

HUNTERS HILL COUNCIL REAFFIRMS FULL REMEDIATION OF CONTAMINATED SITE

Hunters Hill Council at its meeting on 12 June 2018 reaffirmed its position that the Nelson Parade site owned by the Government should be fully remediated, with all the contamination taken off site, as in the application for approval now before Minister Roberts.

However, recently the Minister who is the local member is floating a proposal to bury the radioactive material onsite in a concrete bunker – one releasing harmful radon gas.

The debate at Council included the following speakers: Philippa Clark from Nelson Parade, Richard Quinn former Mayor, Phil Jenkyn OAM, John Atkin and Diella Bolzan-Volpato – all community members; and Mayor Mark Bennett, Deputy Mayor Ross Williams, and Councillors Zac Miles, Justine McLaughlin, Elizabeth Krassoi and Jim Sanderson. The recent proposal by Mr Roberts is described by certain speakers as “bizarre”, “disgraceful”, “politically motivated” and “failing the pub test”.

View the full debate at http://www.huntershill.nsw.gov.au/Page/Page.aspx?Page_Id=1313 click on [Ordinary Meeting No. 4440 video](#) The relevant part of the meeting re Nelson Parade is from 00:01:40 to 00:58:12.

The report for the meeting including the letter from Council to the Minister can be found at <http://www.huntershill.nsw.gov.au/Files/CouncilMinutes20152019/4440.pdf> on pages (online) 110 to 115.

The unanimous resolution of the Council is as follows:

1. The report is received and noted.
2. Council reaffirms its position that the site at 7, 9 & 11 Nelson Parade should be fully remediated in accordance with the current application before the Minister.
3. To allow for reasonable evaluation of any on site encapsulation options that may be proposed, that Property NSW provide a response to the questions proposed by HHEAG as soon as possible.
4. Property NSW provide Council with indicative plans for any potential on site encapsulation options that might be pursued as soon as possible, together with appropriate planning and environmental advice in respect of such a proposal.
5. That Council take all reasonable steps to keep the community informed of any updates relating to this issue and take a leadership role in advocating the communities preferred outcomes.
6. Council seeks legal advice as to its obligation to maintain notification on 149 certificates advising of contamination in the near vicinity.