

Residents reject bureaucrats new move to bury radio active waste underground

BY OUR CIVIC ROUNDSMAN

THE VAST MAJORITY of Hunters Hill residents have rejected the latest attempt by bureaucrats to convince them to accept the burial of the radio active waste in Nelson Parade in a concrete bunker, activist Philippa Quinn claims.

Bureaucrats from Property New South Wales met with Nelson Parade residents and Hunters Hill councillors at the council chambers last week and while some support the bureaucrats' encapsulation idea, most want the waste removed.

Ms Clarke was at the meeting and said most residents support the waste removal demands of Mayor Mark Bennett and former Mayor Richard Quinn as on the front page of The Weekly Times on June 20.

"Our residents not only support the Mayors, we are desperate for action and we want something to happen now to remove the waste from this site, which is owned by Property NSW," Ms Clark said.

Residents were given hope the radio active waste - which has been on the former industrial site for almost 100 years - would be removed through recent reassurances by Lane Cove MP Anthony Roberts and Ryde MP Victor Dominello in The Weekly Times.

Mr Dominello is the Minister responsible for Property NSW and spoke about a multi-million grant to have the waste removed, possibly to South Australia.

Philippa Clark is livid that

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Hunters Hill Mayor Cllr Mark Bennett, and former mayor Richard Quinn, have called on the State Government to remove the radio active toxic waste Nelson Parade immediately. Nelson Parade is in the electorate of Lane Cove MP and Minister for Planning, Anthony Roberts and Ryde MP Victor Dominello in Minister for Property NSW responsible for the clean-up. SEE PAGE 2.

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bureaucrats from his department are now offering a solution she described as "totally unacceptable" in a residential street.

"It is a complete betrayal," she said.

"As recently as February and March this government was offering money to have the waste removed and since then something has changed because all we are being offered now is encapsulating the waste in a concrete bunker."

The concrete bunker proposal was also rubbished

by Deputy Mayor Ross Williams who is an environmental scientist and who argues that a proposed ventilation shaft from the bunker will only serve to emit fumes in a concentrated and more toxic form.

"Ross Williams is absolutely right," Ms Clark said.

"In fact the support we have received from the council has been outstanding."

Not so our local politicians.

"I'm not critical of Anthony Roberts because

he sincerely and genuinely wants this waste removed but the person in the hot seat is Mr Dominello," she said.

"I can tell you that if this waste is not removed, residents will make this an election issue and an election issue that Mr Dominello should be concerned about because the waste flows into the Parramatta River, on the very doorstep of his own electorate in Ryde."

The Nelson Parade activist also rejected bureau-

crats claims that waste in Breakfast Point in the City of Canada Bay has recently been successfully encapsulated in concrete.

"That's what they say but this was encapsulated on an industrial site and not in the middle of a residential street and although the waste was toxic it was not radio active waste like we have in Nelson Parade, which doesn't break down for hundreds of years."

"People are horrified Property NSW regards this as a safe alternative."