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To Planning Services
NSW Department of Planning and Environment
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Application: No. SSD 8660

Location: 90 Gindurra Rd Somersby (Lot 4 DP 227279)

Davis Earthmoving & Quarrying Pty Ltd Central Coast

Attn: Team Leader, Industry Assessments Planning & Assessments

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of Committee members of the Kariong Progress Association and residents in the Somersby and Kariong residential areas, we take the opportunity to strongly comment on the referenced Development SSD 8660 (State Significant Development).

High Pollution Industry

The Somersby Business Park is a planned development near residential areas and pristine rural properties. The type of industries that are deemed appropriate to the original Local Government plan 2014 should be of a clean industry nature to minimize risk to local communities and the flora and fauna in the Kariong Somersby area.

The proximity of the development to Kariong community, Mt Penang Parklands schools, (over 1200 students), Parklands Community Preschool, Disability Organisations, Frank Baxter Correctional Centre, NAISDA Indigenous Training College and rural residences nearby is uncomfortably close and raises concerns about a range of negative health outcomes that can result from environmental hazards coming from the complex.

We caution that this industrial style recycling facility for industrial and construction waste sets up a precedent for the area and indeed a precursor of larger recycling and potential dumping in the area.

The new facility needs to be best practice in all aspects of Health and Safety and needs to implement the best possible controls for air, water and noise pollution, so the health impacts on the local community are at the lowest possible levels.

Also the name of complex (Kariong Sand and Soil) we find very misleading. The name should be what it exactly is: Davis Construction Recycling or Davis Industrial Recycling for example. It is not your local small business landscaping supply company as the current name implies.

Environment

With the processing of 200,000 tonnes per annum the environmental risk of airborne contaminants, including silica dust, are a big concern for the health of nearby residents and workers, along with noise pollution and local waterway pollution from the facility.

We believe that for best practise a facility like this needs to be wholly enclosed to prevent dust leaving the site.

The pollution monitoring systems, noise suppression and watering systems and the proposed monitoring system has no transparency and accountability. For these critical factors the public should have regular access to the plants performance in all matters of environmental pollution by independent consultants or environmental jurisdictions.

Central Coast residents have previously been hoodwinked in the past with excessive illegal dumping in Mangrove Mountain and along Hawkesbury River and these issues are as yet unresolved. Who will clean up the mess at Mangrove Mountain? Why should we risk another situation where dumping goes unchecked and where environmental protections are ignored?

Heavy Transport

The idea of a confined road network to be inundated with Heavy Transport is a concern for the local precinct. The Trucking pollution will overburden the area. In any logical planning, a facility that handles such heavy tonnage would be located in much larger accessible areas.

We also understand that predicted tonnage rates are around half of Central Coast Construction and Demolition waste generated, of up to 500,000 tonnes per annum. We are concerned at having over 80 car and truck movements a day in such a confined area. If that increases, which it will if neighbouring Development Applications are approved, it is a mind boggling and frightening scenario for the area.

Pollution Accountability

The Local Community is very nervous about this development proposal. It represents a significant change to the nature of industries in Somersby Business Park and is seen to be an undesirable polluter.

Also there is lack of accountability by Environment Jurisdictions on pollution control and pollution reporting. Essentially we lack confidence in the NSW EPA and the local Council to protect us and the local environment.

With no transparency in this area, the local residents and workers in the Kariong Somersby area are left vulnerable to environmental hazards and risks to the general health of individuals.

Conclusion

We acknowledge the importance of recycling Construction and Demolition waste as part of the circular economy. We know that this kind of operation is not clean and should happen in a location that is well serviced by major roads, away from large residential areas and where the geography of prevailing winds minimize dust and noise travelling – or in a best case scenario the whole process (site) should be fully contained within a building, where air quality can be managed for worker's safety, customers safety and community safety.

Declaration

The Kariong Progress Association has not made a reportable donation to any political party