fines that followed would certainly need to be factored in to where NWRL decided to place their constructions.

My recommendation at this stage is to move the NWRL facilities as close as possible to Kirkham St. Not impinging on residential homes but allowing total access from Kirkham St. Thus removing the hazards with Oaklands Av. and Castle Howard Rd. concerning vehicles, parking and most important people. WorkCover will tell you that the best control measure is to eliminate the hazard. By moving the NWRL facilities closer to the M2 and Kirkham St. eliminates all risks to people at Cheltenham Oval. NWRL need to do the risk assessment on this project as they must do what is reasonably practicable to ensure the health and safety of workers and others. They must consult with other PCBU's to achieve the appropriate control measures if the hazard is not eliminated.

My suggestion at present is to eliminate the hazard by moving the facilities about 100 metres which is not further away from the rail line but a little closer hence hopefully not only making things safer for all involved but cheaper for the construction companies.

My second point which is obsolete if you move the NWRL facilities to Kirkham St. is that you cannot take the Cheltenham netball courts from this community. You cannot take the parking area. You cannot take the Cheltenham Oval change rooms. You cannot take the cricket practice nets from this community. Even if you say it is only "only" for two years and you will replace only some of them.

I have attached two different floor plans for consideration. Using cut outs from your supplied Environment Impact Statement for accuracy to suggest a better outcome. These cut outs fit in the area between Kirkham St. and the Netball Courts. This would reduce your expenditure and the bush loss would be less than what you have suggested with the long heavy vehicle access and light vehicle access routes.

I am sure you have engineers and architects that can find the correct configuration of locating this facility as near as possible to Kirkham St. They can design a good off

road parking/turning point at the front of the facility just in front of Kirkham St. where emergency vehicles and buses and coaches can quickly evacuate people from the emergency exit. Giving a faster and uninterrupted access to the evacuation and eliminating the hazard from poor Castle Howard Rd. access hence eliminating hazard to people at Cheltenham Oval, the cricket practice nets and the netball courts.

I have attached photos of Castle Howard Rd. on a typical sporting day and PDF's of the two suggested locations for the Service Facility.

If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

I would appreciate you advising me that you have moved the NWRL facility to a more appropriate, safer location by email to ronwidman@ngina.com.au.

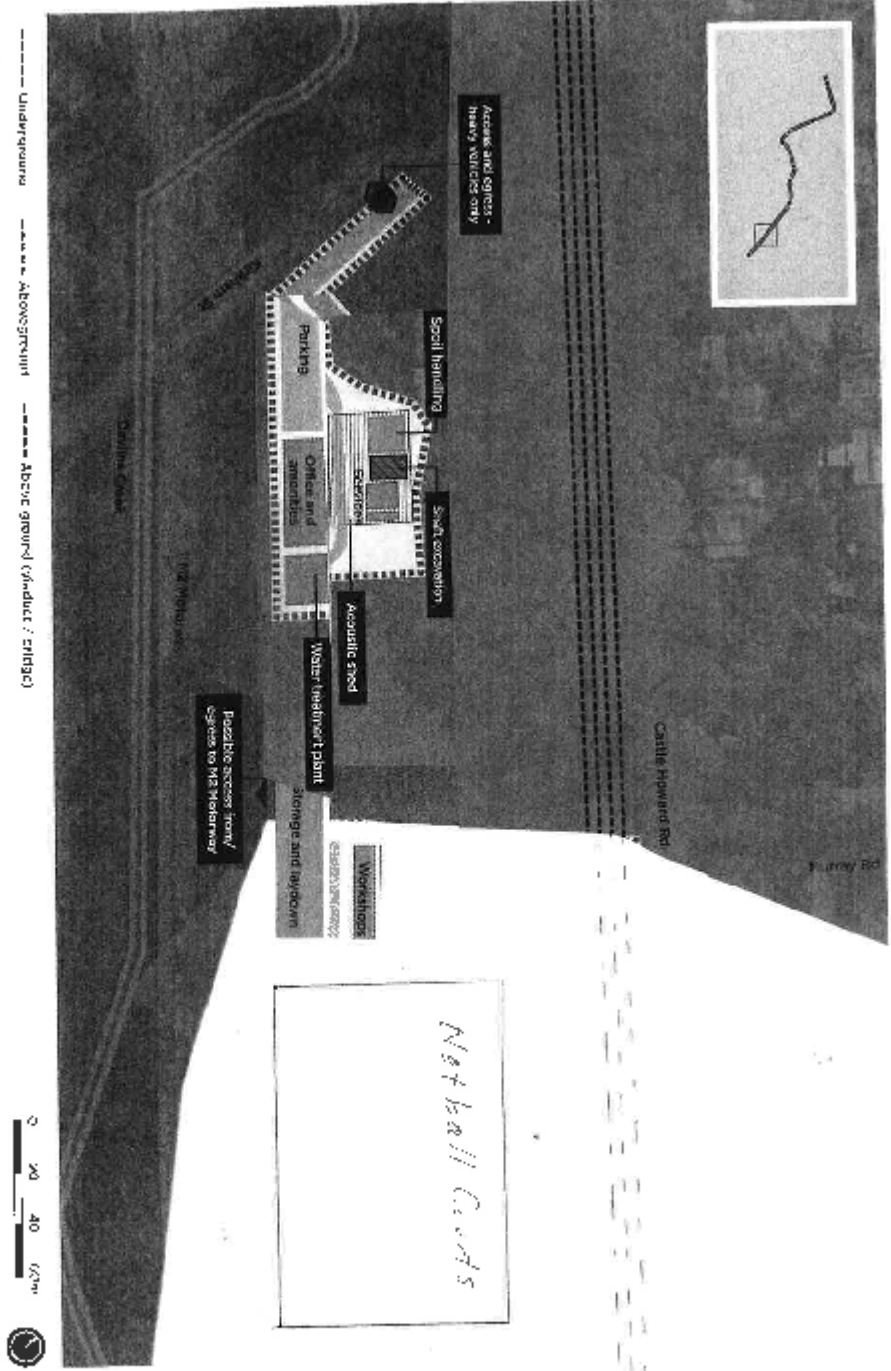
Yours sincerely

Ron Widman





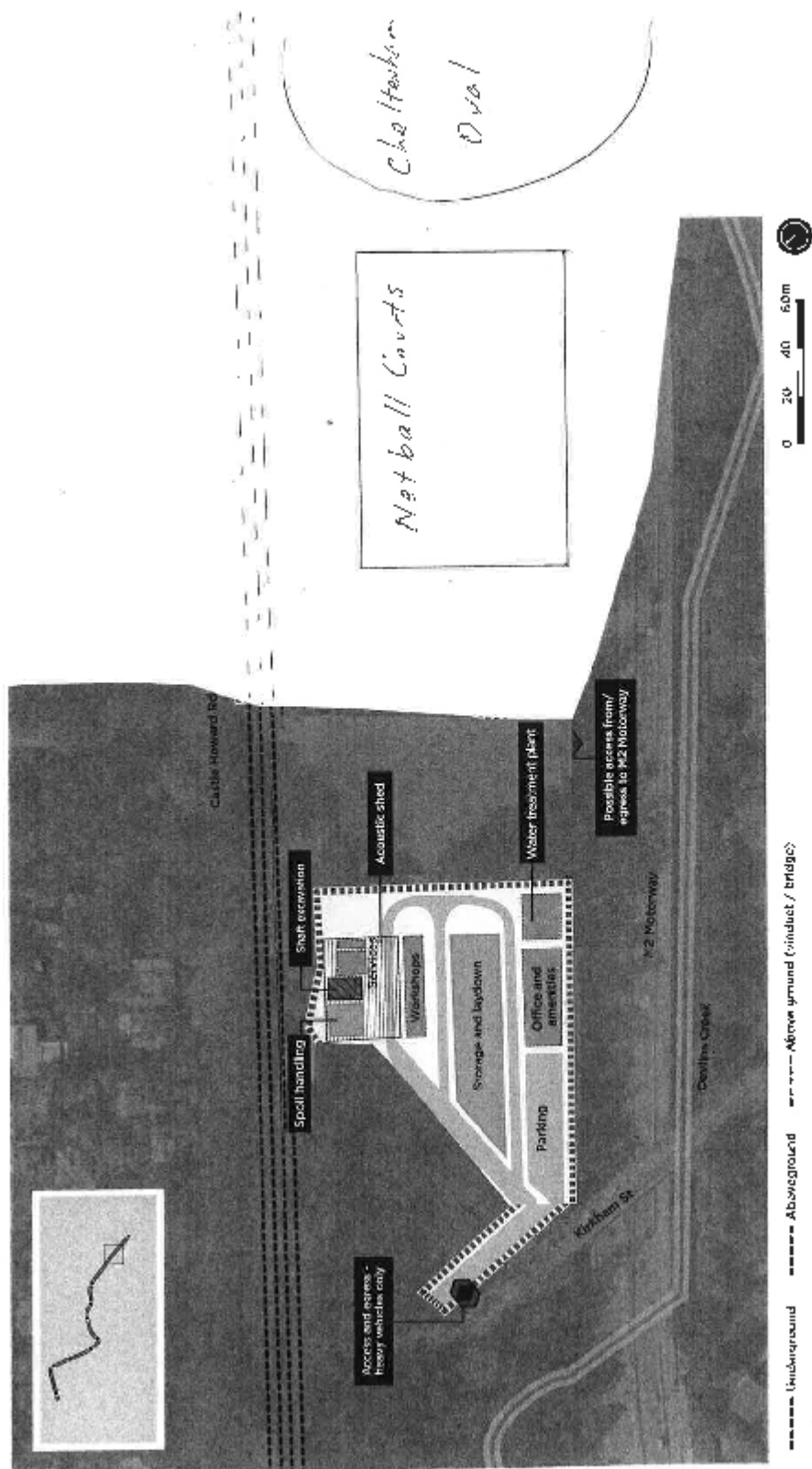
Legend: --- Underground --- Above ground (product / effluent)



Natball Cuts

Cheterton Oval





Note: Devlin's Creek is the catchment for the site. The site is to be developed on the catchment area and the catchment area is to be protected.

