

Dear Yatala and Ormeau residents.

We ask that you read the [Gold Coast Sun](#) articles and note that our Division 1 council representative and Deputy Mayor councillor Donna Gates is urging community groups and individual residents to make submissions on the 2015 City plan.

As many of you may be aware Council had excluded the more hazardous types of industries defined as "Special Industries" from its new draft city plan 2015. This was intended to ensure that industries such as the Phoenix Biomass plant could no longer be allowed to be built so close to residences in the Yatala and Ormeau regions, and, for that matter, anywhere else in Gold Coast City.

The State Government has since instructed Council to include Hazardous/"Special industry" back into the 2015 City Plan and ***if this is not vigorously challenged by all the residents it may well mean that many many more industries similar to Phoenix will be allowed on our doorsteps with Council and DEHP powerless to stop them.***

You only need to go to to read the [questions that we have submitted to council's legal officers](#) in regard to the Phoenix court decision. You will see that for this plant alone there are many serious health concerns. It is interesting to note that 3 weeks on, these health concerns still remain to be answered.

It is also concerning to note the terms of the Draft Plan in which the different [industry impact levels are defined](#), given that the industrial lands in the Yatala/Ormeau area are **currently zoned:**

**Low/Medium/High Impact Industry** ([see map](#)).

Specifically speaking the expected level for "potential ... impacts on sensitive land uses due to offsite emissions including aerosol, fume, particle, smoke, odour and noise" is:

- Special industry: potential for **extreme** impacts,
- High impact industry: potential for **significant** impacts,
- Medium impact industry: potential for **noticeable** impacts,
- Low impact industry: negligible impacts.

The 2015 City Plan has finally been released. The YRA committee will be checking it closely and will post key points online to help residents in making their submissions. We will also email this information directly to members.

Please note if there are 4 or 5 members in your household everyone in the household should make an effort to post or email their individual objection to the City Plan.

Hopefully many thousands of people will take this opportunity to send a very clear message to our State Government that it must change its position in regard to placing hazardous Industry so close to our homes.

Remember - the latest information will always be available online on this web site.

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