

To the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure

Mining and Industry Projects

Re: Project Application number SSD-4986

I wish to express my unequivocal objection to the proposed project by Incitec Pivot to build a major explosives plant on Kooragang Island.

As a property owner in Stockton I cannot believe the lunacy in even considering such a proposal which has potentially disastrous possibilities for the residents not only of Stockton but of a much wider region of surrounding suburbs.

As has no doubt been already pointed out by a great many other concerned residents, it is a totally unacceptable risk to have two plants producing industrial explosives side by side and less than 1 kilometre from residential areas.

The fallout from yet another explosives plant will add to the already totally unacceptable levels of pollution to the air and waterways in the immediate area. It seems farcical that the existing polluter Orica is able to continue to pollute the area by willingly paying paltry fines imposed and carrying on regardless and unchecked.

We are being placed in a totally unjust situation. We have the unenviable choice of either living in Stockton with the possibility of this insane development rearing its ugly head again in the near future, or trying to sell our property at a price seriously impacted by the increasing risk profile of the area.

Furthermore it seems quite amoral that Incitec only informed residents of Stockton and Mayfield of their intentions in this project. It is my understanding that by law they were bound to make this common knowledge to a much wider range of suburbs – within a minimum 5 km radius – and they failed to comply with this duty of consultation.

I sincerely hope that in all good conscience you cannot impose this totally unacceptable situation on a community already impacted by careless and ruthless company practice.

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