

To whom it may concern,

I'm deeply concerned by your modification report to Section 3.12, specifically proposing to increase the height of the Randwick Stabling Facility by another 2 meters. I'm objecting to the extra 2 meter height increase across the stabling area due to the points I will outline below:

- My biggest concern is the flow of storm water run-off from the stabling facility to adjoining properties on Doncaster Ave. Have you done any flood mitigation modeling to show where the storm water will run off into? By raising your stabling facility 2 meters above ground level, the backyards of all Doncaster Ave residuals will be prone to flooding from storm water run-offs. How confident can you be that properties backing onto the facility will not be flooded in the event of heavy rain and via poor design of the stabling facility?
- Negative visual impact to all properties that back onto the stabling facility from Doncaster Ave. I have attached a photo showing 20 Doncaster Ave, whereby the height of the fence as well as the shipping container in the background is about 2 meters high. This is going to be the ground level for your stabling facility, how is this fair to all the residents of Doncaster Ave to be looking at an eye sore everyday out of their windows?
- How much volume of soil/landfill will you need to bring onto the site so you can raise it by 2 meters above ground level? Have you done any studies to look at soil sub-siding and/or eroding over time and how this is ultimately affect resident's backyard all along Doncaster Ave? I have attached a photo showing where the stabling facility will be situated [currently ATC's staff car park]. You can see the ground is extremely level and on level terms with Alison Road. There is absolutely no need to raise it by another 2 meters - to the top of the green scaffolding.
- What is the difference between a sand silo that sits at 7.5m tall that can not do the job of a sand silo that is 9.5m tall? Surely that just means you need to top up the sand a few more times rather than build it up another 2 meters to be an eye sore for all residents and save a few pennies.

You **DO NOT** need to raise the whole stabling area by 2 meters so that your trains can be on a level ground. As Jeff Goodling recently explained at the Community Forum at Randwick TAFE on 10 December, only the Sand Silo and its immediate area needs to be raised by an extra 2 meters above ground, NOT the whole stabling facility. This only adds extra cost to build the project which I believe your budget has already blown out beyond original estimates with only early works started.

You keep telling people at the community forums that YOU will listen to our community concerns and seek ways to address them for the negative impacts this will have on local residents, yet you just turn your back to the local community and just do what you like. No residents along Doncaster Ave were consulted about for this modification. The original EIS already stated that "with respect to the proposed Randwick stability facility (B36(e)):

*"The maximum height of any buildings or structures required as part of the stabling facility is **10.5 meters** above ground level (existing)"*

As 10.5 meters is surely tall enough to house any structures, why would you then sneak in a modification and just give the community and stakeholders only 2 weeks' notice to read and then respond to any concerns to the modifications just as most people are taking time off for Christmas.

I strongly object to the modification of lifting the stabling area by 2 meters above ground level for the reasons outlined above and I look forward to your response.

Regards,
James Chen
Kensington Resident.

Photo below shows 18 and 20 Doncaster Ave – to build 2 meters above ground level for the stabling area will mean building up to the height of the fence and the light green shipping container in the background, blocking out sunlight and negative visual impact.



Photo showing vacant land where the stabling yard will be built. It is currently level to Alison Road and to build up 2 meters above ground level is where the green scaffolding stops. How much volume of soil will you need to compact into this area?

