

Living in a suburb most affected by air pollution in Victoria, Brooklyn 3012, I certainly am interested in the Government's plans to Clean up the Air quality and believe Brooklyn should be given a high priority.

The number of polluting industries so close to residential areas near Melbourne's CBD is astounding. In my own neighbourhood my car windows and air vents are closed at all times. When a Northerly wind blows the windows at home are closed. Soon this might also be the case when the wind comes from the south, with a new Contaminated Waste Facility at Altona.

Then there are the ever increasing number of trucks with brown/black smoke/dust spewing from their exhausts.

Then the fact that a lot of the pollution comes from areas just to the north which is governed by the Maribynong Council, but affects our air quality. Companies in this area including Boral Quarries Recycling, Sunshine Groupe and Sims Metals. All surrounded by residential areas.

The Hobsons Bay Council and the EPA try their best to protect people's health but are overruled by VCAT, Westgate Tunnel Project, et.al. VCAT overruled the Council's refusal to grant a permit thus allowing a *Contaminated Waste Facility within 1 km. from people's homes.*

- Council decided to keep the many trucks off Millers Road (Residential area) and reach the West Gate via Grieves Parade (Industrial area) but was overruled.
- EPA has had to fight for *years* against Western Land Reclamation to improve its practices before VCAT upheld EPA's licence amendment on the Brooklyn landfill company.

If the Andrews Government is serious about helping to improve air quality (and thereby people's health) in Victoria I suggest:

- ✓ Start with changing the EPA's *advisory role to empowering capacity.*
- ✓ Legislation that ensures *all* diesel vehicles (including trucks) are fitted with appropriate anti-pollution gear or phased out if this is not possible.
- ✓ Enable Councils' decisions on what kind of industry and traffic it wants to ban from its residential areas are respected and cannot be overruled.