

## NELSON PARADE, HUNTERS HILL CONTAMINATION

LETTERS to TWT Editor 27 June 2018

### TWT's 'Clean it up NOW!' endorsed

Dear Sir,

It is a disgrace that this NSW Government has not yet removed from its own site in Nelson Parade, Hunters Hill, serious contamination including radioactive waste.

This residential site on the Parramatta River is clearly causing harm to the health of residents and generally to the surrounding environment and has for many years.

Congratulations to TWT for highlighting on page one last week the urgent need to 'Clean it up NOW!'

You have wide community support for this demand, not only from the Mayor of Hunters Hill Mark Bennett, but also from the Deputy Mayor Ross Williams, former Mayor Richard Quinn, Councillors, Philippa Clark and the Nelson Parade Action Group and many members of the community both local and wider.

Expert reports say that it should be taken off site to an appropriate facility, and local Lane Cove member Anthony Roberts who is also Minister for Planning can simply sign the application before him from Property NSW to make this happen.

The member for Ryde Victor Dominello, who is the Minister for Property NSW, stated to residents recently that the Government had \$30 million to clean up the site. Well Minister, it wasn't in the NSW Budget for the next year.

The community is sick of the spin and the delays from both Ministers.

Clean it up NOW!

**PHIL JENKYN OAM**  
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## Consideration for remediation work

Dear Sir,

TWT's support for our campaign to encourage the NSW Government to remediate the former industrial land at Nelson Parade was important in securing a \$30m commitment from Government to fix this problem.

We appreciate the engagement of Property NSW and our local member, Anthony Roberts MP, over recent months.

Property NSW has developed a number of remediation proposals which warrant serious consideration and evaluation.

Residents are understandably concerned with these proposals because a significant part of the contaminated waste would be encapsulated onsite.

However, onsite encapsulation is quite commonly used for the remediation of former industrial land like the site in Nelson Parade. It is certainly preferable to the current position.

After 40 years in inaction and broken promise by successive Governments, it is also understandable that residents are sceptical about this Government's commitment to follow through.

Testing the proposals from a scientific and technical perspective and securing the commitment of Government is best done by a calm consideration of the facts in a balanced, reasoned and careful manner.

We need to avoid further needless politicisation of the issues.

I emphasised these points when I spoke as Chair of Hunters Hill Environment Action Group at the recent Council meeting reported on in your edition of June 20.

We were pleased with the resolution of Hunters Hill Council to support residents test the current proposals on their merits.

We look forward to TWT's continuing support of our campaign.

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