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DEAR SIR,

PROJECT APPLICATION SSD-4986

I WISH TO OBJECT STRENUOUSLY
TO THE PROJECT SHOWN ABOVE, NOTING
THAT IT HAS BEEN DEFERRED FOR NOW.

IT HAS ONLY RECENTLY BECOME
PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE THAT THE ORICA PLANT,
LONG ESTABLISHED ON KOORAGANG ISLAND,
PRESENTS AN UNACCEPTABLE HAZARD TO
THE NEWCASTLE COMMUNITY, NOT ONLY FROM
THE RECENT CHEMICAL LEAKS BUT ALSO
FROM THE GLOBAL HISTORY OF DISASTROUS
AMMONIUM NITRATE EXPLOSIONS

TO COMPOUND THIS RISK BY THE
CONSTRUCTION OF ANY EVEN LARGER

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STORAGE AND PROCESSING OPERATION
ADJACENT TO THE EXISTING ORICH
OPERATION CONSTITUTES AN UNBELIEVABLE
DISREGARD FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF
A CATAclysmic EVENT THAT WOULD
CAUSE UNTOLD DAMAGE AND LOSS OF LIFE.

MAYBE THIS POSSIBILITY COULD
BE MITIGATED BY ALL SORTS OF
SAFEGUARDS AND PREVENTATIVE MEASURES.

MY RESPONSE TO THIS
ARGUMENT IS TO LOOK AT THE
SHOCKING OUTCOMES OF PAST EXPLOSIONS
AND TO REMEMBER MURPHY'S LAW -
IF CIRCUMSTANCES EXIST THAT COULD
RESULT IN BAD OUTCOMES, THOSE
OUTCOMES WILL EVENTUALLY COME
TO PASS.

YOURS FAITHFULLY,

VICTOR JOHNSON

