



## *Correct Planning & Consultation for Mayfield Group*

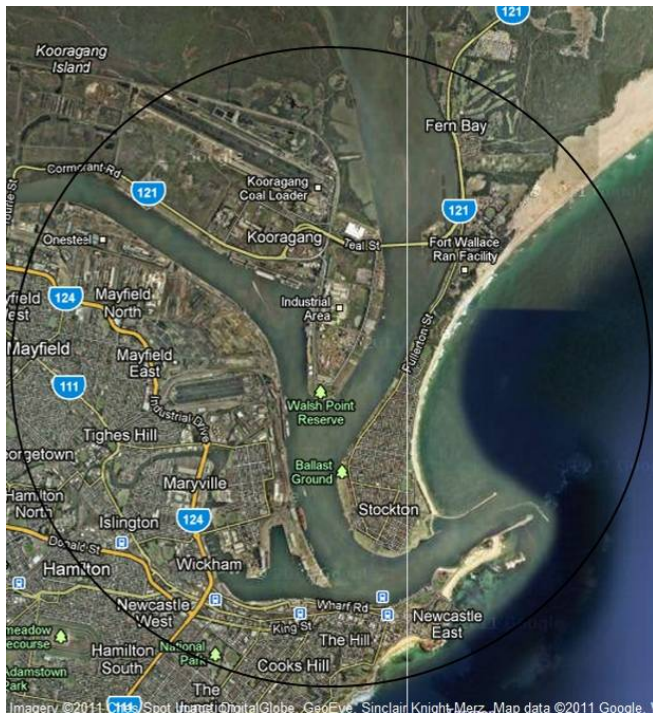
for the seven new wharfs of Mayfield.

To whom it May Concern

We would like to request that the Senate Inquiry comes to Newcastle/Hunter so that you can see 1<sup>st</sup> hand what conditions we live with.

We would also like to thank you for this Inquiry. We want good outcomes for communities across Australia who are dealing with poor air quality.

We live in Mayfield and surrounding suburbs, please see the map below that shows Mayfield as well as the Port of Newcastle & the other suburbs that are within 4 Kms of the port, approximately 44,000 people.



Within Mayfield we have 2 public schools, 3 private schools a number of pre-schools and 4 aged care facilities all with half km to one km away from stockpiles of coal, uncovered coal trains, as well as other port side industry's.

In August 2011 the suburb of Stockton had Hexavalent Chromium leaked over it, the release was from the company Orica on Kooragang Island. This could have easily

been any suburb within proximity to Orica, the wind direction that night was blowing over Stockton.

We then had an Ammonia leak from (Kooragang Island 2012) causing two workers at Mayfield, to be taken to hospital. This occurred less than 1km from a Mayfield East Primary school, the incident happened at 2pm. One can only imagine if it occurred at 3 pm & the Ammonia hit the school.

Our group has put in many submissions to Port related planning.

Our major concerns are that cumulative effects of industry. Air quality we feel is not properly addressed at the application stage EIS nor at the approval stage DoPI.

The outcomes we would like are:

- Get rid of self regulation. It doesn't work.
- All new plants or expansion of existing facilities must have a closed loop system to deal with their own pollution. Pollution produced must be remediated on site - no pollution can leave that plant
- Base line, up to date and regular data of cumulative impacts of actual and allowable pollution levels from related industries must be made available to the public.
- Cumulative impacts must be taken into account before any new plants are approved. If the cumulative impact is then deemed too great, no new approvals.
- The community's concerns needs must be taken into account.
- Base line data of cumulative impacts of actual and allowable pollution levels must be made available to the public.
- More monitors that can give the authorities, the companies & the community better understanding of when, how often & what pollution we are being exposed to.
- A comprehensive evaluation of the Air Quality Standards e.g.: PM 10 – 50, is the standard to high for the health impacts on the community, what are worlds best practice.

Claire Charles

Secretary

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**Trains not Trucks for the 7 new Mayfield Wharfs**

**The CPCFM Group has more than 500 Members & Supporters**