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Council decides a risk assessment is urgent

Tuesday, 12 February 2013

Media Release Thursday, 14 February 2013

HOBSONS BAY COUNCIL

Lobbying for safety and better planning for hazard facilities

Hobsons Bay City Council will continue to advocate to the state government and major hazard facility operators to urgently conduct risk assessments of their facilities in Hobsons Bay.

The Council will also work closely with local MPs to push for the assessments to help with safety and planning around major hazard facilities.

Mayor of Hobsons Bay Councillor Angela Altair said Hobsons Bay was home to eight major hazard facilities and careful planning was needed to ensure the facilities and the community could co-exist safely.

“We will continue to lobby the state government to address planning gaps around development near major hazard facilities, to provide clear direction and ensure consistency and community safety,” said Cr Altair.

“This is important for planning permit applications, such as the former Port Phillip Woollen Mills site, where a planned development is near a major hazard facility.””

http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Council/Media_and_news/February_2013/Lobbying_for_safety_and_better_planning_for_hazard_facilities

SW Comment: Council procrastinated on this issue from when we asked detailed questions in November 2010. At last they are treating the matter as urgent and seeking funding for the assessment from the MHF operators (Mobil and Port of Melbourne). If councillors had not changed the recommendations of the officers, we would not have moved one step forward. Well done councillors in at last being rational about safety.

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