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**FAXED**  
21/9/10

The Director General  
Department of Planning  
Fax: 9228 6455

**Re: Teralba Waste Recycling Project no: 08\_0079**

I am writing to you to lodge a submission of objection to project number 08\_0079 which was lodged by Lake Macquarie City Council, trading as Civillake, for a recycling facility at Teralba.

My main objections are based on the ecological impact this proposed plant could have on this area:

- The proposed site and the surrounding area is already recognised by Lake Macquarie City Council as a major flood plain. Any fill, let alone the large amounts of fill proposed for this site will have an obvious impact via an increase in flooding to the lower lying residences and suburbs of this area, such as Barnsley, Edgeworth, Glendale, Boolaroo, and of course Cockle Creek and Teralba. These areas have already experienced major inundation in the last flood of June 2007. Any further filling of this floodplain is totally irresponsible. *(it is noteworthy that any past attempts by other landholders or leaseholders in the area to fill even minor parts of their land has been disallowed by council.)*
- My other main concern is the natural wetlands that surround this proposed site. Any overflow, or even rainfall runoff, no matter how small will enter the adjacent wetland which in turn flows directly into Cockle Creek and then in to the northern end of Lake Macquarie. Any silt or contaminants on this site have the potential to either leach through the soil into the water table or run directly into the wetland system. This is a large breeding area for fish and other native animals and is especially important to the birdlife that survive on it's ecosystem. Some of this wetland area would be the only natural fresh water swamplands for a great distance.

I declare that I am not aligned to any political party and make absolutely no donation to any political parties.

I DO NOT wish my name to be made public. I require my name to be kept private from the proponent.

Finally, I must state that I find it surprising that there has been a call for submissions to support or object to this major proposal at this late stage, when it is very obvious that a significant amount of time and money has already been expended by Lake Macquarie Council in establishing this project over the last three months.

Yours sincerely,

A large, irregular black ink blot used to redact the signature of the sender.

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