



Hills District Kennel & Training Club Inc.

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Attention: Director, Infrastructure Projects

The Hills District Kennel and Training Club have been providing the Hills district residents with Pet Dog Training for over thirty years. Our main issue is the safety of our students and their dogs with the road being built so close to our classes and used by heavy haulage vehicles so frequently during our hours of opening. Listed below are our main concerns:

These concern the proposed haul road route adjacent to the Norwest Dog rings and undercover ring.

- Our major concern is that the safety of all our members and their dogs are not put at risk while training at the club. Enclosure of the proposed haul road is needed as we have dogs off lead, children running around and general pedestrian movement in this area of the showground.
- We believe noise barriers are necessary to reduce and control the noise levels created by the close proximity of the proposed road. Many dogs are noise sensitive and some humans have hearing problems.
- The dust from the construction and usage of the planned road by the large volume of heavy haulage vehicles will have a detrimental effect on both human and dogs that attend the grounds.
- Access to the dog rings from below the club house is needed for Ambulances, people with disabilities, mowing and maintenance of the dog rings.
- Access is needed to our storage area from underneath the building to bring equipment up for training, Obedience Trials and our Championship shows.
- Many members park their cars with dog trailers in this area to take advantage of the shade for their dogs during the day. The trees that are removed need to be replaced in another area.

- The parking that will be lost behind the club house needs to be replaced in another area with sufficient lighting for night classes.

We need people and dogs to have a positive learning environment.

Thank you in advance for considering our submission, we would appreciate a response.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Robyn Smiles

President

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