



Your ref: 06_0139 MOD 6 & 7
File no: MC-06-1449

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18 October 2018

Attention: Bianca Thornton

Dear Ms Thornton

Proposed modifications to Major Project 06_0139 for the Genesis Xero Waste Facility at Eastern Creek

I refer to your correspondence dated 12 September 2018 regarding 06_0139 MOD 6 and your correspondence dated 28 September 2018 regarding 06_0139 MOD 7, requesting that Council provide comments on the latest version of these proposed modifications to the Genesis Xero Waste Facility.

On 2 October 2018, we met with the applicant and raised several key concerns, which are listed below. On 15 October 2018, the applicant provided a summary email response directly to us, and advised that their formal response will also be provided following our comments. On this basis and consistent with our previous advice to the applicant raised over time, our following concerns remain unresolved. **We therefore object to both modifications proceeding to an approval.**

Major Project 06_0139 MOD 6

We object to MOD 6 being approved. MOD 6 proposes to increase the direct-to-landfill volume to 1 million tonnes per annum, extend the site operations to 24 hours for certain activities and amend the noise limits. Our concerns have not been responded to adequately by the applicant. Our issues are as follows:

1. We require confirmation that the final approved landfill levels as a result of the landfill are maintained.
2. We require information regarding the impact on the lifespan of the landfill operations as a result of the proposed increase to the annual volume of landfill.
3. We require confirmation that the approved waste streams are not altered.
4. Detailed consideration needs to be provided of changes to traffic movements and volumes as a result of the increased annual volume of landfill.

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5. A detailed noise impact assessment needs to be provided based on current noise readings and the proposed activities, including assessment of truck idling and reversing beepers, the enclosed unloading area, new plant and equipment and truck routes for the hours proposed.

Major Project 06 0139 MOD 7

We object to MOD 7 being approved. MOD 7 proposes to amend the access arrangements and layout of the facility. Our concerns have not been responded to adequately by the applicant. Our issues are as follows:

1. We require confirmation that the amended access arrangements and travel routes are considered in a current noise impact assessment.
2. We require confirmation that the management of the weighbridge operations minimise the risk of queuing on surrounding roads.
3. A review must be submitted of the turning requirements on Honeycomb Drive, including entry into the site by left hand turn.
4. A review must be submitted of the turning requirements into the site from Kangaroo Avenue and the future Precinct Road, to avoid traffic hazards and queuing. This must consider if a passing lane is required.
5. A review must be made of the turning requirements into the site from the future Precinct Road turning left into the site. It must be demonstrated that sufficient manoeuvring area is provided and if there is provision to accommodate an arrival lane.
6. It must be demonstrated that the significant height of the western retaining wall structure is necessary and is the best outcome for the site and surrounds. Retaining structures are generally limited to a height of 3 m to 7 m with extensive design measures to mitigate the visual impact. Therefore the proposed retaining wall is not supported in its current form.
7. The design of the western retaining wall structure must be reviewed to improve visual amenity and align with the intent of the 'Eyes on Blacktown Strategy', taking into consideration view lines, security, planting and maintenance. This must also be considered with regard to the design of the public domain and retaining structures of the overall area and Precinct.
8. A noise impact assessment must be provided based on current noise readings and the proposed activities, including assessment of truck idling and reversing beepers, the enclosed unloading area, new plant and equipment and truck routes.
9. An updated air quality report for the proposed activities must be provided.
10. The use of the undeveloped residue land out to Archbold Road, to expand the approved Dial A Dump operations, is new developable area that is required to be charged Section 7.11 contributions under Contributions Plan No. 18 Eastern Creek Stage 3. This must be acknowledged by the applicant and the Department must be agreeable to levy Section 7.11 Contributions on any consent based on the developable area.

Public submission

We have received a submission from a member of the public objecting to the proposal, which is attached for your reference. We request that the applicant provides further clarification to demonstrate that the issues raised in this submission are suitably addressed and that the issues raised are considered in your assessment.

Other matters

We request that the applicant submit amended information to address the issues documented above and that we are afforded the opportunity to review further material in detail and provide a response, including required amendments to conditions of consent.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact our Manager Development Assessment, Judith Portelli, on 9839 6228.

Yours faithfully



Glennys James
Assistant Chief Executive Officer
Director Planning and Development

Copy of public submission

From: Stephen & Kerri Bradbury [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 9 October 2018 1:29 PM
To: Blacktown Council; Stephen Bali
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Concern re latest Application for Genesis Waste Recycling Facility at Eastern Creek

Dear General Manager, Mayor, Ward 4 and 5 councillors,

I am writing quickly to you, to express my concern regarding the latest application that is on display on the Planning Department website. Are you aware of this?

http://www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view_job&job_id=8319

This is my proposed objection below. I feel it is a bit confusing. Very hard to understand with all the links on there. I have expressed other concerns in my draft below.

'I am objecting to the increase in volume of waste to be received at the facility for two reasons. 1.000.000 tonnes is a massive amount and will increase the amount of trucks on our roads. We have far too many trucks already on the M4. It is very dangerous, it creates traffic issues and it also increases our pollution. We already have air pollution problems out here. Secondly, we need to look at where all this rubbish will come from and is this just to prepare this facility for applying for the incinerator again? It seems misleading to us the residents and is very concerning. Our community's health, quality of life and the environment are more important than a business.

I also object to the operating hours being extended to 24 hours a day. Not only will there be trucks going up and down the Great Western Highway and M4 at all hours of the night creating noise, there will also be the noise coming from the facility. The sounds travel across the M4 as is evidenced by cars doing burnouts on Kangaroo Avenue Eastern Creek. This can be heard by residents at Minchinbury, Rooty Hill, Colyton, Erskine Park and I am sure other suburbs can hear it as well.

I would also like to query whether there has been a name change to the facility. Was it not previously Genesis Waste Recycling Facility? And I note that sometimes it is called Genesis Recycling Facility. For example on this page: <http://www.dadi.com.au/recycling-landfill/landfill> It is confusing and misleading. What exactly is the facility? Each word has a different meaning. Recycling is very different to management. It leaves it open to do other things other than recycling.'

I would be interested to know if these are valid concerns and is council putting in a submission?

Kind regards,

Kerri Bradbury
Ward 4 resident