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To Nicholas Hall

Re: Marstel Bulk Liquid Fuel Storage Facility Mayfield

Project Application (08 _0130)

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Dear Nicholas

I wish to express my concern about the proposed development for a Liquid Fuel Storage facility at Mayfield.

I strongly object to this proposal as it is very close to my home at 48 Kitchener Parade Mayfield East, where I live with my partner Vicki and 3 children.

We have been long term residents and remember the pollution from BHP and its detrimental effects on our quality of life, including build up of dust, foul odours and noisy machinery. We thought that those days were gone and that government would now be more considerate of residents when contemplating planning proposals but we fear this is not the case, especially if this development goes ahead.

Mayfield has developed a strong social fabric, which includes its local schools and a neighbourhood in which people often walk to local shops and walk their children to and from schools and the local pool

The proposed fuel terminal and bulk truck movements would significantly increase the amount of traffic and the associated noise and increased fuel emissions would have detrimental effects on the social fabric of the community and on the health of residents.

I really question the motives for these operations. If it is about jobs then why not include the local community in discussions about job creation from the beginning. It is questionable how many local jobs will be created from this exercise which is in danger of just being a way in which a large company can make huge profits at the detriment of the local community and environment.

The recent Orica incidents surely provide enough evidence to suggest that we should not be approving bulk fuel storage facilities in close proximity to residents, or indeed in close proximity to other chemical plants such as Orica. Residents should not be asked to tolerate this type of development. As our elected representatives, government should listen to the voice of the people. A legacy of pollution and massive truck movements is not something we want to expose our children to.

It is 2011 not 1911 , have we not progressed to a point where this type of development should not be allowed to go ahead in this day and age simply because of the traffic impacts it will have and the way it will impact on the quality of life of local residents.

We ask that you reject this proposal on the grounds that it will have a negative impact on the quality of life of local residents.

I have had to prepare this submission very quickly as, I am sure you will appreciate this is a very hectic time of year for many families. I think you should give more time for submissions as many families are too busy dealing with day to day issues at this time of year. I also know from many conversations with local people that they are very supportive of the position of the Correct Planning and Consultation for Mayfield group and while they cannot always get to meetings they are extremely concerned about the proposed development.

In closing this brief submission, I ask that you use the test of zero emissions for this proposal and any other on the site and that you look seriously at a rail alternative to road for any development on this site.

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