

Mining and Industry Projects
Dept. of Planning and Infrastructure
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Attn. Mr. Nick Hall

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I am writing to submit an objection to the Incitec Pivot Ammonium Nitrate Manufacturing facility proposal on Kooragang Island (SSD-4986) in Newcastle.

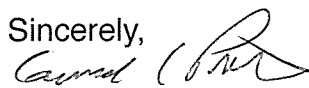
My reasons for objecting are as follows :

- 1) As a nearby resident on Stockton, the additional noise of yet another industry plant on the island will impact on our home. We already have too much noise at night from existing industries.
- 2) There is an unacceptable risk of potential explosion of the materials that Incitec intends to store at the facility....noteably ammonium nitrate.
- 3) Additional traffic on the island's major road is already affecting residents. Truck movements and employee movements will add even more problems on the road.
- 4) As a home owner in the area, the value of my house appears to have dropped. This is the result of previous environmental "spills" and other pollution already on Kooragang. Adding another industry will cumulatively add even more pollution to an area that only exists because many of the industries were started BEFORE stricter environmental laws were in effect.
- 5) As recently as today, I have spoken with a resident of Stockton who knew little about the proposal at all. Incitec claims to have had "extensive community consultation".

To sum up, this plant should not be built on Kooragang Island. Its potential for unacceptable noise, pollution - both air and water - , increased traffic congestion, and potential for explosion - especially so close to NSW's 2nd major city, is not a good idea.

As I write, I note that today's paper states that Incitec has decided to "delay" the building of the plant for monetary reasons. That is not good enough. We should not have this plant here at all. I also mention that I have not made a disclosable donation to any political party.

Sincerely,



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