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Re: Development Application: SSD-4986

I **object** to the construction and operation of the ammonium nitrate manufacturing plant-Incitec Pivot. I believe this proposal is absolutely outrageous. There is no reason that an industry such as this needs to be so close to residential facilities. I don't understand how any human being with a conscience could value revenue over human health.

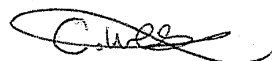
Reasons why I reject the proposal include:

- Worsening Air Quality: regardless of various environmental measures put in place to monitor this, there is no doubt that air quality will worsen. It will add to increasing levels of NOx gases.
- Increased and unwanted noise levels: 24 hour noise pollution from Kooragang is already impacting many residents. They have, in fact, almost driven me and my family out of Stockton. It would be interesting to do studies on the impact of the 24hr noise pollution on hearing, particularly on new born babies, and I would be almost certain that it would contribute to poor hearing later in life!!!
- Polluting the Hunter River: Yet another 'licence to pollute' the Hunter River, impacting fish and an internationally recognised protected wetland.
- Impacting house prices: If the development is approved, the risk profile increases for all suburbs close to Kooragang and the value of property may decrease.
- HEALTH IMPACTS: There would no doubt be considerable health impacts. For example, after the Orica chemical leak, my husband was rushed to hospital with blood shot eyes and numerous other symptoms! It is also no coincidence that the rate of toddler hospitalisation related to asthma also significantly increased at this time. Recent studies show workers on Kooragang had 3 times higher cancer rates than the general population. I know that you will try to justify this statistic but there is no doubt that there are SERIOUS health risks attached to such a development.

Unwanted development around Stockton, particularly Kooragang, has sadly driven numerous families out of the area, some of who have been there for generations. Stockton residents, are extremely saddened to see the way industry is ruining both the environment and human health!

Government needs to put a stop to this if we are to continue to raise healthy Australian's and be proud of our beautiful landscape and environment.

Yours sincerely,



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