



Regional Planning Panel (RPP)

Central Coast Council

Dear members of the RPP,

Re: proposed expansion of Woy Woy Landfill facility DA/12/2024

As a resident of Patonga and fisherman of Patonga Creek, I am deeply concerned about the proposed expansion of this waste facility, as I believe it risks destroying the unique biodiversity of the Patonga creek and the Brisbane Water national park more broadly. Rather than an expansion of the current facility, why is the council not looking for alternative new long-term locations for ongoing waste management, rather than moving closer to a national park and upstream of the Patonga creek?

On a background of recent significant flooding from worsening climate change induced weather events, where furniture, debris, household waste, and other rubbish has washed up on the Patonga beach shoreline, surely this proposal for an expansion of the current waste facility puts the area at greater risk of such events occurring again. Moreover, these events, which destroy and contaminate our waterways, coastline, and coastal national park, destroy tourism for the local area which contributes significantly to the expanding local economy. Additionally, Patonga creek is home to numerous decade old oyster farms which is an industry that is already dealing with many pressures such as the QX virus, other more harmful viruses, and recent floods. A contaminated water way from an expanded Waste Facility will decimate this important industry which also contributes to tourism/fine dining in the local area.

Has the council considered other locations for a new waste facility which is not located near a national park and has greater longevity, rather than a short sited 7.5-year solution? What safeguards will be put in place to ensure future weather events do not result in spillover of the waste facility contents into the National Park and Patonga creek? Has a cost-benefit study been conducted or will be conducted into the construction of new sites for a long-term waste facility versus the short-term expansion of the current facility on a background of the risks outlined above? If no such study is to be conducted, what is the explanation for this?

I would be grateful if the panel considers the issues raised above before ruling on the development proposal.

Yours concerned,

