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Dear Sir / Madam / Ms,

Submission on the Albury to Illabo Inland Rail (A2I) Section Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

I, have received correspondence dated 8th July, 2022 from the Albury to Illabo Stakeholder Engagement Team of ARTC concerning enhancement projects within the City of Wagga Wagga.

The foregoing projects are part of the overall works proposed under the provisions of the Inland Rail (IR) Albury to Illabo (A2I) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

My home at 27 Macleay Street, Turvey Park, NSW, 2650 has been identified as being within 200 metres of the Construction Impact Zones (CIZ) of an area subject to a proposed enhancement site and EIS works and operations.

The home is located in the Wagga Wagga Conservation Area within the provisions of the Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010, Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan 2010 and the Building Code of Australia.

The purpose of this letter to submit comments and submissions in respect to the following ARTC Inland Rail documents;

- The Inland Rail (IR) Albury to Illabo (A2I) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) *and*
- Inland Rail Development : Albury to Illabo Construction Impact Zones - Wagga Wagga

I understand that the Wagga Wagga City Council (WWCC) has undertaken a critical review of the IR A2I Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), as prepared by the Australian Rail Track Corporation Limited (ARTC) with the Council's review response document '**Inland Rail A2I EIS Response**' being submitted to the ARTC.

https://wagga.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0004/215932/Inland-Rail-IR-Albury-to-Illabo-A2I-Environmental-Impact-Statement-EIS-Wagga-Wagga-City-Council-Submission.pdf

I have read the ARTC (EIS) and the WWCC Response document/s in addition to the recent ARTC webinar presentation and Q&A session.

The concerns identified and recommendations made by the Council in the WWCC Response document are *fully supported* as a concerned citizen directly affected by the proposals put forward in the abovementioned ARTC document/s.

The impacts of the proposed double stacked freight train operation through the centre of Wagga Wagga will create problems for the business community, residential population, the infrastructure of WWCC and the general wellbeing of the community

I believe that the EIS should give serious consideration to the conduct of a full investigation of an alternative inland rail route that bypasses the City of Wagga Wagga.

As a resident, I am particularly concerned at the noise and vibration issues that the enhancement project and the use of the existing rail route proposed within the EIS through a primarily urbanised community will have on me, my family, the community and the structural integrity of my heritage listed home. The EIS identified that some vibration levels will be in excess of allowable thresholds.


The foregoing issues were raised in the ARTC Webinar presentation conducted on Tuesday, 13th September, 2022 and the responses given by ARTC representatives did not instil confidence or indepth details of noise and vibration sensitivity and its effects of relevant structures such as my home, schools and business facilities in central Wagga Wagga.

Given that my home at 27 Macleay Street is of double brick construction and its structural integrity has stood the test of time within the Wagga Wagga Conservation Area any impact on its existing condition caused by the progressing of the enhancement works and the use of double stacked trains must I believe involve some consideration of funded restoration of damage or financial compensation.

From a community health prospective I am also concerned that operational air pollution generated by the use of double stacked trains on the current rail route within the urbanised community needs to be examined..

As indicated earlier I support the Wagga Wagga City Council response document and their comment "*The impacts of Inland Rail, mainly operational, have the potential to trigger significant adverse impacts on the community of Wagga Wagga, local businesses and services.*" reflects my concerns in this matter.

Yours sincerely,



Ken Read
21st September, 2022

