

I speak tonight not as President of NPAG because no formal vote has been taken, but **on behalf of 12 residents** who support that I speak against this proposal.  
(They are a significant majority of the residents actively involved)

Our long-held opposition to encapsulation remains unchanged.

- The proposal removes only the hydrocarbons subject of the EPA Management Order, and up to 5 barrels of higher level radioactive material (the hotspots). The rest of about 4,000 cubic metres of radioactive material is to be encapsulated on site.

Our view is that this proposal is fundamentally flawed – we believe that **all** contaminated material should be excavated & disposed in OFF-SITE storage, which is what all residents want as first preference.

### **1. Nelson Parade should not be a disposal site.**

It is a **residential street**, in a conservation area, not an industrial area & an industrial structure should not be built here.

Minister Dominello recently said this material should **not** be stored in a densely populated area, but now proposes to do just that.

### **2. The govt says it has nowhere to send the material offsite and has to be stored here. But we challenge that.**

We are told **appropriate temporary** & permanent sites exist in NSW & interstate, but while the govt is focused on this proposal, it limits their efforts to find other alternatives.

Property told us last week, quote “we are looking for **solutions that minimise political pain.**”

This is the **wrong priority**.

Decisions should be not be made for govt self-interest, but on expert opinion, best practice, the environment & community needs.

### **3. The govt claims this proposal will restore saleability and market value of our homes.**

But we're told it would probably be even harder to sell properties because the contamination permanent, the structure physical evidence & all hope of a normal residential street gone.

### **4. The EPA has a fundamental principle that contamination should be fully remediated & not passed to future generations.**

Hence the EPA refusal to encapsulate at Barangaroo. So why pass on the problem here.

### **5. We question the govt's claims that the proposal will be safe.**

\*This govt has shown **callous disregard** for the safety concerns of residents who currently have radon gas emitted into their homes from adjoining govt owned contaminated sites.

\*Who will **monitor** & maintain this facility in perpetuity & the parkland where radon gas is emitted?

\*There is **no experience** to judge the safety of the proposal because the govt can find no precedent for storing radioactive material in a residential street.

\***Radon gas** creates continual health & safety issues, so encapsulating radioactive material is very different from other encapsulated sites.

**Residents are desperate** & want certainty, but we need a solution that completely solves the problem now, without more hollow promises that can not be enforced.

**Minister Roberts** should immediately approve remediation plan 008\_0008 still on hold, which is what the General Manager recently requested.

**It would force** the govt to remove all material off site to appropriate storage, to begin within 90 days, under the EPA Management Order.

And this is exactly what the majority of residents are fighting for.