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To: Department of Planning and Infrastructure

Re: Project application number SSD-4986

I wish to voice my objection to Incitec Pivots project application number SSD-4986. To my understanding Incitec Pivot wishes to build an ammonia nitrate plant with large storage facilities next to an existing ammonia nitrate plant (Orica) with its own storage facilities on Kooragang Island.

I am concerned that neither Incitec Pivot or the Department of Planning and Infrastructure have taken into consideration the volatility of the combined force of a possible explosion caused by human error, accident on or off the plant, terrorists or the occurrence of a shock such as that caused in an earthquake ( a real possibility in Newcastle) I have been told that ammonia nitrate is stable when not interfered with but when combined with other substances has caused explosions throughout the world causing massive death and destruction. The amount of ammonia nitrate proposed for storage is massive and combined with a nearby fertilizer plant, coal stockpiles and other chemical storage, there is the possibility of perhaps one of the biggest explosions imaginable affecting the whole of Newcastle.

We cannot allow the continuation of the unaccountability of the industries on Kooragang and the proposed industries for the Island. Enough is enough. If there is an explosion on the island Stockton people have limited means of escape. There is no consideration for an emergency evacuation plan taking into account nearby aged care facilities and a disability facility.

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