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Ms Lone Schou
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Dear Ms Schou

Can you tell me what is the latest on the proposed export of Hexachlorobenzene waste from Australia.

The stockpile is located in the electorate of Australia's Environment Minister, Peter Garrett. I also live in this electorate on Botany Bay and am committed to sustainability and environmental conservation. I have been attending meetings on the matter of the HCB stockpile since 2000 and made a submission in 2002 against the proposal to build a plant in Botany to destroy it. The method proposed, Geomelt, had never been used to process HCB nor been used in a populated area* but a Commission of Inquiry, with the qualified support of the NSW EPA and the Department of Planning, did recommend it go ahead (link - <http://www.coi.nsw.gov.au/inquiry/40/6.pdf>). A subsequent government review (the first time after a Commission of Inquiry) recommended against it and Orica was required to find an alternative site in NSW. There was no long term strategy and no support from State and Federal Governments in finding a site. Regional communities were not offered longer-term benefits (research facilities, community enhancements) for accepting the waste. It was not surprising that no site could be found. After this the strategy was to export. Bipartisan support (by the then Environment Minister Malcolm Turnbull and Shadow Minister Peter Garrett) was provided in 2007 (before the current Labour government was elected) for export to three locations in Germany. As you may be aware one of the German States refused the export and there was a legal challenge from Orica. Orica dropped this last year after the application to Denmark.

The stockpile was supposed to be moved out of Botany (a highly populated area of Sydney) many years ago. To my mind our State and Federal governments have been recalcitrant. Now we are met with silence and I cannot even get a meeting with my local member to discuss this.

Your details were copied into an email I received from Lena Tempel but I have previously seen your name mentioned in an article written on this matter by a visiting Danish student in a University of Technology Sydney (UTS) newspaper.

Regards, Lynda Newnam
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*Botany is 10 km from the centre of Sydney's CBD and adjacent NSW's largest port and Australia's biggest airport.

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