

Project number SSI 6878
Major Projects Assessment
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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to you today to object to the Albion Park Rail Bypass project.

I live on the Illawarra Highway and the road will be built right outside my house. Because none of my land is taken, I do not receive any consideration or compensation even though there are significant impacts to my house.

The EIS shows that the flood levels will be increased across the Macquarie Rivulet floodplain. According to their flood models, in a 100 year flood the water will be a metre deep in my house. RMS don't plan to do anything about this problem they have caused. The EIS just says they will monitor the impact and leave it to me and Shellharbour Council to resolve.

What will happen to my insurance premiums now that there is a flood risk? Or what if the insurance company won't cover me anymore? RMS should put bridges across the flood plain instead of an embankment so that the water will get away like it does now and not flood my home.

The noise levels from the road will be considerably more than they are now. The EIS says that there will be some noise abatement treatment for my house but no one has come to discuss that with me. What are they planning to do?

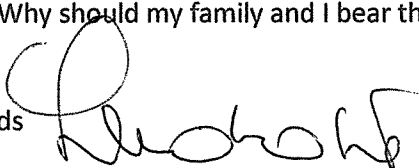
It is difficult to tell from the diagrams in the EIS if noise reduction pavement will be used outside my house. This should definitely be put in place. Noise abatement measures will need to be put in my home before construction starts. I live in a relatively peaceful environment and I don't want to be woken up by construction vehicles outside my window.

I already experience dust issues in my sheds from my neighbours and their activities. What measures are going to be put in place to ensure that there is no dust pollution in my house and sheds, both during construction and after it is finished?

This whole project is going to devalue my property here. I live on 33 acres in a well sought after location. Once there is a motorway going past my front door the value of my house and land will be less. How will RMS compensate me for devaluing my property?

The road project benefits the community but it doesn't benefit me. I don't want it to come through here. Why should my family and I bear these impacts?

Regards



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