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Proposal Details:

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SITA Allawuna Landfill on lots 9926, 4869, 5831 and 26934 Great Southern Highway, York WA 6302

Air Emissions

Not sure on this one, but bet there will be emissions to pollute our nice clean air.

Dust Emissions

More dust flying around, well we don't need that either

Odour Emissions

Quid sureasty odours are going to become a problem no one in the York area wants

Noise Emissions

I don't know what noise would come from the dump site, but the amount of trucks to and fro-ing will generate a lot of extra noise, into the peaceful country side

Discharge to Water

I do not believe that this rubbish area will not eventually leach in to the water catchment area, maybe not in my life time, but eventually. This is Perth's water supply.

Discharge to Land

The Avon Valley is rich farming land, why destroy it, and as it is not part of the Shire of York's strategy to have a mega rubbish dump in the middle of prime farming land, why is it being over ruled

Signed..... G Walker

Date..... 15/5/15

Put quest simply the people of York don't deserve or want this mega dump on our door step. Many people like myself are run away from Perth, who now live in York for a better quality of life. Why are these people allowed to ruin that for me, and many others

Shire of York
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To The Commissioner James Best and the Shire of York,

RE: The SITA Allawuna Landfill Proposal Lots 9926, 4869, 5931 and 26934 Great Southern Highway, St. Ronan's, York.

I object to the proposed landfill at Allawuna by SITA Australia and believe that the proposal should not be permitted.

The proposal is against the principals of the Shire of York's Town Planning Scheme, which states under general agriculture zone "to ensure the continuation of broad acre agriculture as the principal land use in the district encouraging where appropriate the retention and expansion of agricultural activities." Landfill is not an agricultural activity and will only destroy valuable agricultural land.

The proposed landfill is not acceptable with the Shire of York's Local Planning Strategy, which states "protection of sustainable agriculture and preserve and enhance the environment and natural resources." The proposal does not meet the objectives of York's Community Strategic Plan which states, "Protect and Enhance our rural land and spaces" and has a priority to "Establish land use strategy to ensure rural and farming land is protected." Landfill does not enhance nor preserve and should not be placed in our agricultural areas, especially near important water sources.

The landfill will not benefit York in anyway, but has the potential to destroy our agriculture industry, our tourism and hospitality industries and valuable employment that these industries bring to York. I therefore ask that this proposal be rejected.

Yours sincerely

NAME GILLIAN WALKER
ADDRESS YORK 6302
DATE 19.5.15
SIGNATURE G Walker

ALLAWUNA LANDFILL PROPOSAL

The amended proposal by SITA Australia Pty Limited to develop Allawuna Landfill, for Class 11 disposal of waste at Lots 9926, 26934, 4869 and 5931, Volume 285/78A Great Southern Highway, St Ronans, Shire of York,

In the State Administrative Tribunal 's summary of reasons for the decision on the 10th April 2015 to approve the amendment, Senior member Peter McNab states: "And of course the proposal use does not change," and also, "...the conclusion is that the essence of the proposal remains unchanged.

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For these reasons I consider that nothing has substantially changed that would require me to amend my original submission against the proposal. I believe my original submission is still valid and to this end I am resubmitting my original submission as follows. I have signed and dated it to reflect my continuing objection to the proposal, amended or otherwise.

I believe it is inappropriate to allow a noxious industry of this type in an environmentally sensitive and fragile area. York is a Shire whose main pursuits are agriculture, tourism and recreation and this "development" is the direct opposite of these pursuits.

General Agriculture Zone:

I don't believe the proposal is consistent with the objectives of General Agriculture and in particular on land that has been used successfully for cropping and grazing. The Shire of York Town Planning Scheme NO 2 clearly encourages the retention and expansion of agricultural pursuits. This is a noxious industry which shows no benefit to the district and is detrimental to the natural and rural environment.

Regard to residential use of adjoining land:

In moving to my small farm, I sought that peaceful rural amenity, close to bushland and forest. This proposal has the potential to seriously affect my amenity. My rural space will disappear with the odour, noise, pollution, views of rubbish and large trucks entering and leaving the property. I have recently been advised that my property would be very difficult to sell and has depreciated in value. I feel very disadvantaged, while a multinational company and one farming couple gain at my expense and also that of my neighbours.

The proposal indicates that the capped landfill will be 350 metre AHD. Clearly, it will be visible from Wambyn Road and the Great Southern Highway. The visual pollution is detrimental to neighbouring residents, the reputation of a heritage town and Shire, and to tourism.

Air Emissions:

I am very concerned about the emission of methane and other gases from the landfill. The distance between the neighbouring residences and the Mt Observation National Park will not be enough in the weather conditions in this part of York to prevent health problems. Toxic gas will be distributed over the area. I have a lot of experience with fire-fighting in the York Shire and fear for fire problems with the emission of methane. The volunteer fire fighting service should not have to fight a landfill fire. If the licence is granted, SITA must be required to have their own fire-fighting equipment and crew at the site.

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Dust Emissions:

Landfills emit toxic chemicals. On a typical summer day hot, gusty strong winds are common. Even though SITA maintain that the buffer zones are adequate, small particles will be carried long distances. As our climate conditions change, more windy events will occur, willy-willies, dust storms such as the one in 2010 and stronger winds with storms. People in the west of York collect water for their homes, and as a farmer I am concerned that dams and soaks that water stock will also be affected by this poisonous dust. Domestic and stock water needs to be tested often and paid for by SITA. The Shire of York will have to bear the time consuming and costly task of monitoring water, soil and air pollution.

Discharge to water:

I know this area very well, having farmed it for 60 years, including the property next door, lot 20621. It is a water recharge area with many springs, soaks and ponds, such as Manyuering Springs. The landfill will be located over such an area, very close to Thirteen Mile Brook and sitting on top of a very shallow water table. The liners are not 100% fool-proof and I believe there will be discharge into both the water table, the surface water and the deep aquifers. As a younger man I helped my father develop our family farm, located nearby and it was often the case that the smallest change to the landscape produces water pouring from the ground. Toxic discharge from the landfill will end up in the networks which connect to both the Swan-Avon and the Mundaring Catchments.

Over the last few years there have been storm events when dam walls have broken, due to the huge volumes of water. In a storm event, the tributaries from Oringa Park, running into the landfill will carry a lot of water. The pumps will have much difficulty dealing with these situations.

Discharge to land:

SITA believes that farming will continue on the rest of land. Contamination of crops and stock will occur from vermin and air-borne particles. It is likely the same will happen to products from neighbouring farms, also. Valuable farming land, on Allawuna and neighbouring farms will be lost. The Shire of York states that agricultural pursuits are its valued asset – it is wrong to take them away in this manner.

Solid and Liquid waste Management:

SITA plans to pump leachate to two ponds on the northern side of the landfill, allow the liquid to evaporate and then transfer the remaining solids back to the landfill. There will be discharge of this material to the land and to the air, mainly because of the conditions described above. I find it hard to believe that anyone would consider allowing the future damage of parklands, remnant bush (such as Ralph McColl's property, lot 5931) and farmland with such a toxic development.

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Address:

Signed:

Date: 14 May 2015

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20/5/2015
To Shire of York
Attention Kira Strange, Shire Planning Officer,

From Keith Schekkerman

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Please find attached submission against the amended SITA proposals.
As you are aware the substance of the proposals has not changes and consequently the substance of previous submissions are still valid.

Regards,
Keith Schekkerman

May 20th 2015

Shire of York

SITA submission from Keith Schekkerman

To Shire of York

This submission relates to the amended SITSA proposals for Allawuna.

Misleading & incorrect information in SITA's documentation.

It is of concern that as part of the SITA documentation, no environmental documents were provided. While SITA is applying for Planning Approval, these can't be made by the Shire without taking into account environmental issues. The only source of environmental matters will now be the material from submissions from objectors to the proposals.

Amongst the documentation that should have been received by the Shire is the paper work in relation to the bores that have been installed around the proposed development. New bores have been drilled but none of the information has been included in the amended paperwork. It appears to be a concerted effort to keep the DER and the York Shire Council in the dark. If the Shire did see fit to take the various environmental reports into account (as per York Town Plan) it would find that the amended maps would show that the area in question is in fact part of the Helena River catchment. The underground paleo channels run straight into the catchment area (confirmed by additional data supplied by SITA) and consequently into the Mundaring catchment. (See data as part of AVRA submission) This is the most important environmental information, as it affects that State's water supply.

It is my assertion that this is not just an oversight. The data has been withheld from the DER and the York Shire Council to obscure the fact that the new data indicates that the ground water contours are different to SITA's original projections. It could also indicate that the paleo channel runs in a different direction, westerly into the water catchment and that the area proposed for the landfill is in fact part of the Helena River catchment. (See data from AVRA submission)

The fact that this incorrect information has not been picked up before, indicates that the processes being followed are short of what should be expected. The fact that the EPA, the Appeals Convenor and now maybe the DER and the Shire of York seem reluctant to seek appraisals by independent experts and instead rely on SITA to answer their queries, shows a weakness in the evaluation process. The Department of Water needs to be involved in evaluating this new information. The EPA and now the DER and SOY are making decisions having been provided with incomplete, incorrect and misleading information. (For details see AVRA submission)

Planning Issues

The SITA report makes an elaborate argument why the landfill is needed in the wider context of a growing Perth population. The report by the Appeals Convenor to the Minister contradicts all this by stating: "*The DER also advised the EPA that there are other landfills, existing and proposed, that could meet the needs of the metropolitan area for the next 10 to 15 years and the proposal could constitute an oversupply of landfill space*". Allawuna is wanted by SITA, because it would be the most profitable solution for them and their shareholders, no other reason.

In the main report, page 6 item 7.2 State Planning Strategy 2012 draft.

The Strategy identifies the need for: "A network of strategically located waste management facilities and infrastructure (that) will assist in recycling and stimulate innovation in reprocessing". *SITA makes a big deal out the fact that it recovers 150,000 tonnes per annum and diverts it from landfill. Nothing in any report that even hints at the probability that any of the waste to be taken to Allawuna is subjected to any form of recycling. In the 21st Century – no organic waste of any type, glass, plastic or any toxic matter e.g. fluoro tubes or E waste, should be buried, especially next to a water catchment area.*

SITA also talks about a report by the Avon Sub-Regional Strategy, which **clearly identifies the need for the location of regional waste disposal facilities in the rural areas of the Avon, etc.**

A Regional Waste Disposal facility is just that – it caters for the Region. There was never any intention to host a metro waste facility.

Page 7, Item 7.4 Shire of York Local Planning Strategy 2007.

SITA argues that the proposed landfill should be treated no differently to a quarry, piggery or tannery.

It is a bit ironic for SITA wanting to be compared with a quarry, as the Allawuna property holds large deposits of Kaolin clay, the extraction of which nobody wants to talk about. As far as piggeries and tanneries, if these industries do not or can't conform to their undertakings or conditions, they can be closed down. If a landfill is in breach of their conditions, nobody is going to close them down, as it is not practical to stop the waste stream coming from the metro area.

Also, more arguments to show how beneficial the industry will be to the district.

All figures supplied, have varied widely over the last twelve months and all amount to clear nonsense. They might well buy a few bits from the hardware shop, but their main lines of supply will come from the metro area, as will their transport needs. The undertaking will create some jobs, but the negatives elements of the proposal far outweigh the positives. Our local member Mia Davies, the Minister for Lands and Water is of the same opinion.

Surface water and groundwater interaction.

The surface water and groundwater systems in the vicinity of the proposed landfill footprint are disconnected by a thick layer of surface clay that covers the area.

This is true. However this is the kaolin clay that naturally occurs in the area. This type of clay is porous and has many channels/ cracks running through it from tree roots past and present. It appears the company will rely on this to be water proof. They do not intend to engineer a layer of clay under the landfill that can be relied upon to be water proof. A certain amount of leakage of leachate is permitted as no construction is fool proof. In full production this amounts to an allowance of about 400 litres per day, leaking straight into the water table below. Taking this into the context of the paleochannels running west into the catchment, this clay is just not suitable.

On page 40 of the main report it states: "The Allawuna development will not impact organic farms in the locality nor agricultural activities on adjacent land, etc."

Not a word of what the plan is, if this turns out to be wrong. Maybe the reason for a multi national waste disposal company not being in the least concerned if an individual sues them, is that it would inconvenient but would amount to just an other tax deduction in legal fees.

Emissions and discharges to land, air and water.

Leachate Spillage

One of the biggest potential polluting agents is the toxic leachate emitted from the landfill. The reasons why leachates are toxic is because there are no limitations on what can be buried. It is my opinion that in the 21st century, organic matter, electronic waste and items like fluorescent light globes/tubes should not be put in landfill sites. These items are responsible for the great majority of toxicity in the leachate. It goes without saying that all glass, plastic, drink containers, metals, e-waste etc should be taken out of the waste stream before taken to landfill. All organic matter should be reprocessed and used as fertiliser/soil improver. While the SITA documents talk about recycling, there is no documentation or undertakings to show that any of the waste taken to Allawuna Farm will be subject to any form of recycling.

Another area of leachate spillage is likely to come from liner failure. This can happen spontaneously but is more likely to happen as the result of operational mishaps or from earthquakes. There are many examples of this happening overseas. Earthquakes can rip the liners and even make the landfill cells slip down the hill. Rectifying these sorts of mishaps is difficult to achieve and will result in ground and surface water contamination.

What happens to these spillages? They will spread across the country side as the soil is a porous, gravelly type and it will absorb the contaminated water rapidly. The contaminated water that reaches the water table will, in all likelihood, find its way into the paleo channel system. The location of this system is largely unknown as SITA has not done any work to locate these channels. These paleochannels, both open and closed, are known to join the Helena River system which in turn, runs into the Mundaring water catchment area. Open channels show up in the landscape as soaks and there are several in the nearby area. To pollute these channels would be extremely unwise. The data from the new bores drilled, indicate the paleochannels might run directly into water catchment area. The water that reaches the 13 Mile Creek finds its way downstream and eventually joins the Avon River.

Drinking Water

If you buy a block away from the Town site and you want to build on it, you must prove to the Council that you can provide a viable source of potable water. Blocks away from the Town site do not have access to a reticulated water supply. Most people solve this by making sure that they have sufficient roof area to catch enough water to go around. There are a number of households living around the proposed landfill site.

SITA's documentation shows that during certain periods of the summer the leachate ponds will be dry. The water component of the leachate will evaporate, leaving behind a dry powder containing all manner of toxic substances. As the nearest residences are just over 1000 metres away, it is in the realm of possibilities that a well targeted willy-willy will pick up the dust and spread it all over the countryside. Toxic dust sprinkled over soils and animal feed nearby is one matter; to end up on roofs from which people collect drinking water is something else again. Sure, the chances are small of this happening, but if it does happen it would invalidate people's undertaking to the Shire that potable water is available.

Much the same possibilities of air pollution are created in the case that the landfill catches fire. Fires in landfill sites are known to burn for weeks on end as they are notoriously difficult to extinguish. The ash/smoke from these fires will pollute the surrounding countryside, including the roofs of nearby residences. If the Shire and DER supports the landfill approvals process, what liability would this expose them to? What about the "precautionary principle"? *"The Department*

“can only consider potential impacts from emissions and discharges to land, air and water”.

Leachate dust, ash and smoke will fulfil all three criteria of air, land & water.

Earthquake

The reports completely ignore the latest information from Geoscience Australia identifying York as the most likely place in Western Australia for an earthquake to occur. The hotspot that caused the Meckering earthquake in 1968 has, in the last 35 years, moved west and is now located under the York Shire. (*Geoscience Australia* <http://www.news.com.au/national-news/australias-earthquake-hot-spots-revealed/story-fndo4eg9-1226519537825>)

If an earthquake of similar magnitude as Meckering took place in York, any landfill site that relies on a high density polyethylene liner to separate the leachate from the water table is bound to fail. A recent earthquake in the WA goldfields shows they can happen at any time and anywhere. To rely on desktop originated calculations to show that earthquake related damage can be controlled is unwise.

Future expansion

Another area that should be brought to your attention is the fact that the works approval application to DER and the Planning Approval to the Shire covers the whole Allawuna property. While SITA is telling us that the proposed landfill covers just a small portion of the property, all permits and approvals are for the total property. We suspect that the reason why the whole property is being included in the applications, is that it will leave the door open for further applications to expand operations and upgrade to the more toxic class 3 waste.

It has become clear from material recovered from the Ex CEO’s notes that there are plans to import sewerage sludge from metro area, as well the industry needs to find a home for thousands of tonnes of toxic fly ash, if and when the incineration of waste takes full flight.

It is also an open secret that the Allawuna property holds large quantities of Kaolin clay. It beggars belief that SITA will not exploit this reserve should it suit their purpose and be the subject of further permit applications.

Odour

The DER report of Emergency Procedures shows some interesting observations. On page 28, dealing with Civil Disturbances, it finishes with “When referring media enquiries, no indication or acknowledgement as to the existence of a civil disturbance will be conveyed to the enquirer”. In short the company will tell a lie as a matter of policy. This is the same company who will self report any leachate spill at the landfill. *On page 40, the company admits that there is no reliable way to monitor odours. “However, it is usually not possible to obtain reliable measurements of odour concentrations in air in the vicinity of landfills, as: (1) the measurement technique is not suitable for low odour levels; and (2) it is difficult to obtain representative air samples because of constantly varying wind speed and direction”.* In other words, if the landfill stinks, nearby landholders are on their own as the company can do nothing. Does the precautionary principle apply here?

Water table

While SITA has discarded the bottom half of the landfill, in order to keep the landfill out of the water table, it still has not addressed the fact that any leakage will run strait into the Mundaring catchment/

The need for this landfill has not been demonstrated.

The DER also advised the EPA that there are other landfills, existing and proposed, that could meet the needs of the metropolitan area for the next 10 to 15 years and the proposal could institute an oversupply of landfill space. (Report from Appeals Convenor to Minster)

Precautionary Principle

I am sure the DER is familiar with the concept of the “Precautionary Principle”. It is an internally recognised principle with a working definition of: *“When human activities may lead to morally unacceptable harm that is scientifically plausible but uncertain, actions shall be taken to avoid or diminish that harm”*.

Morally unacceptable harm refers to harm to humans or the environment that is:

- Threatening to human life or health, or
- Seriously and effectively irreversible, or
- Inequitable to present and/or future generations, or
- Imposed without adequate consideration of the human rights of those affected.

The history of the landfill industry has shown us that they can not operate without a serious detrimental effect to our environment, so that part is not “uncertain”. What is uncertain are the various assumptions contained in the reports, many based on misleading and incorrect information and wishful thinking on SITA’s part.

Social & Ethical Implications

The reasons for all of us having to deal with these applications/submissions on landfills are because of a complete failure of State Government policy. While the population on the coastal plains has grown much faster than predictions, producing ever more rubbish to be disposed of, the Government has consistently failed to provide guidance to the waste disposal industry. Right now, the DER and the Waste Authority are undertaking a review of waste disposal in the Perth/Peel region. It intends to deal with the way the waste stream can be reduced through recycling & reprocessing; however *it is not going to deal with the management of landfill sites or the location of them*. (The report is out now and indeed does not deal with the location of new landfill places) At the moment this is left to the market place for waste disposal companies to find sites that are the most profitable for them. So while SITA is not the flavour of the month, the blame for this debacle also rests with our politicians. The York Shire Council might consider lobbying their elected state representatives to come up with a comprehensive policy on the location of future landfill sites. The York Shire Council is urged to change the York Town Plan to make “waste disposal and landfill sites” a prohibited use.

Transport Implications

The endless stream of road trains transporting the waste to the site will be a great hazard to other road users. The Lakes to York road is a winding country road unsuitable for consistent road train use. The road in question is part of a wheatbelt road network with the highest accident rate in the country, according to RAC figures. For the York Shire Council to approve of this extra road use, is not acting in the best interest of residents.

Common Law Issues

Based on the principles of ‘common law’ the residents of West York have ‘the right to the enjoyment of their properties and their amenities.’ These amenities include any changes in our air and water quality, noise, pollution and the altered value of our land. All these are in jeopardy because of this proposed landfill.

Indemnification

None of the reports touch upon the matter of indemnifying the community in the case of pollution, either of the ground water, drinking water, livestock or pasture. This western area of the wheat belt still maintains a high rainfall and very successful cropping regime. Grain crops are grown on Allawuna right at the site of the proposed development and completely surrounding it. Who monitors any contamination of these crops? If the SOY approves this development, are they the body responsible? Who pays for any clean up?

No mention is made in any of the proposal documents of the process of indemnifying the community against the cost of any major clean up. Historical data from other landfill disasters show the cost of clean ups to run into the tens of millions of dollars. Who pays? Our final concern is, who indemnifies the community from any adverse outcome?

Because of the misleading and incomplete information and demonstrated threat to the environment the York Shire Council has no option, but to reject the application for Planning Approval.

CJ Keith Schekkerman

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Larry Charles Kane

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EARTHQUAKE

Earthquakes are ignored in this proposal. Geoscience Australia <http://www.news.com.au/national-news/australias-earthquake-hot-spots-revealed/story-fndo4eg9-1226519537825> has determined that York is now the epicenter of the SWSZ. When the leachate liners crack and toxic chemicals find their way into the Mundaring Weir no amount of regulation will be able to do anything about it. The first indication of a leak will be a Health Dept water test proving that Mundaring Weir water is now contaminated. The recent Oakford toxic spill is an example of what happens when landfills are not monitored

(A swarm of earthquake events occurred about 10 km SE of York, beginning on 26 Nov 1994, and continuing into Jan 1995. The largest event was magnitude 2.6, and occurred on 29 Nov. 27 events were located during the swarm, although there were many other events, too small to be accurately located. Portable instruments were deployed in the area to accurately locate some of the events.

YORK Nov 1994 - Jan 1995

REF: http://www.seismicity.see.uwa.edu.au/welcome/seismicity_of_western_australia/earthquake_swarms

EMISSIONS

The Allawuna Landfill will produce large amounts of toxic leachate, as there is no limitations on what can be buried. At Allawuna the ponds are uphill from the landfill. Which is to be pumped uphill into ponds. Severe Storms like that of January 6 2013 – had 40 mm of rain in 30 minutes and will result in spillage. Test bores on the site have had water bubbling out of them. The proposal document indicates that the water table will be kept 3 metres below the bottom of the landfill. This is a civil engineering problem of major proportions.

Should you buy a block outside of the Town site of York and you wish to build you must show Council that you have a source of potable water. Most people use the water off their roof as the main area of supply. With severe dust storms as witnessed on 29 January 2011, this water source will be contaminated, and as such not potable.

Liner failure is a major worry with the landfill. Should we have an earthquake these liners will split, and cause cells to slide down the hill. The spillage will spread and find its way into the paleochannel system, into the Helena River system which runs into Mundaring catchment area. Channels that are open known as soaks find their way into the 13 Mile Creek and eventually into the Avon River.

FIRE

Landfill sites are known to catch fire and to burn for weeks, and are difficult to extinguish. Smoke will inundate surrounding properties and even the town site of York.

There is no Mobile Phone service and the mainline phones are often not working. The local Voluntary Fire service would not have the training or equipment to cope with this type of fire with toxic emissions. A water storage capacity of 150 KL will not begin to control a fire

Legal action under common law is a very real possibility.

RISK INDEMNIFICATION

There are many risks in this proposal. These events if and when they happen will be very costly. Sita is not in a position to cover even a small portion of these costs. Is the Shire of York going to be held responsible?

None of the reports explain the process of Indemnity. Historical data shows the cost of cleaning up runs into millions. Who will cover the indemnity costs should a disaster happen.

TOXIC DUST EMISSIONS

When leachate dams dry out in summer westerly winds will carry this dust onto an adjacent organic farm. There is a real possibility that this farm will lose it's organic certification. This farmer will be seeking compensation, probably from the state government.

York has experienced tornado type wind and dust storms in recent times. A dry leachate dam full of toxic dust can very easily become airborne and be deposited over the town of York with huge health risks.

ROAD

The Road from the Lakes to York 'THE GREAT SOUTHERN HIGHWAY' is in very poor condition and extremely narrow and dangerous. The road already has many wheat trucks to name a few add to this Road Trains every ten minutes we have a disaster of major proportions waiting to happen. This portion of Road is used by the residents of York, and outlying districts. A Road that is no wider than three metres going in either directions with one overtaking lane prior to the lakes turn off. The road is not wide enough to accommodate trucks, spewing up rocks and debris from the side of the road.. Also the road being too narrow for trucks to go around corners safely and consequently they often go over the double white line onto the side of oncoming traffic. Do we have sufficient ambulances to ferry the victims to major hospitals. [again who is paying for this service]

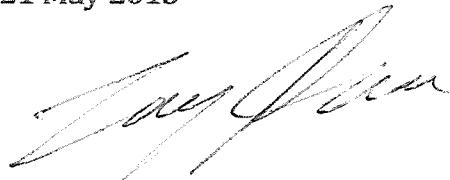
SIZE OF THE LANDFILL

The proponent will not give a guarantee that an application for extension of time and capacity will not happen.

Yours faithfully,

LARRY CHARLES KANE

21 May 2015

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Yva Kane

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EARTHQUAKE

Geoscience Australia <http://www.news.com.au/national-news/australias-earthquake-hot-spots-revealed/story-fndo4eg9-1226519537825> has determined that York is now the epicenter of the SWSZ. When the leachate liners crack and toxic chemicals find their way into the Mundaring Weir no amount of regulation will be able to do anything about it. The recent Oxford toxic spill is an example of what happens when landfills are not monitored

(A swarm of earthquake events occurred about 10 km SE of York, beginning on 26 Nov 1994, and continuing into Jan 1995. The largest event was magnitude 2.6, and occurred on 29 Nov. 27 events were located during the swarm, although there were many other events, too small to be accurately located. Portable instruments were deployed in the area to accurately locate some of the events.

YORK Nov 1994 - Jan 1995

REF: http://www.seismicity.see.uwa.edu.au/welcome/seismicity_of_western_australia/earthquake_swarms

Liner failure is a major concern with the landfill. Should we have an earthquake these liners will split, and cause cells to slide down the hill. The spillage will spread and find its way into the paleochannel system, into the Helena River system which runs into Mundaring catchment area. Channels that are open known as soaks find their way into the 13 Mile Creek and eventually into the Avon River.

EMMISIIONS

The Allawuna Landfill will produce large amounts of toxic leachate, as there is no limitations on what can be buried. At Allawuna the ponds are uphill from the landfill. Which is to be pumped uphill into ponds. Severe Storms like that of January 6 2013 – had 40 mm of rain in 30 minutes and will result in spillage.

If you buy a block outside of the Town site of York and you wish to build you must show Council that you have a source of potable water. Most people use the water off their roof as the main area of supply. With severe dust storms as witnessed on 29 January 2011, this water source will be contaminated, and as such not potable.

Shire of York Town Planning Scheme No 2

4.15 General Agriculture Zone

Objectives

To ensure the continuation of broad-hectare agriculture as the principal land use in the district encouraging where appropriate the retention and expansion of agricultural activities .

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2. To consider non-rural activities where they can be shown to be of benefit to the district and not detrimental to the natural resources or the environment
3. To allow for facilities for tourist and travellers, and for recreation uses.
4. To have regard to residential use of adjoin land at the interface of the General Agriculture zone with other zones to avoid adverse effects on local amenities

How could this proposal be of benefit to York? Landfill is not an agricultural activity and as such is detrimental to our fragile environment.

This proposal does nothing to encourage agriculture or tourism.

This proposal is not consistent with the objectives of York's Community Strategic Plan

HEDRITAGE TOWN

York is the first inland settled town, one we as WEST AUSTRALIANS SHOULD BE PROUD OF. Preserve our History, restore old buildings for Tourists to admire, how could a LANDFILL possibly enhance YORK in a Historical nature.

ROAD

The Road from the Lakes to York 'THE GREAT SOUTHERN HIGHWAY' is in very poor condition and extremely narrow and dangerous. The road already has many wheat Trucks to name a few add to this Road Trains every ten minutes we have a disaster of major proportions waiting to happen. This portion of Road is used by the residents of York, and outlying districts. A Road that is no wider than three metres going in either directions with one overtaking lane prior to the lakes turn off. The road is not wide enough to accommodate trucks, spewing up rocks and debris from the side of the road.. Also the road being too narrow for trucks to go around corners safely and consequently they often go over the double white line onto the side of oncoming traffic. Do we have sufficient ambulances to ferry the victims to major hospitals. [again who is paying for this service]

FIRE

Landfill sites are known to catch fire and to burn for weeks, and are difficult to extinguish. York Summers are long and temperatures well above 37 degrees Celsius with strong south-easterly winds The site is also vulnerable to Lightning strikes during summer storms.. Smoke will destroy surrounding properties and even the town site of York.

There is no Mobile Phone service and the mainline phones are often not working. The local Voluntary Fire service would not have the training or equipment to cope with this type of fire with toxic emissions, which can burn for days even weeks. Legal action under common law is a very real possibility.

RISK INDEMNIFICATION

There are many risks in this proposal. These events if and when they happen will be very costly. Sita is not in a position to cover even a small portion of these costs. Is the Shire of York going to be held responsible? None of the reports explain the process of Indemnity. Historical data shows the cost of cleaning up runs into millions. Who will cover the indemnity costs should a disaster happen.

Yours faithfully



YVA KANE
21 May 2015

TO: SHIRE OF YORK,
P.O. Box 22,
YORK, W.A., 6302.

Re: SITA ALLAWUNA FARM LANDFILL.

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NAME: KEN AND BET HAWKE

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Dear Sir,

The amended application from Sita Allawuna Farm Landfill proposed use does not change, the proposal is still the same as original, therefore the previous submissions to the Shire of York against the original application are still valid. The Shire of York's Planning Officer's report is therefore still valid. The JDAP's reasons for upholding the Shire of York's Council's decision and refusing the Sita Allawuna Farm Landfill, are still valid.

I object to this proposed Sita Allawuna Farm Landfill (rubbish dump). This should not be permitted as it does not fit within the Shire of York's Town Planning Scheme No.2, which states, under the General Agriculture zone "...to ensure the continuation of broad-acre agriculture as the principal land use in the district, encouraging where appropriate the retention and expansion of agricultural activities". Landfill enterprises are not an agricultural activity, should not be placed in our broad-acre farms, but instead Landfills destroy and poison our environment. This area produces sheep, cattle, wool, grain etc. for human consumption. Good farmland in a high and consistant rainfall area should be protected. Metropolitan population is expected to reach 3 million in the near future, creating more rubbish. Allawuna Farm and surrounds has abundant paleo water channels, flowing into the Mundaring Weir Water Catchment area. Fresh water is a precious and finite commodity and must be protected. The main access road to York, The Great Southern Highway, is extremely dangerous and is not suitable for the extra trucks and roadtrains this proposal will bring.

York is a historic tourist town, and is a popular destination for tourists, retiree's and growing young families, and is a lovely town to live, work and visit.

This proposed Landfill will not benefit York. I ask that the proposal not be accepted.

Yours sincerely,

K. Hawke

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SIGNATURE

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Landfill Proposal on Allawuna Farm St. Ronan's York.

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The above application applies to a neighbouring property to my cattle producing farm, and I oppose any landfill being dumped on Allawuna Farm.

A landfill that involves dumping all the household rubbish, Hospital, shop, factory refuse and demolition rubble (including asbestos). At present Sita collect waste from 13 councils.

The removal of waste from the Metropolitan area is environmentally essential, but to use Allawuna as a site for this waste is not desirable. Of all the rural land that comes to mind I cannot think of a more unsuitable one.

Allawuna is a large farm situated beside the Mundaring Weir water catchment on its South boundary and adjacent to Mount Observation on the Western side. Close by on the Northern side is Wambyn Reserve and animal and bird life constantly cross from one reserve to the other. The neighbouring properties have very well managed land, stocking cattle (Export and Organic), sheep, poultry, mixed crops and organic Olives.

The small farmers who have settled hoping to have a healthy lifestyle for their children, and older retirees, are to be landed with a toxic pit exuding unhealthy fumes and toxic dust over the larger countryside.

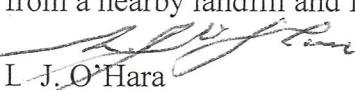
Burning the methane will still blow unhealthy fumes into our homes via the prevailing wind. The carbon situation will not be aided by this method of disposal.

With the flame burning continuously all year, little thought has been given to the Fire danger. The flame is only going to be about 6 foot in the air, and in summer wind storms paper and small dry plant material may well blow into the flame setting fire to the entire area. This could have a catastrophic effect including loss of fauna, livestock, erected structures and even loss of human life. Furthermore, if a neighbour noticed the fire and took his fire truck to douse the flames, the security fence around the landfill, with a locked gate, would prevent his quick firefighting action.

Furthermore, building regulations required by the Shire of York requires strengthening of supports from each corner of the top of the corner of each room to be anchored to the top of the diagonal corner because we are in an EARTHQUAKE zone. If the Council insists on these requirements for insignificant structures, why did they not put a stop to this landfill being considered in an earthquake zone in the first place?

The rainfall for this year has not yet significantly wet the top soil, but in exploratory bores put down at the site, they are already full with underground water which has risen to ground level. The plastic film under the landfill is meant to prevent toxic leachate leaking out into the surrounds. It will become a weak point when the underlying clay dissolves away, with time and water movement, leaving a Sinkhole. This may well lead to the plastic film rupturing and leachate seeping out into the surrounding water table and hence into our soaks and bores, for which we will have no knowledge of for some time. In this eventuality the underground polluted water may travel in any direction of the compass; and, in this case it may well flow into the adjoining Water Catchment.

I do not have the space to state my personal opposition in any detail, but I will finish to state that I OBJECT to being put in a situation where I will have to drink polluted water off my roof, breathe contaminated air from a nearby landfill and flare, and suffer noise, dust etc.



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TO YORK SHIRE COUNCIL

Landfill Proposal by SITA on Allawuna Farm St Ronans's York

OPPOSING THE SITA PROPOSAL

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I am a landholder living close to the proposed Sita landfill site. We produce beef cattle for Export and local consumption and therefore oppose the proposal to transport Metropolitan waste to environmentally sensitive farming land , used for grain, sheep and beef production and only 13 km from York. This is gazetted agricultural land in a productive farming area , not an Industrial zoned area.
(Farming and Industry do not readily mix.)

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Putting landfill waste into the 13 mile Brook area, which drains into the Avon and Swan Rivers is not sustainable.

This is an Earthquake zoned area as stated in Geoscience Australia dated 16 Nov. 2012 and NO plastic liner will prevent spillage.

Summer storms will cause overflow of polluted water into the 13 mile Brook. Falls of 40-80 mm in storms are not unusual , with water rushing down from surrounding higher ground to local Creeks.

This farming land adjoins Mt. Observation , a reserve and water collection area for Mundaring Weir.

Contrary to SITA'S report this area has abundant flora and fauna , which may be adversely affected by proximity to a landfill site. Wedgetail Eagles and Black cockatoos breed in this area and visit nearby properties. The parent cockatoos regularly bring their chicks to feed on our M: rri and pine nut trees. There are many smaller birds and animals living in close proximity which will be ~~adversely~~ affected by foxes attracted to the smell of landfill.

Ourselves and adjoining farms rely on soaks and bores for underground water for stock , and so we do not want pollution of this water. This water is held , in this granite area , in underground cavities from which it escapes in the form of an underground stream. We have found that the cracks in the rocks , in which the water flows , does not always flow from the same direction and therefore Sita cannot claim that any overflow of effluent will only flow into the 13 mile Brook.

There is no Mains Water supply available West of York , and the farms and small landholders rely on rainwater for drinking and household needs . Prevailing winds will blow pollutants on to our roofs and over our properties. Organic farmers may lose their licence .

Traffic on the Gt. Southern Hwy. of Mining equipment , Grain and Superphosphate road trains are now in much larger numbers owing to the reduction of rail transport in country areas. Sita road trains leaving Perth at 20 min intervals , and returning as frequently, will cause congestion and pollution on a 2 lane Gt. Southern Hwy.

It does seem strange that this site , beside an environmental nature reserve, water catchment reserves and surrounded by organic farms , sheep , cattle and grain producers, must surely be the most inappropriate site to establish a landfill operation.

For the above reasons I feel that this location for landfill disposal , close to environmentally sensitive areas can contaminate water resources and have environment and social impacts on the local and regional areas.

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Mr Graeme Simpson
Acting Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Mr Simpson

Attn: Kira Strange (Town Planner) and Jackie Jurmann (Consultant Town Planner)

**WE STRONGLY OBJECT TO THE SITA LANDFILL PROPOSAL (RUBBISH DUMP)
ALLAWUNA FARM LOTS 4869,9926, 5931,26934 GREAT SOUTHERN HWY, ST
RONANS WA 6302**

This Landfill proposal does not fit within Shire of York Planning Scheme No.2. Under General Agriculture which states "to ensure the continuation of broad acre agriculture as the principal land use in the district encouraging where appropriate the retention and expansion of agriculture activities".

Landfill is certainly not an agricultural industry.

Proposed landfill is not acceptable with the shire of York's Local Planning Strategy which states "protection of sustainable agriculture and preserve and enhance the environment and natural resources".

It is also against the objectives of York's Community Strategic Plan which has an objective of "Protect and enhance our rural land and spaces" and a priority to "establish land use strategy to ensure rural and farming land is **PROTECTED**".

Landfill has nothing to do with agricultural, and should never be considered in the General Farming area.

Lot 4869 is abutting the Water Catchment Area. A large sign stating this fact is approximately 270 metres from the entrance to Allawuna Farm.

Sita claim the landfill site is east of the Mundaring water catchment area. Lot 4869 is abutting the boundary of the water catchment area. The subject land is bounded by the Thirteen Mile Brook, Six Mile Brook and Helena River which all generally lead back into the **Mundaring Weir**, the drinking water for thousands of Metropolitan people.

We certainly do not agree with Sita's statements that their tip will not leach into water ways, when the landfill is so very close to all of these waterways and abuts the water catchment land reserve.

Also keep in mind the "flash flooding" which occurs every few years, all of this water runs back into the rivers and ends up contaminating the Swan River.

The properties on the west side of York **are not connected to scheme water, all emissions from the tip will end up in the adjoining properties water catchment facilities.**

The subject Lots 4869, 9926, 5931 and 26934 are in Seismic Zone 2, very susceptible to earth tremors/earthquakes, platelets can move when tremors occur.

Being a Land Valuer it is a known fact, devaluation of farming land adjoining and around the this proposed massive landfill site will be inevitable.

These farmers West of York have been on their properties for numerous years, some land being passed down in generations, these farming properties are their only life assets.

Adjoining landowners are still requested by the Shire of York to pay top dollar rates on their land, even when bad seasons occur and their income is much less.

Sita does not have to worry about seasons or the elements or even to earn income off their "tip" land as their future is guaranteed by the massive amount of never ending rubbish from the metropolitan area dumped on Lot 4869. This property could even become "Non Rateable" by the use of the property.

The York Shire Council is setting a precedent, allowing a landfill industry into the General Farming Area. This landfill proposal is not General Farming.

If this Landfill is approved, the General Farming land owners will be able to apply to Council when times are "tough" and be granted permission to start any industry on their properties. Any industry applied for could not be more detrimental to York than a major landfill site, so requests by adjoining or any other General Farming property would have to be granted as the precedent has already been set by the Landfill Site.

Emissions, gas, stench from the landfill along with fire concerns, all of this ends up in the atmosphere.

The York Volunteer Fire Brigade is made up of all local farmers, who are totally against this landfill site proposal.

If a fire started from the gases/emissions causing combustion, how would the Shire of York and Sita expect these farmers to risk their lives fighting a fire on a landfill site which could take months to extinguish, their health would be greatly at risk, causing diseases as such as cancer.

Traffic on Great Southern Highway.

Sita are stating 2008/2009 road statistics, which are almost six years behind the current statistics to fit their case.

Recently witnessed by us, six 27m trucks, bumper to bumper, leaving the Lakes Roadhouse travelling up the Great Southern Hwy to York.

With Sita trucks being proposed 27m long travelling the Great Southern Highway to and from York, every 10 minutes, this will total 96 trucks per 8 hours, total trucks on the road will be 528 trucks per 5.5 day week.

Of course this is not taking into account the general flow of other 27m farm trucks plus general traffic traversing to and from Perth, these are all extra vehicles on this highway. The Great Southern Highway from the Lakes to York is not in a good condition to carry all of this extra traffic, not enough passing lanes exist, plus severe bends in the road.

It has been stated to us the "big plus" for this landfill proposal could mean employment for approximately fifteen people.

How could this ever be considered when there are landowners and their assets at stake for a few miserable employment positions, perhaps part-time, no guarantee of full-time or any employment at all.

Please also take into consideration, this landfill is not short term, Sita in their amended application decreasing the tip life to 20 years, also creating "Borrow Pits". This is just a "**FARCE**" to get the application approved. Not forgetting it is still in the Water Catchment Area.

There is no doubt once they get approval for this application and when everything about this current proposed landfill site has died down in a few years to come, they will lodge further applications to extend the landfill site. Sita have been asked that same question, "whether they will submit further applications, or will they close the gate to the property and leave after 20 years"? The answer was "no", meaning they will not leave the property.

Possibly in years to come with staff being changed in the Government Departments further approvals for further applications, would be approved without questions, knowing the first proposed application was approved, then it would be "open slather" for future applications for ever more, not just being on Lot 4869.

This will affect future generations of people in the York Shire.

We as ratepayers of the Shire of York, are asking the Shire of York along with all of the other Government Departments to think seriously about the people of York and their assets by refusing this Sita Landfill application and any further applications by Sita in the Shire of York in the future.

KEEPING IN MIND, IF A LANDFILL SITE IS APPROVED ON ALLAWUNA FARM IN ST RONANS, IT WILL REMAIN A CONTAMINATED SITE NOT FOR 5 OR 10 YEARS BUT FOREVER IN THE AVON WATER CATCHMENT AREA.

How could this proposal ever be beneficial to the Farmers/Residents of York and surrounds? Say **NO**, let Sita use Rail Facilities and transport their rubbish out to the salt eradicated areas much further east where the land has very little value.



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Representing the Shire of York

FROM: Valmai and Peter Kopke

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WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Dear Sir and Madam

Re: Allawuna Farm Landfill Works Approval Application - Lots 9926, 4869, 5931 and Lot 26934 Great Southern Highway, St Ronan's, York, WA

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Air Emissions

Our only source of drinking water is from water caught on the roof and stored in rainwater tanks and so we are therefore most concerned about **contaminated dust and other contaminated particles** being carried from the landfill site and the delivery trucks which will be arriving and leaving every few minutes. The **prevailing winds**, which are **strong** and occur almost on a **daily basis**, will easily carry dust and other contaminated particles over the **short distance between the two properties**. There is an ever increasing worldwide awareness of the need to drink purified water and so, this aspect alone, is of great concern to us.

Contaminated dust and other contaminated particles will also land in the **dams** which are the only source of drinking water for livestock. **Salmonella** is already a problem within the cattle industry throughout the world and this problem needs to be controlled, not exacerbated.

Soil Emissions

Surface water, especially flood waters, **leachate leakage** and **seepage through faults**, which will occur in the proposed lining, as it has already occurred at other SITA landfill sites within Australia and elsewhere, are all factors which threaten the quality of farming land and therefore farming produce within the area.

The area is prone to **seismic activity**, which is evidenced by official government records, and so a plastic liner in a diverted river tributary within the Mundaring Water Catchment area poses significant problems for both the community and livestock which depend on potable water from that area as their prime source of drinking water.

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Producers of grain/seed/hay, cattle, sheep and goats are required to pay a **Biosecurity levy** and a landfill site located in the midst of prime agricultural land threatens the quality of

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It is a known fact that fires at landfill sites can burn for long periods of time. A serious fire at Allawuna would present significant problems for the surrounding farms, which nearly all produce crops and do therefore present a huge fire risk, potentially resulting in economic loss, and in turn the health and wellbeing of the local community, etc. The neighbouring Wambyn Nature Reserve will also be at risk.

There is **limited water to allocate to fire control** within the area and there is also a limited workforce of **volunteers** to assist with the control of fire. **This is a planning matter which must be taken into consideration when addressing the possibility of allowing a major landfill site in the midst of prime agricultural land.**

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An official government sign within a short distance from the Allawuna Farm turn off currently exists and reads "**Mundaring Water Catchment Area Please report any signs of pollution**". With such **official recognition of the local environmental values**, it is incredible that we are having to write submissions of objection to a major landfill site being established within this area.

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The Great Southern Highway, as currently constructed, is already a dangerous road with many fatal accidents occurring. The addition of hefty rubbish trucks being driven on that road every ten minutes in each direction is deeply concerning.

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Other countries, such as Norway, are addressing the matter of waste disposal in a **far more efficient and economically viable manner**. Norway actually buys in waste from other countries, such as Sweden, and has turned waste disposal into a profitable business.

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We understand that there are other Local Government Authorities which would welcome the possibility of a landfill site being established within their area.

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We are strongly opposed to the prospect of a landfill site being established at Allawuna Farm in the midst of agricultural land surrounding the historic town of York and we ask that you, as the officially appointed representatives of The York Shire Council, please

acknowledge the local community's strong opposition to this proposal and not grant an approval for a landfill site at this location in any way, shape or form.

Yours faithfully

A photograph of two handwritten signatures. The signature on the left is "Valmai G. Kopke" and the signature on the right is "Peter Kopke".

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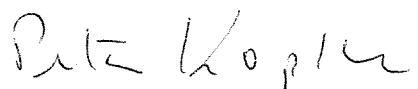
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acknowledge the local community's strong opposition to this proposal and not grant an approval for a landfill site at this location in any way, shape or form.

Yours faithfully

 
Valmai and Peter Kopke

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I object to the SITA land fill proposal in York on the following grounds:

- Landfill is not good Waste Management Practice.
- Landfill is highly flammable and could cause seriously extended closure to Great Southern Highway.
- Because Allawuna is positioned on The Great Southern Highway we will see a decrease in our Tourist Industry.
- A decrease in Tourism will affect employment in York causing a decrease to our hospitality and tourism industries. Less tourists spending less money in York equals less employment.
- Allawuna is highly productive farm land and is positioned next to Mundaring water catchment area.
- Allawuna is a water recharge area.
- Groundwater aquifers exist in the area. There have been no comprehensive groundwater studies performed for the whole region.
- This area has increased frequency and intensity of storm events and flooding.
- Leachate leaking into our waterways and farm land will contaminate water and clean food which are important to the sustainability of life.
- The inclusion of 3 Borrow pits in the landfill proposal will cause environmental destruction and loss of farm land.
- The mining of the soil will be similar to an extractive industry but not subject to the same conditions.
- The Avon Valley is part of the South West Seismic Zone (SWSZ).
- Landfill should not be placed on a seismic fault line which is the largest, most active and unpredictable in Australia.
- HDPE liners tear during earthquakes with a magnitude >5.

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I can see a lot of problems on the road from the Lakes, it is a narrow windy road, with very few overtaking lanes/places. The number of trucks on the road would deteriorate the road quickly.

There is no benefit to York residents - i.e. large employment. The impact on the nearby farming units is unacceptable, noise, pollution, dust, danger, smell, flies to name just a few ongoing issues.

Shane on the Shire for ever considering this proposal.

Yours sincerely

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Subject: proposed SITA waste dump

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Contact Email :

Friday May 22nd 2015

Dear York Council,

I wish to object to the proposed SITA waste dump for the following reasons:

1. The road from York to the Links is much to narrow and winding to carry the continuous extra trucks (more so when the farmers have to start carting their crops by road instead of rail).
2. The location of the site being so close to wetlands, two creeks and water catchment. If the area is in a seismically active area leakage from the waste dump into the water-table is inevitable at some stage.
3. The likelihood of dust from the waste facility being blown across nearby farm crops given the frequent strong winds this area experiences.
4. The lack of any perceivable benefit to the shire of York having this facility in our locality. Do we really expect SITA to buy fuel from York, have their vehicles maintained by local businesses or even to employ more than a token couple of York local people.
5. The high likelihood of future expansion of the SITA facility: allowing them to process more toxic waste once they have the basic facility approved and their proverbial foot in the door.

Yours sincerely,

Dave Freeman

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I realize Rubbish has to go Somewhere, but
think its proposal is in the wrong AREA
E.G. To close To Farmland & housing throughout
the AREA.

Yours sincerely

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Karen McRoberts

York, WA 6302

May 18th, 2015

Submission to The Shire of York

Re: amended SITA Landfill Proposal, York

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I see nothing to change my mind in the amended proposal. I oppose the SITA Landfill Development at York for the following reasons:

1. The construction and siting of this tip are completely untenable from an environmental point of view.

The risk of ground and surface water pollution, in an earth-quake prone recharge area, next to a national park, is simply not acceptable!

I am particularly wary, as I have conducted much scientific research inclusive of the role environment plays in the ecology of disease. I think you would find it useful to read "Causes of Large-Scale Mortality in Waterbird Populations" Chapter 3, pp 1-48, in my PhD thesis. I reviewed international and Australian situations, and included some information on avian species in general, not just waterbirds as the title implies. Available in the Murdoch University Veterinary School Library. McRoberts, K.M. (2000) Investigation of Large-Scale Mortality in Nestling Straw-Necked Ibis (*Threskiornis spinicollis*) with Emphasis of Giardiasis.

I've had much experience with disease and aquatic environments (this tip will be one, at times), including retrieval of many sick birds from landfill sites in Perth. Registered wildlife carers (and the veterinarians who aid them), I expect contactable through DEC, would be able to comment "first-hand" from similar experiences. The Murdoch Vet Hospital itself would be worth contacting.

Endangered species such as the Carnaby's Cockatoo would be at risk. Migratory species also. As an example, the square-tailed kite hunts in this area; it is a creature requiring a large territory, perhaps up to 100 square kilometres. Apart from the leakage problem, the hot dry windy summers here concentrate migratory waterfowl on the few water bodies available. This weather itself will ensure that much waste is carried elsewhere.

Technology, while it may be so-called "state of the art" is not foolproof. Membranes can tear and degrade. Membranes can overflow. This is especially worrying considering the earthquake history and potential of the area.

People are certainly not foolproof. Accidents happen. Fukushima is a good example; I also cite the frequent sewage spills into the Swan River as a prime local example. Waste can be spilled *enroute* or *in situ*. The "human factor" ensures this will occur. Further, the waste itself will contain all manner of things – things that cannot be completely controlled; even waste purposely included from unethical agents. These will include pathogens and hazardous chemicals. This tip will act as a site for microbial pathogenesis, much of which will not be beneficial. There may well be mosquito eruptions when the tip contains water. Nothing need be said about the disease-carrying potential of mosquitoes.

Finally on this point, as a general comment: Transfer of pathogenesis between animal and human populations has become a serious reality. In light of this sobering fact (think bird flu, SARS, infectious cancer, and the recent polio "revival" initiating from Asian landfill sites) *why* continue to use outdated, dangerous landfill "technology" as a means of waste disposal? ! If we must have it, please put it in areas where risk is minimalised – the suggestion incorporated in the "York Proposition" outlines a better alternative. Certainly not anywhere near seismic activity!

2. Safety for people and animals – more trucks on unsuitable roads mean more accidents. The potential for disaster in terms of human trauma is high indeed.

People will be impatient and try to pass trucks when they should not. People who use the highway may have been travelling for some hours.

The intersection with Wambyn Road is especially dangerous. The alignment of the Great Southern Highway and resulting poor visibility has caused several accidents and near-misses involving large vehicles travelling the highway at speed. I've brought this to the attention of the council; I've never received a reply.

Many tourists use these roads during wildflower season; they are unfortunately not always looking where they're going, crossing the road in anticipation of exciting wildflower discoveries. Many are elderly, so they will react slowly. Grandparents often bring small children to observe the wonders of nature, who may run across the road in anticipation.

Further, the area is rural; stock on the road is a common occurrence.

3. Increased traffic noise and noxious smells will negatively impact on the well-being of nearby residents, and the values of their properties. Contamination of ground and surface water will have negative effects on the environmental health of these properties.

This is totally unfair to those who've bought rural property expecting a rural lifestyle.

4. More traffic will increase the fire hazard in this area

Can drivers be absolutely guaranteed not to throw cigarettes out the window?

5. The traffic generated by this tip will adversely affect tourism in the area.

Tourism is very important to York. Many people who would otherwise enjoy a lovely day out in the country will forego the experience if they have to fight this kind of traffic on a road that will not be able to handle it. And who wants to get stuck behind smelly rubbish trucks? This road has very few safe passing places.

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Please use the PDF version of our submission (attached) in place of the MS Word version previously supplied

Regards

Andrew

On Thu, May 21, 2015 at 10:12 PM, Andrew Rowland wrote:
Please find attached our revised submission for the amended SITA landfill proposal.

Regards

Andrew Rowland and Glenys Rae

York
WA 6302

15th May 2015

Re: Revised SITA Landfill Proposal – Allawuna Farm

Dear Sir/Madam,

We own a small farm (16Ha) at 10km east of Allawuna. This is both a private residence and a commercial farm. We feel the proposal will adversely impact both our lifestyle and business and we ask you to consider our concerns which we detail below.

This submission has been revised in response to SITA's amended application. As has been noted by others, the essence of the proposal remains unchanged and similarly most of our objections remain unchanged. The points made below have been updated to reflect any changes in the proposal and to update any references which are no longer available.

Airborne Emissions

York is subject to extreme temperatures during summer with many days over 40C. Annual evaporation rates are around 2000mm which is a potential danger for leachate ponds which run the risk of drying out. Both Tornados¹¹ and large dust storms have occurred in the area in the past few years with one very destructive storm¹² registering wind speeds of over 120km/h for a sustained period. As such these ponds pose a significant risk to local residents who rely on rainfall for their drinking water which is captured via their roof. Any release of leachate particles to the air would constitute an unacceptable hazard to people in the area as well as the many farmers and horticulturalists – ourselves included – who rely on the unpolluted land in the Avon Valley as a means of making a living.

Fire Risk

All landfills produce gas, predominantly methane, the same gas present in domestic *Natural Gas* used for cooking and home heating.

The release of gas from landfills is not constant.¹³ Instead it builds up until the pressure is great enough to force its way through the layers of rubbish blocking its way.

Sudden surges of highly flammable gas in an area bordered by state forest and national park poses an extreme risk of fire especially where heavy machinery is operating at all hours of the day. York's hot dry summers and tinder dry bushland provide ideal conditions for a catastrophic bushfire to break out, as has happened elsewhere⁷. All it would take is one electrical storm in summer and we would have one huge bushfire which would be both extremely hard to fight due to very limited access as well as blocking the only route in and out of York – Great Southern Highway.

This issue requires serious consideration as York relies on local volunteer firefighters to attend to emergencies such as these – ironically the same local citizens who are opposing this application. SITA's proposal has only just recently supplied a fire management plan as part of its application however no amount of preparation can prevent the outbreak of fire. With January temperatures averaging over 36C this a bushfire on anything but the calmest of days would be a disaster.

Earthquake Risk

Whilst the High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) and Geotextile Clay liners used in landfills have been used for many years, their use in seismic areas is unproven. HDPE is a brittle material that can easily crack when subjected to tensile loading or any bending / folding of the liner¹⁴. The many large sheets are also joined via a plastic "weld" which is also a weak point for the liner. Landfill cells are 3 dimensional structures and joins will not always be in the most favourable orientation making them at a greater risk of failure. Changes in temperature also cause materials to shrink and expand and York experiences some of the states highest and also lowest temperatures at different times of the year making this effect more marked.

From the SITA application:

A search of the Geoscience Australia Earthquake Database (5/12/2012) showed no record of any earthquakes within 4 km of the site boundary, with the nearest being a magnitude 2.5 earthquake 4 km to the north east of the property. No earthquakes of magnitude greater than 3.8 have been detected within 20 km of the Allawuna site.

Whilst the above statement is broadly true, it is very dismissive of the Seismic risk and is notable by its omissions. Here are some facts that are not present in the submission:

- York has been cited by Geoscience Australia as one of the most likely areas in Australia to experience a significant earthquake in the near term^{9,1}
- The second largest earthquake in Australian history⁸ (Magnitude 6.9) occurred in Meckering less than 36km away which caused an enormous amount of damage⁴, far exceeding any assumptions made in the proposal
- There is insufficient evidence of the safety of landfills in seismic areas. The experience of one such landfill from North America is detailed below²
- The figure used in calculations on HDPE liner suitability using "half the 1:500 year peak period ground acceleration (0.07646g)" is completely arbitrary and also too low according to the statistics from Geoscience Australia which suggests a value in excess of 0.1g¹⁵
- Calculations also only consider secondary damage from horizontal loading and assume a perfectly plastic soil. Neither of which are realistic in a true earthquake scenario.

Below are excerpts from a publication by the *US Environmental Protection Authority*² who have first-hand experience of Landfills in earthquake zones.

Damage to landfills from earthquake may be due to the primary seismic hazard of fault displacement or to secondary hazards such as slope instability or liquefaction of the foundation induced by strong ground motions. Potential modes of damage MSW landfills associated with the primary seismic hazard include:

- disruption of liner and cover system
- disruption of the landfill gas control system; and
- disruption of surface water and drainage control systems.

Secondary modes of damage to the containment systems of MSW landfills that are subject to strong ground motions include:

- damage due to liquefaction and lateral spreading of the foundation;
- damage due to seismically-induced settlement of the foundation; and
- damage due to seismically-induced landslides.

...
However, experience with the performance of modern landfills conforming to Subtitle D requirements is limited. Of the three landfills designed in accordance with Subtitle D standards subject to the strongest shaking in the Northridge earthquake of 17 January 1994, one experienced two tears in the liner, one of which was approximately 75 ft (23 m) in length, along an anchor trench above the waste.

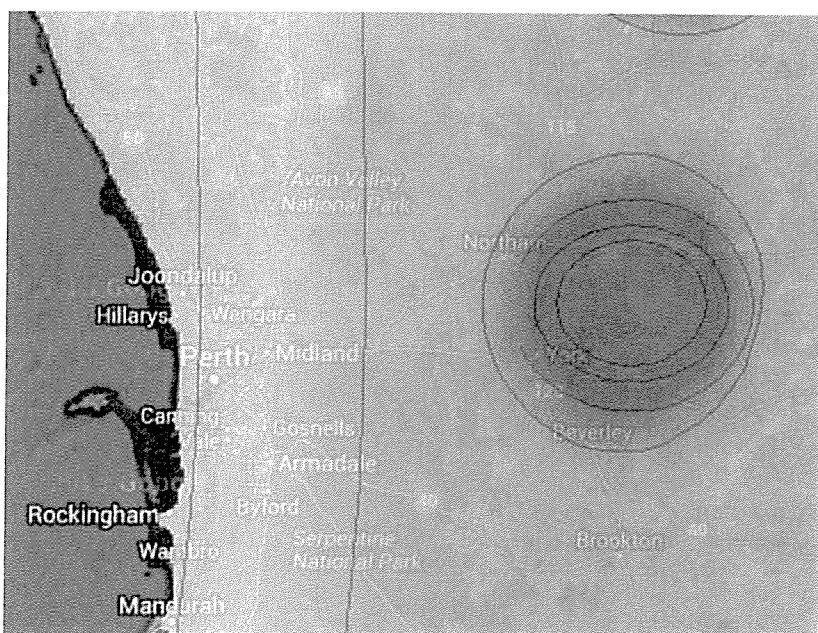
Furthermore, no landfill with a geosynthetic cover is known to have been subjected to strong shaking in an earthquake and no solid waste landfill is known to have experienced fault displacement or liquefaction in the foundation during an earthquake (even though there are solid waste landfills known to be sited on active faults and liquefiable soils).

Therefore, caution is warranted in concluding unconditionally that landfills will continue to perform well in earthquakes and investigations and analyses are required to demonstrate that landfills are properly sited to avoid active faults and are properly designed to resist the effects of strong ground motions and liquefaction.

Geoscience Australia also tells us that earthquakes are episodic, so lack of recent activity is **not** an indication of longer term risk. Given that almost 50 years have passed since the large Meckering quake, this may be suggestive of an impending large event.

Models of episodic fault behaviour, with the area surrounding each fault undergoing its own active/quiescent cycles, possibly with subtle stress interactions between neighbouring faults, are emerging in the literature (Toda et al. 1998; Parsons 2002; Stein and Liu 2009; Li et al. 2009; Leonard and Clark 2011). The occurrence of many of Australia's large ($M = 6.0$) earthquakes appears to be episodic. Examples include Collier Bay, Tennant Creek, Meckering, Meeberrie, Lake Tobin and Beachport all of which had no significant seismicity in the decades prior to their occurrence. An episodic model of earthquake occurrence implies that a much larger area is involved than is observed from a short-term observation of the seismicity

From Geoscience Australia: Earthquake hazard map. York is situated well within the high risk zone.



The proposed landfill is scheduled to remain active for 37 years. To date, less than 45 years have passed since the last major earthquake in this area which caused major damage to many buildings in York. The chances of another major event not occurring during this time is not to be underestimated and would be catastrophic if it were to happen.

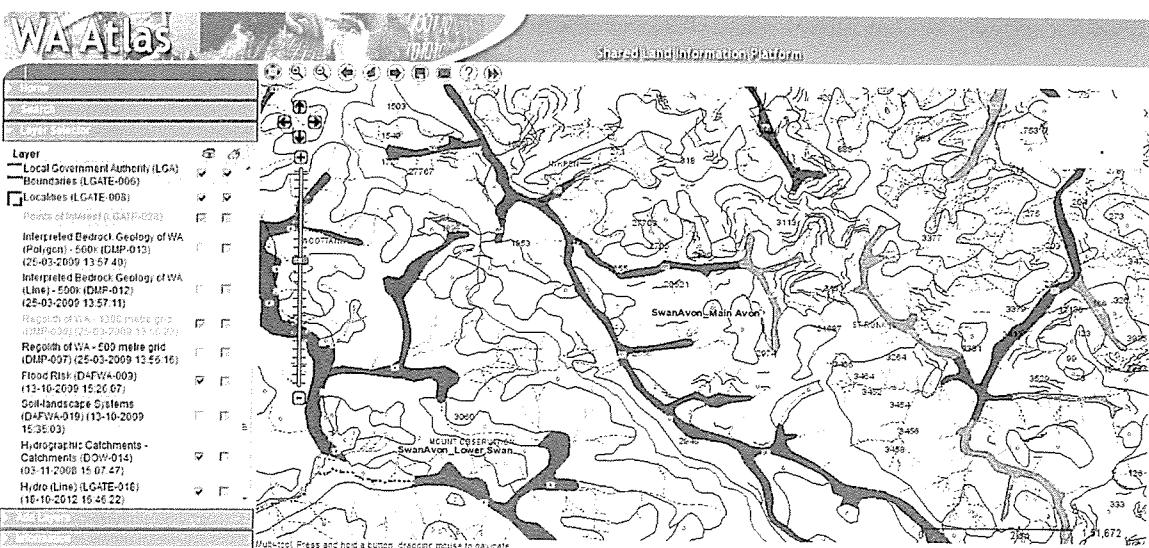
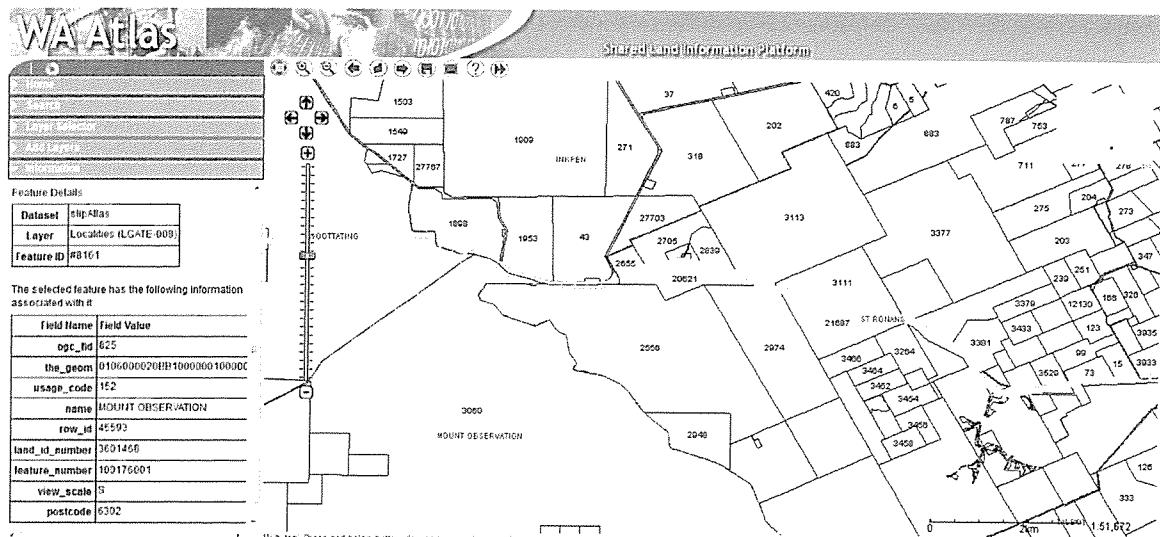
Flood Risk

There are also questions with regard to SITA's dismissal of flooding and groundwater risks. The WA Atlas³ provides the ability to overlay geospatial data in various layers and below are screenshots showing the Cadastre for the Allawuna region and also overlays with:

- DAFWA-019 flood risk (pink)
- Hydrographic Catchments DOW-014 (Blue)

For enlarged versions of these maps, see reference 10 below.

Anyone that has ever been to the area in question will know that there are also signs in this area stating that it is in the Swan-Avon Catchment and to report any cases involving the dumping of rubbish. It would be the ultimate irony if WA's largest waste dump will be situated only a few hundred metres away as would be the case.



Introduced Horticultural Pests

We grow and sell fruit commercially. Mediterranean fruit fly in our area is, thankfully, relatively rare, allowing us to avoid widespread use of pesticides. Contrastingly, fruit fly in the Metropolitan area is rife and contaminated fruit from domestic waste (even when buried) will allow larvae to hatch and breed. Medfly can cover up to 20km to find food⁵ and can also affect Olives and Grapes - both grown commercially in the York area. This has the potential to decimate not only our business but also that of others. This issue is not addressed at all in the proposal.

Effects on Wildlife

Allawuna borders national park - predominantly Wandoor and York Gum, preferred sites for Carnaby's Cockatoo⁶ a protected species whose distinctive call is familiar to residents of this area. Constant activity and noise are likely to have an adverse affect on the habits of these and other native creatures.

Although SITA supplied a Fauna assessment as part of their application, almost all of this was a "desktop review" with the grand total of 1 day spent on-site doing a field survey. On this day, 69Ha was covered by which, if we assume a long day and ignore travel time, works out to a minimum of 10Ha/hour. Now, 100,000m² is a very large area to cover every hour if you are doing a thorough study so this represents a very speedy assessment. This is clearly little more than a box ticking exercise so that they could say that this particular item had been addressed. We suggest that it hasn't, particularly as most wildlife activity occurs at the very start and end of the day.

Summary

SITA has gone to great effort to commission a series of large documents whose primary purpose seems to be to overwhelm the reader with information and for it to appear to have addressed all the relevant criteria. Whilst the document is intentionally very technical in places, it does not stand up to scrutiny with many inaccuracies, incorrect assumptions and omissions.

We regard this proposal as a series of risks, many of them unacceptable risks. We ask that the Shire of York respect the rights of the York community and **reject** the proposal on the grounds that it poses significant and uncertain dangers to the health and lifestyle of local residents and businesses.

Yours faithfully



Andrew Rowland & Glenys Rae

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I agree with the above &
I hope the proposal put
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To The Commissioner James Best and the Shire of York,

RE: The SITA Allawuna Landfill Proposal Lots 9926, 4869, 5931 and 26934 Great Southern Highway, St. Ronan's, York.

I object to the proposed landfill at Allawuna by SITA Australia and believe that the proposal should not be permitted.

The proposal is against the principals of the Shire of York's Town Planning Scheme, which states under general agriculture zone "to ensure the continuation of broad acre agriculture as the principal land use in the district encouraging where appropriate the retention and expansion of agricultural activities." Landfill is not an agricultural activity and will only destroy valuable agricultural land.

The proposed landfill is not acceptable with the Shire of York's Local Planning Strategy, which states "protection of sustainable agriculture and preserve and enhance the environment and natural resources." The proposal does not meet the objectives of York's Community Strategic Plan which states, "Protect and Enhance our rural land and spaces" and has a priority to "Establish land use strategy to ensure rural and farming land is protected." Landfill does not enhance nor preserve and should not be placed in our agricultural areas, especially near important water sources.

The landfill will not benefit York in anyway, but has the potential to destroy our agriculture industry, our tourism and hospitality industries and valuable employment that these industries bring to York. I therefore ask that this proposal be rejected.

I STRONGLY AGREE WITH THE ABOVE.

I LIVE IN PERTH AND TRAVEL THIS
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RE: SITA ALLAWUNA FARM LANDFILL

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DATE..... 2/5/15

NAME..... Brett and Betsy Burrow

ADDRESS..... York WA. 6302

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NAME..... Sarah den Haan & Daniel Platts
ADDRESS..... York

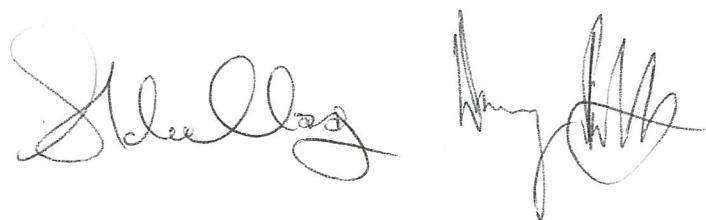
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ADDRESS.....
YORK.....

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DATE 21.5.15

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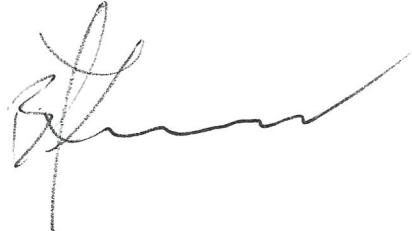
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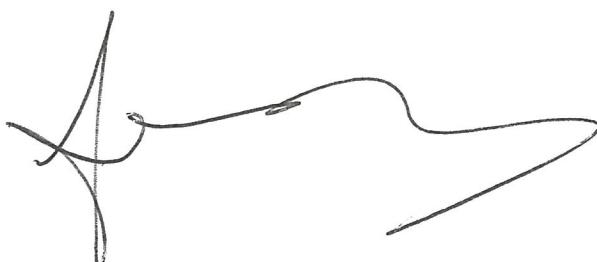
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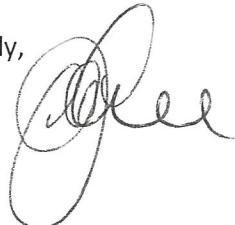
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