

'We Want Action'!

Nelson Parade radioactive decontamination scandal



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MPs ROBERTS & DOMINELLO MUST ACT NOW!

BY THE WEEKLY TIMES CIVIC ROUNDSMAN

THE RADIO ACTIVE waste at Nelson Parade in Hunters Hill could be removed within weeks if our local MPs had the will to do it according to former Hunters Hill Mayor Richard Quinn.

Mr Quinn has told The Weekly Times he has repeatedly – but unsuccessfully - called on Ryde MP and Finance Minister Victor Dominello and Lane Cove MP and Planning Minister

Anthony Roberts to stand up for the community and get the site cleaned up as a matter of urgency.



Anthony Roberts Minister for Planning



Victor Dominello Minister for Property

“The contaminated site is owned by Property NSW which comes under Victor Dominello’s portfolio and signing off on the removal is the responsibility of Anthony Roberts as Planning Minister,” Mr Quinn said.

“This site was supposed to have been cleaned up many years ago and where it has been held up is in the signing off and that is all that’s holding this up.”

Mr Quinn said the waste had been earmarked to go to a licensed and approved site at Kemp’s Creek, but the government balked at the option because Kems Creek residents objected to “silvertails from Hunters Hill” dumping their waste out west.

“The former Minister Andrew Constance pulled the plug on it because Kems Creek is in a marginal seat,” he said.

“The only thing stopping this waste being removed is the political will to do it.”

Mr. Quinn said there is strong anecdotal evidence to show that property values in and around Nelson Parade have dropped significantly due to the contamination, on top of residents’ concerns about health risks and waste flowing into the Parramatta River.

“I’ve heard that houses on the market are unable to be sold because when potential buyers do research on Google what pops up is Nelson Parade’s radio-active contamination,” he said.

“And this issue also impacts on everyone living in the Ryde and Lane Cove electorates because when you have heavy rain all the contamination from Nelson Parade, not just the radio-active contamination, runs down into the Parramatta River.”

Inquiries by The Weekly Times confirmed the radioactive waste can fit into a few small, sealed drums and that it could be stored at any hospital radioactive waste vault.



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“Lidcombe Hospital, for example has a storage facility and all the government needs to do is sift the contamination and store it, it is a normal practice and what we’re saying to our local MPs is get it done,” Mr. Quinn said.

The history of the radio-active waste at Kemps Creek goes back more than 100 years, when an industrial site was located there.

“This has gone on too long, with previous Labor governments failing to do anything about it and I stress, again, all that is stopping this waste being removed is a political will to do it,” he said.

Mr. Quinn declined to comment on Lane Cove and Ryde being marginal seats and the potential political damage for Mr. Roberts and Mr. Dominello.

NOTE: A PUBLIC MEETING IS BEING HELD IN HUNTERS HILL TOWN HALL NEXT TUESDAY NIGHT 20 FEB AT 7PM. ALL ARE INVITED.

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JB's World

THIS WEEK is busy with Eastwood Chamber of Commerce meeting Monday at Club Eastwood with Epping MP Damian Tudehope guest speaker, Ryde Historical Society AGM Tuesday, Valentine's Day Wednesday, Gordon Jardine's funeral and Concord Hospital meeting Thursday and Eastwood Lunar New Year celebrations weekend. Plus plenty in between and of course the Hunters Hill meeting Tuesday. Continued on Page 3.