

Mayoral vote defeats Nelson Parade waste burial recommendation

THE VOTE of Hunters Hill Mayor Mark Bennett (pictured) decided the council's rejection of a proposal to bury Nelson's Parade's toxic waste on site.

A staff recommendation to support the Property NSW proposal to bury the waste was supported by Deputy Mayor Ben Collins and Cllr Justine McLaughlin who

proposed an amended motion that the burial be supported as an interim measure pending the full removal of the waste when a disposal site becomes available.

Councillors Ross Williams and Elizabeth Krasso voted against the burial in favour of upholding the council's previous commitment to have the waste removed.

With Cllr Zac Miles and Cllr Jim Sander son both absent from Monday night's council meeting, the crucial vote fell to the Mayor and the recommendation to support the proposed burial was defeated by three votes to two.

The controversial issue attracted one of the largest public gallery attendances in Hunters Hill history and more than twenty public speakers for and against the recommendation.

The council resolution will now go before an Independent Planning Commission Panel with Mayor Bennett's assurance that it has the support of the majority of Hunters Hill ratepayers.

"The majority of people are against

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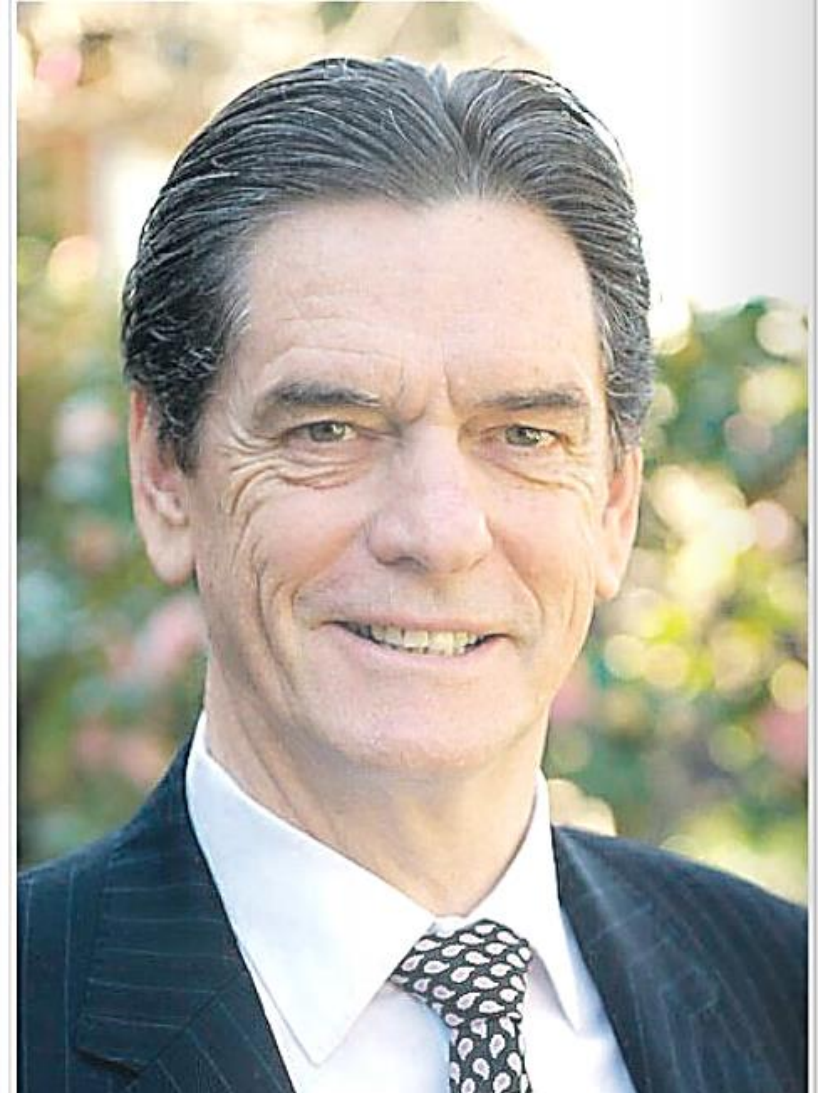
Deputy Mayor Ben Collins argued that removal of the waste to a waste storage facility was not an option before the council, which was presented with a stark choice between burying the waste of leaving it on site and untreated.

He said he is especially concerned about the health and wellbeing of the Frankland family and Rosemary Manusu whose homes are reported to be the most contaminated.

"Do we accept an option that is better or do we just say no to everything?"

"Some might think let us just show a protest vote but I am basing my vote on these people in the street who are most affected."

Councillor McLaughlin would prefer to have the waste removed but proposed the council give "in principle support" for the waste burial while holding the state government



HUNTER'S HILL COUNCIL NOTIFICATION OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

In accordance with the provisions of Part 6.1 Notification Policy of Hunters Hill Consolidated Development Control Plan 2013, notice is hereby given that Council is in receipt of the following Development Application and a Section 4.55 Application modifying the previous Development Application:

DA No.	Site	Proposal	Contact
2019-1060	60 Woolwich Road, Hunters Hill	Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of new two storey dwelling with swimming pool	Mr Shahram Zadgan
2010-1105-1	15 Hunter Street, Woolwich	Section 4.55 – Reduction of basement size, swimming pool delete from plans, front elevations changed, internal reconfiguration and relocate stairs to roof	Mr Kerry Smith

The plans and supporting documentation may be inspected at the Customer Service between 8.30 am and 4.30 pm, Monday to Friday. Written submissions will be received up until **4.00 pm 23 August 2019** and all enquiries may be directed to Assessing Officer on 9879 9400.

Lisa Miscamble
GENERAL MANAGER



encapsulation and this carries significant weight," Mayor Bennett said.

"We need to think about our children's children and that this waste could be encapsulated for eter-

accountable for an eventual removal.

"In the short term clean up the site, it changes the look and feel of the street, it is a practical short term solution."

Councillor Krassoi said she was concerned by expert reports presented at the council meeting which warned of possible structural damage to homes in the Nelson Parade if the excavated burial and concrete encap-



sulation of the waste went ahead.

She also stressed that there are no guarantees the waste would be removed, even if a waste disposal site became available.

"It would be irresponsible for me to invite the devil in, not knowing when the devil will leave," she

said.

"If we vote for this we might live to regret it."

Councillor Williams said sites to take the waste are available and he holds the state government responsible for moving it there.

"We have heard it can be done and done today and (haz-

ardous) materials right now are moving up the Pacific Highway to be disposed in Queensland," he said.

"Encapsulation will not solve the problem, it will just bury it."

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