

I **COMPLETELY** oppose this incinerator on the following facts:

- Families, the elderly and children LIVE less than 1KM from this incinerator which will burn 1.3 million tonnes of waste per year - 24/7 for the next 30-50 years;
- There are THREE (3) schools less than 2km from the proposed site;
- Independent studies have shown the emissions plume from this incinerator (if it goes ahead) will be one of the largest in the WORLD. It would travel up to 40km putting the air quality of all Sydney residents at risk;
- The EIS states “ultra fine particles will increase as a result of this project” and it also says “the proposed facility may release substances to atmosphere which have the potential to harm human health” – this ALONE should be the reason this application does not get approved;
- The Western Sydney drinking water reservoir is 5km from this site also, toxic fly ash, plume and other carcinogenic pollutants will make it’s way to our drinking supply;
- Section 83 of the Environmental Protection of the Environment Act (the applicant (and his MANY associated companies) has 18 EPA breaches – averages ONE per year. **Including illegally tipping asbestos and draining leachate from his Alexandria landfill into stormwater in front of residential homes. Doesn’t make me all warm and fuzzy that this person will do the right thing to the environment for the next 50 years!**
- The NSW Government is big on economic development for Western Sydney, this proposal will achieve the opposite. People won’t want to **LIVE** in Western Sydney or **WORK** in Western Sydney. Business will move **out** of Western Sydney due to increase work related health issues from this incinerator (increased workers compensation claims, less employees etc). This proposal does not meet the agenda for economic development in Western Sydney for the residents of NSW.

Questions I’d like to know are answered to the community prior to this development application being approved are:

1. Where will the 450,000 tonnes of toxic fly ash get landfilled or captured?
2. Why don’t the 98.5% of Minchinbury residents who oppose this application have more say than the millionaire who is seeking approval?
3. Will the NSW Government consider/make available a “buy back” scheme from home owners if this is approved? Similar to the Asbestos home buy back scheme? If not, will this be a consideration because it will become a MASSIVE issue IF this is approved.
4. Why would the NSW Government allow the Director of The Next Generation, who is not a fit and proper person as defined within many NSW Government legislative requirements – particularly in the environmental legislation and his numerous breaches of said legislation - submit this application in the first instance?

5. How does this toxic polluting incinerator fit into the NSW Governments
 - Western Sydney Airport Growth Area documents;
 - Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan;
 - Western Sydney Infrastructure Investment Program;
 - Western Sydney City deal;
 - NSW Energy from Waste Policy Statement (this proposal works against the NSW Government's principles within the Statement)
 - The Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000 (this proposal fails to meet the basic principles)
6. Clearly if this project goes ahead there will be less people living and working in Western Sydney as a result. Economically Western Sydney will lose due to lower employment outcomes, less business and more importantly real estate values and purchases.

In closing, the NSW Government states they are "*committed to protecting and conserving the state's environment and stunning natural assets. We are also focused on improving the communities of NSW while ensuring that they maintain the character, features and spaces that residents and visitors value.*"

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Improvements to the planning system are giving residents a stronger voice in decision-making for their local communities.

*The **Greater Sydney Commission** is planning for a more sustainable, productive and liveable Sydney.*

If this development application is approved, the NSW Government has not fulfilled its commitment to protect the environment or community of Minchinbury or Western Sydney generally by allowing this toxic polluting incinerator to be built and operate.

Many, many independent reports including the NSW Governments inquiry into this application, outlines a range of issues and concerns to the environment and the cost to human life and health should this go ahead. For these reasons alone (too many to document in this submission) this development application should not go ahead and I shouldn't be having to write this submission.