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Subject: Questions For Council

On the 21 st of November I was at 21 Lakeside Drive and noticed another large fenced area behind the fenced area used to lock up earth moving vehicles being used to work on Lakeside Drive at the moment. I noticed that there was a lot of imported materials within this fenced area and also saw that the top layer of the road being worked on was being deposited into what at first appeared to be a pit dug into the site. I now see that this area that was a depression is now full and this waste appears to be being used to fill it up. In fact it appears that a good deal of waste has already been covered over and compacted. There is also a lot of other imported materials including tons of white rock like substance . I immediately contacted the NTEPA.

Simon Gunner of the NTEPA subsequently wrote me an email to let me know that NTEPA staff had gone to look at the site and there seemed to be no assessment of this vast amount of waste material or a licence to dump it at this location, but the NTEPA (an organisation that is well known to be somewhat ineffectual in regard to matters relating to Government bodies and departments) was assured that this waste is to be removed for use on other projects and claim that the area will be fully reinstated to its original condition once work on the road is completed.

I would appreciate answers to the following :

1. .What is the name of the company who are responsible for depositing this waste at this location ?
2. As this is a public access area and part of a surge zone why was there no public consultation or notification what so ever of this area being used as a stockpile area or that waste was to be buried here? Why was there no development application for public comment? If any of these indeed do exist please attach them to the minutes of this meeting.
3. This is a huge area that has been affected. Who will pay for the remediation of this site ? And if it is our taxes/rates that will be used how much will it cost approximately? Could the estimated budget for this rehabilitation project please be attached to the minutes of this meeting?
4. As this area is now compacted and stripped of grass and has lost any ability to absorb surge water how exactly will this area be reinstated to its original condition ?
5. After Cyclone Tracey this area was used to dump waste and rubble. This building rubble is what formed most of the mounds in this area. It is heavily polluted with asbestos. How will Council ensure that this waste is not exposed whilst removing the tons and tons of waste that has been deposited during this operation?

6. Will the many tons of waste already buried at this site during this operation also be removed or just the most conspicuous stuff that is still uncovered and obvious?

7. What work plans, licences, and reports were in place for this work to go ahead? As this is a surge zone was there a report on the hydrology of the area used to plan this operation? If these documents exist could they please be attached to the minutes of this meeting for scrutiny by concerned citizens? If they don't exist why was this work carried out?

8. Who authorised this operation to allow this area to be used as a dumping ground and stock pile site to go ahead?

9. Is it not true that this site which is part of the surge zone affecting a large part of the suburb of Alawa was being used as a dumping ground for the road works and if the NTEPA had not been notified this whole huge depression within this surge zone would have been filled in with this waste, covered over and left on site.

10. There seems to have been quite a lot of "depression filling" going on within this surge zone without adequate plans, records being in place or consultation taking place. Is it City of Darwin Council's plan to utilise all the depressions in this area as convenient "stock pile" locations? How many other depressions are targeted for filling with City of Darwin Council road waste in this area?

Regards,
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