

CAMDEN COUNCIL

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Council against proposed Smeaton Grange waste transfer facility

Camden Council will make a submission to the state government opposing a development application (DA) to construct and operate a waste transfer facility at Smeaton Grange.

The \$2.5 million proposal, has triggered concerns from nearby Currans Hill residents about noise pollution, odour, traffic and air quality.

At last week's Council meeting, Councillors endorsed a submission to the NSW Department of Planning & Environment expressing their strong concern about the proposal.

Mayor of Camden, Councillor Lara Symkowiak, assured residents that Council was listening.

"Council is committed to backing our residents," said Councillor Symkowiak.

"Noise pollution is a matter we take very seriously. The proposal for the facility to accept waste on a 24 hour basis is inappropriate, given little information was provided on the acoustic impact the facility's operations would have on nearby residential properties, most especially at night."

"Council also recognises the concerns residents might have about odour and air quality. We are dedicated to ensuring that all developments adhere to Australian guidelines."

"The developer based their odour analysis on United States figures, rather than Australian guidelines, which Council cannot accept."

"Meanwhile, we recognise that the community wants their LGA to be a place that meets aesthetic standards."

"The proposed fencing for the facility is inconsistent with other industrial development within Smeaton Grange and Council concludes that such fencing would have a negative visual impact."

As the proposal is classed as a "state significant development", the NSW Minister for Planning will determine the application.

Information about the proposal is on public exhibition until 26 August 2016 at the NSW Department of Planning & Environment's Information Centre in Bridge Street, Sydney, and at Camden Library and Council's new administration building in Oran Park.

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The application is also accessible online at www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au.

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