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Attention: William Hodginkson Team Leader

RE: OBJECTION TO PRESTONS WASTE TREATMENT FACILITY (SSD-934594)

We write to express our strong objection to the Prestons Waste Treatment Facility for a number of critical issues as outlined herein.

Our company is located at 81 Jemma Road and therefore will be directly impacted by operations carried out on that site. We have been at this site for some 20 years and are currently remodelling at great expense. Our site will serve as our headquarters and main showroom for our furniture business and therefore, the health, cleanliness and safety of all our staff and clients is paramount to our operation. We believe the proposed treatment facility will negatively affect our business and put stock and staff at risk from emissions that will no doubt be released.

1) Site location & Traffic Impact

The main access road being Jemma Road is already extremely hazardous and congested and cannot tolerate the movement of some 270,000 tonnes of waste and the heavy vehicles it will necessitate. The same is true for Ash Road and Hoxton Park Road which would no doubt be heavily utilised for the proposed site.

The existing infrastructure cannot accommodate the extra traffic that would be caused nor are there foreseeable changes happening to the road network in the future.

The Hours of Operation as indicated page 13 in the Scoping Report are during peak hours in the area and where the traffic flow is at it's worst making this a highly undesirable outcome for the community and business operators.

2) Environmental Impact – Health and Safety

The treatment of volatile substances such as petroleum, hydrocarbons, mineral oils, coal tar, refinery wastes, power station wastes, contaminated soil are extremely concerning to all members of the community, neighbouring land owners and tenants.

Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas ***“it is likely there would be dust generation and particulate emissions including from processing, storage and transport, vehicles, and plant in addition to potential greenhouse gas emissions of plant and vehicles and odours from waste during operation”*** (item 5.3) Scoping Report

The emissions that will be released in the air, soil and waterways are in direct contradiction to promoting health and social welfare of the community and does nothing to promote the health and safety of neighbouring businesses and workforce.

Although filters would be installed, there will still inevitably be hazardous emissions released from the site. Any failure of the sites systems will have an immediate impact on our property which is in close proximity to the site. Therefore there is a potential financial impact for our company.

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Alternatives

The Proponent, Hi Quality Waste Treatment Services Pty Ltd has 14 other sites, all more suitable to their operations than the one proposed on Whyalla Place Prestons. Their site at Cnr Elizabeth Drive and Mamre Road is already well placed near the M5 and M7 on ramps. It is already located far closer to the Aerotropolis than Prestons and therefore already commands all the benefits proposed in the Scoping Report. This site is not neighbouring an industrial complex as dense and expansive as Prestons and is not a health threat to thousands of workers as it would be, were it located on Whyalla Place.



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We reiterate our grave concern and strong objection to the site being used as a hazardous treatment facility being that it will gravely impact the health and wellbeing of the whole community and have a detrimental economic impact on ours and the other businesses who have already invested in the area.

Yours faithfully

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