

## Colin Phillips - Submission Details for Roger TAIG (comments)

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**Content:**

As indicted i live in Portland with my family and my property backs onto the rail line some 400 to 500 metres south of the level rail crossing in East Portland. We have lived here for about 7 years and in that time i have heard many coal trains both loaded and unloaded pass by. As such i have noted that south bound trains when loaded are on occasions very noisy as the driver drives the battery charging motors hard right up through the East Portland crossing and on past my place. Conversely i have heard many other loaded coal trains pass by with relativity minor noise levels with the driver backing off the motors, which pays great dividends in the quiet enjoyment of life. I would submit that the t raining and skills of the train drivers in this regard could have a great impact on addressing this concern.

The other issue i want to raise is the dangers posed with greater train movements across the level crossings at Portland/Cullen Bullen Road, East Portland and Pipers Flat Road at Wallerawang. As would be expected greater train movements would mean more frequent road closures, which while may be an added inconvenience to regular road users posses a significant concern to emergency services vehicles servicing the communities of Capertee, Cullen Bullen, Portland, Wallerawang and Lidsdale. Of particular concern is the Pipers Flat road level crossing, where on occasion the trains have actually come to a stop and have remained stationary for several minutes. This level crossing impacts on the main route used from Lithgow to Portland with ambulances often making these emergency runs to assist an elderly population in Portland. Whilst there are three alterna te routes to get to Portland once you have committed to a particular route the time taken to get to an alternate route may be the difference of providing emergency help or not.

I would greatly appreciate these issues being given due consideration as the project moves forward.

Please don't hesitate to contact me, should you need any further information.

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