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## Your View

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### What support?

INNOVA Soil Technology has made a claim that it is delighted and encouraged by the strong support from the community for its proposal to locate the Victorian toxic waste treatment centre in Hobsons Bay (*The Mail*, August 19).

How can it make such a claim when there has not been public consultation to date and its briefings so far have been to a very limited audience?

At an Innova briefing for environmental groups at which only two groups attended, I told them I would oppose any attempt to bring contaminated and toxic wastes from all over Victoria into Hobsons Bay.

I also made it clear that if it wishes to come into Hobsons Bay to clean up the contaminated Dow site then by all means do so — but Hobsons Bay is not the place to set up a contaminated waste treatment centre, which would process all of Victoria's toxic waste in the heart of the residential area and

within 10 kilometres of the CBD. The place for such a centre is outside the metropolitan area.

After speaking to many Hobsons Bay residents, I am yet to find anyone who agrees with the proposal to bring contaminated soil and toxic wastes into our city for processing.

I implore the Hobsons Bay community to show its concerns when the public consultation meeting is arranged.

**Geoff Mitchelmore, Altona North**

### Residents unaware

I AM responding to Dr Nick Ebrill's article (*The Mail*, August 19).

I am a local resident and do not believe we have been fully informed of this new proposal, nor have we been delighted with what Dr Ebrill states.

I was totally opposed to a plan back in 2002 for a similar waste recycling plant in Altona and never expected to see another proposal so close to our homes again.

I have a number of questions for Dr Ebrill and I'm sure others have, too.

For example, and I quote Dr Ebrill, when or where have "members of the local community" been made aware of such a proposal? Can Innova guarantee 100 per cent that "there will be no impact on local residents" and "no dust or odour from the site"? I'm hoping the council and the EPA fully examine environmental impact at all levels, such as buffer zone to the residential houses, ground and stormwater, air pollution, noise, etc.

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