

Response by Bob Farrell of 173 Walworth Road, Horsley Park on

Cleanaway's Western Sydney Energy and Resource Recovery Centre (SSD-10395)

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I am a resident of Horsley Park living approximately one kilometre from the proposed waste to energy facility and it is deeply disappointing to me that I was not aware of this proposed facility until advised by the Department of Planning, Industry & Environment in a letter dated 1 October 2020.

One of the most important aspects of a proposal of this nature is community consultation and in this regard Cleanaway has failed miserably! In this COVID19 era where people are urged to stay at home unless it is necessary to go out and the local papers have gone online, unless there has been direct communication with the residents of Horsley Park then how are we to know that this project is being envisaged. As a Group 1 stakeholder, and from the tools shown in Table 6.2, I would have expected a postcard in the mailbox and a knock on the door, neither of which I received.

In their response to this Cleanaway should advise, for Horsley Park, exactly how many postcards were mailbox dropped and in what streets and how many doors were knocked and in what streets this occurred.

Horsley Park is (/was?) a great area on the western boundary of Fairfield LGA and has no real correlation to the overall Fairfield area – we are zoned RU4 – Primary Production Small Lots with a minimum land size permitted of 10,000 sq m. In reality, the population is small with a mix of farming and residential blocks, however, if more residents were aware of the proposed project there would be a better response to the EIS during the public exhibition period. If Cleanaway's consultation process for the area is found to be flawed, then I believe that deficiency should be remedied, and the consultation process be reopened.

I object to the proposal for all the same reasons that the residents of Erskine Park, Minchinbury and Colyton have objected to the proposed Eastern Creek Energy from Waste Facility as well as those issues raised by Blacktown Council, the EPA and the IPC about the same facility. In short, the safety of the residents cannot be guaranteed under normal operation, nor following a catastrophic event. Whilst a catastrophic event may be unlikely, it cannot be said to be impossible, and the proximity of the proposed Cleanaway facility to the Sydney Water pipeline, Prospect Reservoir and farmland in the Western Sydney Parklands and Horsley Park just cannot be ignored.

If the technology is so good surely a better location can be found for it!