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Western Sydney Planning Partnership
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Online submission: www.planning.nsw.gov.au/aerotropolis

Dear Sir,

RE: Western Sydney Aerotropolis Plan (Dec 2019)

We wish to make comment in regard to the documents we received in February 2020 in reference to Western Sydney Aerotropolis discussion paper draft for public comment.

[Redacted] is a large land holder located at [Redacted]. This [Redacted]-hectare property has operated as a composting and organic waste recycling facility since 1983 and over this 37-year period has been granted, and implemented, several Liverpool Council DA approvals including approvals to operate organic waste recycling facilities within the South Creek catchment area. [Redacted] was awarded a grant under the NSW Environmental Trust in partnership with the NSW EPA to construct a building and infrastructure [Redacted] to receive and process Food and Organics (50,000 tonnes per annum) and recently Grant No. [Redacted] to extend this existing infrastructure to receive an additional 40,000 tonnes of Food Waste for composting and sale in the Sydney Basin. All existing infrastructure within the [Redacted] operation is constructed above the known 1 in 100 flood zone.

Our concerns lie in the potential restriction that the (draft) initial precincts plans may impose upon the expansion and operation of [Redacted] Badgery's Creek Organic Waste Recycling Facility.

[Redacted] further has major concerns as to the accuracy of the 1 in 100 plan, having owned this property for 37 years. [Redacted] has never witnessed a major flood event. Currently, all [Redacted] operations sit at an RL of 46.6m AHD, which is above the 1 in 100 level and there is no evidence even in the recent heavy rains of any inundation across [Redacted] property.

[Redacted] employs 175 people directly at our Badgery's Creek facility and has invested in excess of 80 million dollars in infrastructure to date. [Redacted] is currently preparing a Development Application to extend the existing FOGO Processing Building with a planned capital cost of approximately 12.5 million dollars including infrastructure and equipment.

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These grants by the NSW Government are for critical infrastructure to meet NSW Government policy in the recycling and re-use of organic wastes. [REDACTED] is one of the largest recyclers of organic wastes in NSW and our existing Badgery's Creek facility is critical infrastructure to this cause.

The EPA has identified the [REDACTED] facility as being of direct benefit to the community which includes contracts with Penrith and Liverpool Councils to receive and process their household organic wastes.

The site currently has a recycling capacity of 300,000 tonnes per annum and is vital infrastructure in achieving the NSW Government's recycling initiatives. The organics recycling industry in NSW is by far the most successful with 97% of all organics collected in Council collection services recycled into high-quality horticultural and agricultural products.

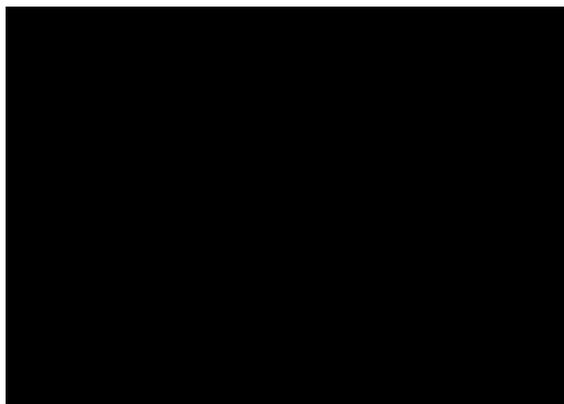
[REDACTED] has grave concerns in relation to the initial precincts detailed in the draft Western Sydney Aerotropolis; nowhere in these documents is there mention or allowance for State significant infrastructure such as [REDACTED] existing Badgery's Creek facility, and of major concern is the map which shows the [REDACTED] site sitting within a large part of Wianamatta South Creek catchment. It is evident that these maps have been prepared without the proper due diligence in recognising existing developments which are of Regional and State Significance.

[REDACTED] requests that we be granted immunity and recognition for our existing site based organic waste recycling facilities, which have lawful existing use rights and comprise a facility of Regional and State Significance. A development of this scale and operation deserves due recognition of the value it has to the local and wider community as an integral component of the State Government's aims and objectives in reducing the amount of waste material being placed in landfill operations.

We are available to meet with you and your officers at your convenience to discuss the matters we have raised.

Trusting these details meet with your approval.

Yours sincerely,

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