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I am objecting to Incitec Pivot's proposed ammonium nitrate plant on Kooragang Island. My primary objection is the unacceptable risk that storing a large quantity of ammonium nitrate so close to densely populated areas poses. Although the likelihood of an industrial accident or terrorist attack on the plant may be low, the amount of ammonium nitrate stored at the plant and the neighbouring Orica facility has the potential to cause a massive explosion flattening many Newcastle suburbs including the CBD - putting thousands of lives at risk. A terrorist operation with this outcome would change the very fabric of Australian society - a risk I would have thought would be unacceptable in our current security environment. Surely the security apparatus required to properly mitigate this risk means it would be more cost effective and certainly safer to locate the facility in a less population dense area.

Other concerns I have with Incitec's proposal are its potential to cause air and noise pollution. As a resident of Stockton, a medical student and a mother I am concerned with the increasing concentrations of NOx gases that will result from another ammonium nitrate plant. These gases are detrimental to respiratory health and hence should be confined to less populous areas.

Also detrimental to health is sleep deprivation and general stress caused by excess noise. I am very concerned with the tone of Incitec's proposal relating to noise pollution particularly in Stockton. Stockton is a residential suburb, therefore residents deserve to be protected by residential zoning policies relating to noise pollution. I find it completely unacceptable that Incitec believes these policies can be relaxed simply because Stockton is close to an industrial area. Surely the policies are there to protect just such suburbs - the ones that need to be protected from excessive industrial noise are logically going to be those closest to industry. Incitec's proposal seems to show contempt for this idea and have little regard for the health and wellbeing of nearby communities.

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