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**Re: Application number SSI-10035 – Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2**

We have been residents of Boronia Street, Ermington since 1990. During the past 32 years of living in Ermington we have seen remarkable changes, mostly for the betterment of the community. However, like many of our neighbours, we are very distressed about the possibility of a rail line running through the residential area of Boronia Street as presented in the current plans for *Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2*.

Quoting directly from the Environmental Summary:

*"The reconfiguration of South and Boronia Streets in Rydalmere (and Ermington) to allow for the proposed centre-running light rail track is predicted to result in exceedances of the road traffic noise criteria at 32 residences on the south side of these roads."*

We reside in one of these residences that will be affected by these exceedances. How does Transport for NSW propose to alleviate these exceedances and preserve the affected community's amenity?

Whilst acknowledging that road use in Boronia Street has increased since the development of the naval stores site and surrounds, the frequent and reliable transport (buses) that currently exists has managed the expanded population. It is difficult to understand why a rail service, *"operating between 5am and 1am seven days a week"* must operate in a residential street of Ermington, a suburb identified in the 2021 census with a population of only 12,856 residents.

The *Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2* is professed to deliver convenient public and active transport connections. The route through Boronia Street, Ermington is difficult to understand and can only contribute to worsening congestion of the local roads and lessen the availability of on-street parking.

Has there been a census conducted of residents to identify who will regularly use this train in the local area? If it is intended for passengers to drive to the Boronia Street rail stops then transfer to the train, where will these people park?

The ecological and environment impacts to the local flora and fauna will be devastating as the construction and operation of the train development moves through this area. Our neighbourhood prides itself in its extensive planting of trees along Boronia Street that supports a developed habitat and a green environment.

The EIS states that the construction and operation of the railway will require the removal of 2.5 hectares of native vegetation and could lead to the extinction, due to loss of habitat, of at least three animal species already listed as threatened. At a time when the mismanagement of the environment and the resulting climate change is a predominant issue amongst the community these impacts are simply unacceptable.

In addition to the noise exceedances and removal of screening trees that will erode our environment; our property is designated to have land compulsorily acquired for the installation of traffic lights that will be installed near the entrance to our home.

The disruption by noise and air pollution during construction of the Parramatta Light Rail Stage 1 is well documented and will further diminish the residents of Boronia Street way of life. It is already proposed that working hours will be extended. The impact will continue after completion with the noise of the train running 5am to 1am, and every 7.5 minutes between 7am and 7pm.

Other Ermington residents' homes, old and new, are also being compulsory acquired in many other locations in our community, as well as recreational parklands and community areas being lessened.

Is there not a better way to alleviate the poor transport planning in the development of Wentworth Point than to decrease the quality of life of the residents of Boronia Street?

Please feel free to contact me if you require further information. I look forward to hearing from the Department of Planning and Environment.

I cannot overstate the impact of this development on my family and our home.

Your faithfully

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