



Speech by

**Peter Wellington**

**MEMBER FOR NICKLIN**

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## **BIOREACTOR LANDFILL FACILITY**

**Mr WELLINGTON** (Nicklin—Ind) (10.25 am): I use this opportunity to read into the parliamentary record a letter I have recently received from one of my constituents. It states—

I request that you lobby the Minister of the Environment on my behalf, to change the guidelines for location and operation of Bioreactor Landfill dumps.

Maroochy Shire Council is proposing to build a Bioreactor Landfill Dump in a valley between the towns of Nambour and Yandina. They are using the current dry landfill EPA guidelines of 500 metres as their justification for locating this type of dump so close to thousands of homes; whereas, overseas this type of dump is located 5km from homes and 10 km from waterways.

The EPA needs to URGENTLY review the guidelines and create specific guidelines for Bioreactors.

These are some of the objections I have already raised with Maroochy Shire Council:

I strongly object to the location of a Bioreactor Dump within 5km of any residential homes.

I'm not prepared to accept the stench from this proposed dump, as it will impact on my family's lifestyle and health.

I am concerned that the already polluted river systems and water table will be further endangered by this project.

I don't believe we should destroy farmland that the Mayor has said is so important to preserve.

I can't believe the council is planning to build a road through a National Park just for Garbage trucks.

I am concerned that a beautiful valley and native animal's habitat will be destroyed, degrading the Bio-Diversity our council claims to care so much about.

If this is the best site council can find, then we shouldn't have a bioreactor in our shire. Ship the waste out as other councils do. I call upon you as a member of Parliament to represent my concerns to the minister as a matter of urgency.

A concerned Queenslander.

I table this letter for the benefit of the minister and all members.

*Tabled paper:* Copy of letter, undated, from T Biedrzycka to Mr Wellington MP relating to a bioreactor landfill dump proposal.

Members will recall that recently I have tabled a number of petitions in this House along similar lines, calling on the government to review and refine the current legislation which regulates bioreactors in Queensland.