

- Gary Blaschke OAM (LAKE MUNMORAH)
- I REPRESENT THE COAL-ASH COMMUNITY ALLIANCE INC. & MANY OF MY CENTRAL COAST AND LAKE MACQUARIE COMMUNITIES.
- I PREVIOUSLY PUT FORWARD A 17 PAGE SUBMISSION OUTLINING THE COMMUNITY'S CONCERNS OF WHICH WE HOPE YOU HAVE READ AND COMPREHENDED.
- THE IMMEDIATE NEED TO REUSE COAL ASH IS NOT ROCKET SCIENCE, AS WE HAVE IN OUR REGION ALONE (VALES POINT, ERARING & FORMER LAKE MUNMORAH) SOME 60 MILLION TONNES OF STORED COAL ASH, TOPPED UP AT A RATE OF A FURTHER 2 MILLION TONNES PER ANNUM.
- THE INDUSTRY FAILED AND HAS LET ITSELF, THE GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMUNITY DOWN FOR CLOSE TO FIVE DECADES.
- AT THIS RATE WE HAVE THE POTENTIAL OF SOME 89 MILLION TONNES OVER THE 12 YEAR LIFESPAN OF BOTH POWER STATIONS, EVEN WITH RECYCLING.
- ERARING'S POWER STATION COAL ASH RECYCLING FIGURES FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS ARE 27%, 29.8% AND 34.8% ,
WITH A \$100 CASH BET BETWEEN
& MYSELF, THAT THEY
WON'T GET TO THEIR 80% TARGET BY DECEMBER 2021
- ADDED TO THIS IS SOME THOUSANDS OF TONNES OF ASBESTOS LEGALLY BURIED AT ERARING, WITH REPORTEDLY VALES POINT ALSO HAVING THOUSANDS OF TONNES OF ILLEGALLY DUMPED ASBESTOS MIXED INTO ITS CLEAN FILL CAPPIN

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- **“IDENTIFIED AND MARKED”** IS THE QUOTE FROM
OF THE EPA.
- YET, RECOGNISED AS **“REMEDIATION”** BY BOTH JUSTIN FLOOD
(EXECUTIVE MANAGER DELTA) *QUOTE...* “ A PROGRESSIVE CAP
AND COVER APPROACH” *UNQUOTE*.
- ALSO JAMES GRIFFIN MP , PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY FOR
THE ENVIRONMENT AND VETERANS THROUGH YASMIN CATLEY
MP (SWANSEA)
Quote... “THE ASH DAMS AS THOSE AT ERARING AND VALES
POINT POWER STATIONS ARE PROGRESSIVELY COVERED WITH
CLEAN SOIL AND REVEGETATED TO **“REHABILITATE”** THESE
AREAS AND MITIGATE ENVIRONMENTAL RISK” *Unquote*.
- The Hon MATT KEAN MP MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
HAS ALSO ACCEPTED IN CORRESPONDENCE, THE “CAP AND
COVER APPROACH”.
- *HOW WRONG CAN THESE SO CALLED LEADERS OF INDUSTRY
AND PARLIAMENT BE, I ASK?*
**WHO EXACTLY SIGNED OFF ON THE “SALE OF THE CENTURY”
FOR THE SALE OF DELTA’S VALES POINT POWER STATION AND
ALL ITS LAND?**

**WITH A CONTRACT THAT IGNORES THE EXISTING 26 MILLION
TONNES OF COAL ASH CURRENTLY STORED AND ONLY PUTS
THE ONUS BACK ONTO SUNSET INTERNATIONAL LIMITED FOR
THE COAL ASH IN WHICH THEY HAVE PRODUCED SINCE THEIR
TAKEOVER.**

**A \$1 MILLION SALE BY THIS GOVERNMENT THAT HAS NOW
BEEN VALUED AT \$140 MILLION, JUST A FEW YEARS LATER.**

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- **UNLESS THERE IS A SUBSTANTIAL WORLDS BEST PRACTICE PLAN TO REDUCE AND REUSE ALL THE COAL ASH STORED AND PRODUCED, THEYAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAZZZ` WILL CONTINUE TO IMPACT ON BOTH THE REGIONAL HUMAN HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS HIGHLIGHTED BY...**
- **AIR POLLUTION: *ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AUSTRALIA* "TOXIC AND TERMINAL REPORT"**
- **LAKE AND SEDIMENT POLLUTION: *HUNTER COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT CENTRE* "OUT OF THE ASHES REPORT".**
- **DOCTORS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AUSTRALIA: *SUBMISSION TO THIS INQUIRY RAISING HEALTH IMPLICATIONS OF COAL ASH AND ITS COMPONENTS.***
- **LOCAL DOCTOR'S HEALTH REPORTS *STEMMING BACK THREE DECADES ON ASTHMA & RESPIRATORY ISSUES BEING RAMPANT IN THE LAKE MUNMORAH SCHOOL PRECINCT.***
- **NSW PUBLIC HEALTH BULLETIN (VOL 24 (2) 2013 *INDICATING HIGHER RATES OF EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT ATTENDANCE FOR ASTHMA, RESPIRATORY DISEASE AND CARDIO-VASCULAR DISEASE IN REGIONS NEAR POWER STATIONS.***
- **N.S.W. HEALTH REPORT ON "RESPIRATORY AND CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE AND CANCER AMONG RESIDENTS IN THE HUNTER NEW ENGLAND AREA HEALTH SERVICE" (2010)**

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• I PUT TO THIS INQUIRY THAT...

1. THAT NEW COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE'S BE ESTABLISHED BY THE N.S.W. GOVERNMENT TO OVERSEE THE REUSE OF COAL ASH AT ALL COAL- ASH DAMS IN N.S.W.

2. THAT COAL ASH BE LISTED AS A "HAZARDOUS WASTE" UNDER THE ACT.

3. THAT A COAL ASH LEVY BE INTRODUCED TO THE TUNE AS THAT OF WHICH THE COMMUNITY IS CHARGED FOR SIMPLY DUMPING EXCESS GENERAL WASTE AT THEIR LOCAL LANDFILL.

I SUGGEST \$200 PER TONNE, TO GO BACK INTO A FUND FOR COMMUNITY USAGE. (THE COMMUNITY IS CHARGED \$329.09 PER TONNE FOR LANDFILL)

4. THAT SUNSET INTERNATIONAL LIMITED AND ORIGIN ENERGY EACH CONTRIBUTE \$100,000 PER ANNUM TO ALLOW THE CCC'S TO EMPLOY THEIR OWN SCIENTISTS, CARRYOUT INDEPENDENT TESTS AND READ REPORTS, AS A GESTURE OF GOOD WILL AND AS PER ORICA IN BOTANY.

THANK YOU...