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To whom it may concern,

Hi my name is Robyn Jones. Tony my husband and I bought our property in Fullerton Cove, in November 2010. We thought we had bought a piece of paradise. It was so close to Newcastle's CBD, the beach is only five minutes away and everything else was so convenient, and to top it off we had acreage, so I could still have my horse on our land. This was an amazing place to have a horse because you could ride through the dunes and onto the beach, it was awesome.

We renovated our home and put our love and passion into it. It became our beautiful family home.

When people would first come over to Fullerton Cove they would blow out because it was so beautiful and so close to everything and we had acres so close to the city, it is so hard to get this, we use to say it was a well-kept secret, (little did we know).

Not only did we think we moved to paradise but we met some really great people, everyone was friendly, we all seemed to be on the same page.

When Tony and I bought our property we always thought we would retire here, then when it got too big for us we would sell and down size, we knew that this property in later years would be very valuable, we are the closest land next to Newcastle's CBD that has not been developed and we are also, very close to Newcastle Airport. It ticked every box in becoming very valuable Real Estate.

Then along came the RAAF in 2015 who have destroyed our Paradise and put a massive black cloud over our health.

MY daughter husband and three Beautiful children moved in with us in 2017, while they built their house, we were still lead to believe that where we were living was still fine. Then we got the dreaded knock on our door that Sunday afternoon, to tell us that our beautiful property is now in the red zone. I felt sick, it scares me to think about all of our health. Tony asked the lady from the health department if she would like to buy our property or even rent and she said no, that she wouldn't live in this area, what hope have we got, they told us to take all the precautions that the red zone have been taking, we are so lucky to have Lindsey Clout because he told us from day dot to take the same precautions as the red zone, so we did.

Tony got offered a job in Canberra in November 2017 for twelve months, so we thought, let's take it, it will get us out of this contamination for a while, and all my beautiful children had moved out as well.

I have seen a friend of mine crying because she loves her home and this area so much and we are all in despair of where we are going to get this again, it breaks my heart.

Through all of this I don't think the RAAF could care less, they have happily let the contaminations spew out onto our properties knowing full well how harmful these chemicals are and could not care less about the people who live there, aren't they supposed to be the ones to protect us, what a joke. At the end of the day I hope that there will be people held accountable for this disgraceful act of contamination and the fact that they knew for a lot of years, that the contamination was coming off the RAAF base and contaminating our beautiful properties and did nothing about it, it is an utter disgrace.

This contamination stays in your mind every day, it is a huge worry and concern. If the RAAF and EPA had of been honest and decent and had done their job properly, my family would not have been caught up in this nightmare of a situation, because the property would have been listed in the red zone and we would not have bought it. The future does look scary for us and we have worked hard to get where we have and for what, to have our defence force poison us, unbelievable.

I loved my home at Fullerton Cove and all the people in the community, the RAAF have destroyed our beautiful bit of paradise.

Where have you been Mr Turnbull? We are your people, the people of Australia, the people that you couldn't care less about' I thought you had a bit of humanity or decency about you, obviously I was wrong. For you not to even address it once, is shame full. We are people of Australia suffering immensely, not knowing what our future holds and where are you? You could have reached out Mr Turnbull, we still suffer like victims in fires or floods, the difference is that a government department has caused our suffering and none of you could care, about us. Shame on You Mr Prime Minister Shame.

Regards

Robyn and Tony Jones.

This letter will be forwarded on to the Prime Minister.