

18th November 2011

To: Minister for Planning of NSW

Re: Marstel Bulk Liquid Fuel Storage Facility Mayfield East

Project Application (08_0130)

Dear Minister,

I am writing to express my concerns to the Planning & Infrastructure application which the above company Marstels Terminals Newcastle Pty Ltd are pursuing to build at the former BHP Steelworks Site at Mayfield East NSW 2304.

I strongly object this proposal as I find it difficult to believe that a fuel terminal can be built so close to my home and many residences close to this site.

I reside at 50 Kitchener Parade Mayfield East NSW 2304 with my wife Gail and 3 year old son Eden. We have lived at Mayfield East for 7 x years now and I can not tell you how much increased truck traffic in particular B – Double Trucks who are using the Industrial Highway and the adjacent streets of Kitchener Parade, George Street & Crebert Street Mayfield East NSW 2304.

At times we have over 20 large trucks using my residential street per day and on some occasions these trucks are so large they tear off branches of the tree's lining my street. Also many kids feel unsafe to play outside with the noise these trucks make when roaring down the street be at times intolerable.

Increased truck traffic which this new fuel terminal would bring close to my home is unacceptable, as it is one of the busiest roads in Newcastle with at least 100 coal trucks per day being B- Double trucks driving from Lake Macquarie mines and bringing coal to Port Waratah Coal Services Carrington operation.

With the Buildex Group (Nathan Tinkler) already building his coal terminal on the same location and using the same roads it is unfair that local people have to suffer as to make corporations happy and to ultimately boost their bottom lines.

As to the Fuel terminal itself I am dead against this for the following reasons:

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- Toxic Build up of fuels close to residence and our harbour along with the foul smells which these fuel terminals produce as I have smelt the existing BP Islington fuel site from my back yard when the winds blow gently this way. It sometimes stings your eyes.
- Mayfield East Public School is one of the oldest schools in Australia and has pre school care and after school care and is situated overlooking the industrial drive and of course the old BHP site which is very close in proximity.
- Six hats child care centre which my son attends sits on Industrial drive and the teachers have had to bring kids inside when big winds blow as coal dust covers all of the play equipment. When I pick my son up from childcare on a Monday afternoon trucks will not let you in even when stopped, and are often parked back to back along industrial drive for over 20 truck distances.
- **ORICA leaks at Kooragang are my big concern hear, as Orica are the NSW Government & the EPA have told local residents through Robin Parker – Environment Minister for NSW that ORICA have best practice codes in place to protect the community safety but over the last 2 x months there has been 3 x TOXIC LEAKS with 2 x men hospitalised and now the entire ORICA PLANT is now shut indefinitely.**
- Mayfield East has become a watershed of young families who are hell bent on improving their homes and with the approval of the Bulbin Coal Terminal along with this project what devastating decrease in our housing costs will become apparent if these projects proceed. Not many people would look to live next to a FUEL TERMINAL operating 24 x hours a day as does the BP Fuel Terminal as I know this is true as I have a family member who drives these tankers for BP.
- What plans do Marstel Terminals have to keep the industrial highway roads up to standard? What does this company plan to do for the local residents in regards to community developments? Will this company be a green company on this site by this I mean how do they guarantee no damage to my environment locally?
- Newcastle Harbour and surrounds has way too much polluting industries and the people of Mayfield East deserve better from the NSW Government as Newcastle for the first time at last voted for this government and we are watching closely to see how you stack up as decisions need to be made for the correct reason not just money and revenue.

Finally I have arranged a meeting with Mr Tim Owen MP for Newcastle on the 9th December to voice my concerns directly to him, and the Mayfield East Community Action group is now in full swing to deal with yet another company looking to make money with no thoughts for the local community.

Minister, I urge you to decline this application proposal as when will this company realise it is NOT the correct place to have a Fuel Terminal and what if there are Toxic Leaks and what if the ship carrying fuel catches on fire as these ships are not regulated by Australian Maritime and as you know people in Newcastle have seen ship wrecks and disaster better than any one else in Australia.

Remember the Pasha Bulka which called Nobbys Beach home for months.

It MUST to be about the environment this time so please I urge do not let this project go ahead and ruin my life along with many other locals.

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