Proposed DonKR waste gasification plant

- Castlemaine is about to get a dirty waste-to energy biodigester and garbage combustion plant, which will destroy the town's livability
- There has been next to no community consultation
- Take action now to stop Castlemaine becoming Victoria's rubbish tip

MASG (Mount Alexander Sustainability Group) is 100% behind this project in spite of there being nothing in it for the community. They have already received over $750k in grants to investigate the installation of these units on the edge of the DonKR site and will gain ongoing funding as a minor shareholder. DonKR will get cheap energy and a convenient way to freely dispose of their toxic waste (plastic, cardboard and contaminated meat) with an initial 30-year contract. All we get is a 10 km radius of polluted air, constant truck traffic, wood chipping noise plus two gas plants adjacent to a bushfire zoned area (BAL 29), residents, the pony club and the hospital.

Do you think that combusting/gasifying council waste, sewerage and animal byproducts is the only way to achieve 'zero net emissions by 2025'?

These plants are extremely hungry and arrangements have already been secured to truck in all sorts of waste from surrounding shires and beyond. DonKR's ongoing EPA breaches and the weak infringement notices mean, that once the green light is given, there is no way we can stop the continuous expansion of this plant, as DonKR will be in charge of running it.

If you are a loyal supporter of MASG and their central Castlemaine biomass project, please lobby them to put it in a safer place away from the township.

Did you know that the Australian Greens and Enviroment Victoria are against burning waste? They promote using less plastic and support composting organic matter instead, like what the Macedon shire is successfully doing by creating and on-selling valuable vermicast.

In the meantime, Castlemaine is fast on its way to becoming Victoria's waste dumping ground.

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What can we do?

Talk to your family, friends and neighbours.

Write to your local newspapers.

Do your own research on waste-to-energy (google *opposition to biomass*) and consider 30+ years of rubbish trucks coming and going from surrounding shires.

Follow the money trail. CEOs are obsessed with this stuff. MASG's frontman for the project has sold up in Castlemaine and now resides in Melbourne. NIMBY anymore…

Call or email DonKR's parent company:
Associated British Foods - abf.co.uk (contact page)

Call or email DonKR Australia (donenquiries@gwf.com.au; Tel: 9392 4600).

Ask MASG why they are supporting DonKR and not the community (info@msag.org.au; Tel: 0492 913 967). See wearecrab.org for more contact details.

Register with MASG to be one of the lucky few 88 people at their final 'community consultation' meeting on 12.08.21. It's off to the planning department after that. Time is running out!

If you like movies, watch Mike Moore's "Planet of the Humans" on YouTube. Biomass topic starts at 52 minutes and 30 seconds.

You have probably seen a few serial protesters in Castlemaine over the years: Save the Tassie Forest; Save the Refugees, etc. Well, now it's really local. It's time for you to get involved and save your beloved Castlemaine.

Join the CRAB (Castlemaine Residents Against Biomass) website - wearecrab.org - and leave a short note on how your time or talents could be used (e.g. you might be able to hand out flyers, or you may like to be involved in a protest). You could have your own angle on how to help…

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