

**Submission  
No 35**

**INQUIRY INTO COSTS FOR REMEDIATION OF SITES  
CONTAINING COAL ASH REPOSITORIES**

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Dear Panel

I am a resident of Lake Macquarie since 1990. Of course I was always aware that my health and that of my community would be somewhat compromised living in close proximity to coal fired power stations. Unfortunately like so many of my neighbours affordable housing brought me here. Sadly it seems lower socioeconomic groups are subject to compromised environments. In 2020 there is NO excuse for governments NOT to strictly regulate and monitor approved polluting industries. Government is entrusted with a duty to protect the population. Profit over people should be unlawful.

Obviously children and adults innocently exercising at Myuna Bay Sports and Recreation Centre have been exposed for decades to the heavy metals leaching from the Eraring ash dam and bellowing from the chimneys. In fact this pollution would be widespread on the Lake. Lake Macquarie is a residential city.

I call on the government to instruct the polluter to clean up the ground, air and water pollution to the highest level forthwith.

Your sincerely

Sandra Kirby

I have not contributed to any political party.