



Regarding DA/12/2024

I am a resident of Patonga, and I am extremely concerned about the consequences of the expansion of the Waste Management Facility. The expansion will take the landfill site to within a literal stone's throw of the Patonga Creek source. I would assume the increased proximity would lead to a heightened risk in terms of leachate/seepage on a day-to-day basis, and I am also querying what the measurements are in terms of catastrophic events such as flooding. Are there risk assessments in place that do not only mitigate, but completely prevent any impact on Patonga Creek and the nearby National Park?

Patonga Creek is a highly sensitive waterway, and further down you'll find a range of protected animal species, as well as decades old oyster farming facilities. Any significant event would potentially impact the livelihoods of dozens of locals, as well as putting local wildlife at risk.

I seek a guarantee that A. the increased proximity to the Patonga Creek source is (or has been considered) and appropriately addressed, and B. there are appropriate measures in place to prevent any leachate/seepage/etc. during any adverse events such as a major flood.

