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Mining and Planning Projects
Department of Planning and Infrastructure
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Project Application No SSD-4986
Attention: Mr Nick Hall



Dear Sir,

I am writing to express my objection to the ammonium nitrate plant proposed by Incitec Pivot for its site on Kooragang Island. This monstrous hazard would be built directly opposite where I live on the Stockton Peninsula, population at least 6,000 people.

It is of great concern to me that in the eventuality of disaster (they said the Titanic would never sink!) the suburb of Stockton would be devastated, people would be completely cut off from services with no way of escape. And, there would be no access for rescue and medical teams. Although the EIS pays lip service to safety, risk management and emergency response measures nothing can protect against a massive explosion of the type that killed 31 people, injuring 2,442 in Toulouse, France in 2001. Incitec Pivot plans to store 20,000 tons of ammonium nitrate, the explosion in Toulouse involved between 200-300 tons. In my opinion this is an unacceptable risk for the people of Stockton and indeed Newcastle.



I am, of course, also concerned about the environmental issues of air pollution and odour, water pollution and especially noise. It is planned for the site to be in operation 24 hours. I would like to point out that noise levels are magnified at night when they travel across water, which is what happens when noise pollution travels from Kooragang to Stockton across the Hunter River. There are already issues for local residents with current high levels of noise from the Orica plant and the coal loaders, all located at Kooragang. I note that the *Summary of Environmental Assessment Sept 2012* states possible noise mitigation as "Use of low-noise plant equipment, WHERE PRACTICABLE" (my capitals). Low noise plant equipment and sound insulation should be mandatory for all industrial projects on Kooragang.

It seems that the government and legislators are always prepared to compromise on environmental risks to health, like air and water quality but in my opinion there can be no possible reason for compromise on the safety of a community, in this case the people of Stockton. Please note, for me, as a resident of Stockton, with the horrifying possibility of living opposite a second ammonium nitrate plant, all risks are 'unacceptable risks'. The Incitec Pivot proposal must be rejected.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane Calthorpe". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Jane Calthorpe