



Chunxing Corporation Pty Ltd

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A proposed state-of-the-art recycling plant will use the most advanced engineering and environmental practices available in the world, according to the proponents of the project.

It will also produce a range of value-adding products at the site and establish a research and development facility.

The comments from Chief Executive Officer of Chunxing Corporation, Dr Lakshman Jayaweera, were in response to a media statement from project opponents late last week which he said was “misleading”.

“Not only will its environmental performance well below all statutory emission limits set by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) but it is world’s best practice,” Dr Lakshman said.

“During our meetings with the community, we have presented all our air modelling examples based on the data from our plant in China, the second largest in the world. Emissions will be 300 times lower than permissible level allowed by EPA standards, virtually non-existent.”

Dr Lakshman said the safety of the community and the company’s employees was paramount.

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“We will have extensive air monitoring across our site, and we are willing to locate monitors in locations requested by the community for reassurance,” he said. “All results will be available online for transparency.”

Dr Lakshman said the proposed plant would operate with a buffer zone of more than twice the requirement of the EPA.

“This industry is not new to Australia; there is a plant in New South Wales which is operating very well; in comparison, our plant will use more advanced technology,” he added.

“After extensive research, we chose the Latrobe Valley as our preferred site, given the community transitioning from its reliance on the power industry to other sustainable industries. The skills we need, including management, will all be sourced from the local area.”

Recycling batteries provided a number of benefits to the local and national economy, according to Dr Lakshman. By reducing waste sent to landfill, it avoids any pollution and conserves resources by recovering a valuable material instead of disposing it.

“Our value-added products include refined lead and alloys for new battery manufacturing, high density plastics products and fertiliser grade zinc sulphate for fertiliser industries.

“Our company also intends establishing research and development facilities locally and will invest in an affiliation with the local universities in the field of energy storage and recycling field.”

Dr Lakshman urged the community to find out the facts about the proposal before making judgments. Information, including fact sheets, a draft of the Works Approval application and other project information is available on the website www.chunxing.com.au

“If we get approval, our proposed \$40 million plant will create upwards of 50 jobs and there will be many more local opportunities in the construction phase on the 33-acre site. We are already in the process of exploring to source local staff, engineering and construction people to assist in our project. Located on an existing industrial estate, we would ensure the site is fully landscaped to very high-quality standard.

“We want to work with the community and speak directly and meet with anyone who has concerns about our proposal.”

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