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The Independent Planning Commission NSW
NSW Department of Planning and Environment
Major Development Assessment

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As a concerned resident of Bonnells Bay I would like to voice my objections to the NSW Planning Commission and the NSW Department of Planning for the proposed Eraring Power Station Ash Dam expansion, on the grounds that this impacts the Environment and community health.

With the current 60 million tonne of Coal-ash sitting on the edges of Lake Macquarie any additional dumping of this toxic waste substance will exacerbate existing problems, which include leaching of heavy metals into Lake Macquarie and the numerous health concerns amongst Lake Macquarie and Central Coast Residents.

There are no plans for remediation and re-use rates of Coal-ash are appalling. During strong winds ash plumes coming from Eraring have been noted by residents who reside around the lake. We are advised not to eat Mud crabs as they contain cadmium and other seafood is limited to 1.3 kilos per week. The leaching of heavy metals into the lake will only increase with this proposed expansion and the leachate will continue for many years long after Eraring and Vales Point powers stations are decommissioned.

I find it quite ludicrous that the Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Centre was closed due to the potential risk of an earthquake and the ash dam wall failing. So why further expand the dam and increase pressure on the wall. Not only that, the community have been given no information as to what is being done to resolve the dam wall problems.

What legacy are we leaving our children? Lake Macquarie and Central Coast residents have a right to breathe clean air and to utilise the lake for recreational purposes without putting their health at risk. We have a right to be consulted about issues that affect our area. This ash dam expansion must not go ahead.

Yours faithfully,

Tonia Gardiner

Sent from my iPad