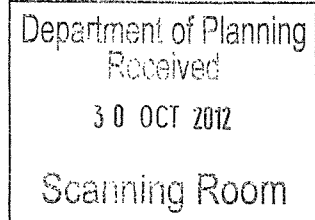


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Incitec Pivot Ammonium Nitrate Manufacturing Facility Proposal On Kooragang Island
SSD-4986 Newcastle

As writer of this submission advise that I have not made a disclosable donation to any political party.

This Submission is to strongly object to the **proposed Incitec Pivot Ammonium Nitrate Manufacturing Facility on Kooragang Island (SSD-4986) in Newcastle.**

Newcastle is the largest city, outside capitals, in this country and storage of sizeable amounts of Ammonium Nitrate nearby should never be approved.

The South Australian Government is trying to move the Incitec storage in Port Adelaide due to explosion risk for residents near the storage as outlined in a SA Workcover and EPA reports. Yet, our government is considering a SECOND storage plant next to existing plant of Orica which stores 9,000 tonnes of Ammonium Nitrate. I believe Incitec are proposing the storage of 12,500 tonnes of ammonium nitrate.

Not only is this a massive amount of dangerous storage it then has to be transported through heavily populated areas of Newcastle to the mines in the Hunter Valley.

Why in such a huge country do we have to store such dangerous substances as close as one kilometre from some residents? (And please do not say that residents chose to live near this industry – there is a sign in Stockton Surf Club displaying 1908 as its beginning long before any chemical storage was envisioned nearby.)

No doubt this is to save costs to Incitec! How does this compare to comfortable living of people that need clean air and a river without pollutants. To suggest that this plant will employ sixty workers is an insult to the thousands of equally important people living with the constant possibility of accidents from these plants, some people indeed are very fearful.

And accidents have happened.... in Toulouse, France in 2001 an explosion of about 300 tons resulted in 31 people dead and over 2000 injured

And closer to home the Hexavalent Chromium spill from Orica on Kooragang which drifted across Stockton.

There are many figures and details recorded against Ammonium Nitrate storage which I am not quoting here – you would have been made aware of them often.

This submission is from a grandmother, who can see and smell the polluted air and see the polluted skies, asking for sensible and honest consideration to be given to refusal of the Incitec plant on Kooragang for the welfare of the people of Newcastle, who deserve to live in the same healthy atmosphere enjoyed by most Australians.

I cannot imagine that our recently elected government will approve this second storage plant when the South Australian government are endeavouring to move their Incitec plant away from residents.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rhonda B Gippel', with a small flourish above the final 'l'.

Rhonda B Gippel