

Council Reference: Boral St Peters Terminal
EA: DA 14/96 MOD 11 - Upgrade and Expansion of Boral CBP, St Peters
Peters

Dear Sir/Madam

Objection to Upgrade and Expansion of Boral CBP, St Peters, as above

Horgans wish to object to this proposal on the following grounds:

Traffic Impact

Horgans is located at 17 Burrows Rd South – we have a showroom and warehouse at this location. At this time the traffic is regularly at a standstill on a minor road. An increased number of trucks will further impact to the point of continually blocking access to our driveway during business hours. We, our employees and our customers are already impacted by the heavy truck movement on this narrow and ‘one-way in – one-way out’ road.

The projected increase to truck movement – an increase of up to 1066 truck movements daily will not only decrease the ability to run our business effectively, but poses a serious safety risk to our staff, and our customers. There is already an issue with the volume of trucks and limited visibility for both vehicles and pedestrians accessing and leaving our premises. The traffic level as it is, seriously impedes the access for our couriers, deliveries & pick ups as well.

Health Risk and Environmental Impact

Boral are applying to increase current production from 280,000 cubic metres annually to 750,000 cubic metres annually with future projections of 1 million tonnes annually.

This increase in production and the increase in reclamation operations is sure to increase the already unbearable dust, leading to increased health risks for our employees and increased maintenance costs for our premises

In addition, our ability to reduce running costs is already compromised in that we are unable to utilise solar panels to lessen our electricity costs. This is due to the costs associated with cleaning the panels – the dust levels are already so high, the cleaning of the solar panels would have to be undertaken so often to allow them to function that any cost or environmental benefit for solar power is negated against the prohibitive maintenance costs.

Please refer to paragraph pasted below from the ‘AIR QUALITY ASSESSMENT CRITERIA’ OF THE EA doc:

‘The proposed activity has the potential to generate fugitive emissions of particulate matter and metals from concrete batching plant operations and fuel combustion-related pollutants (PM, oxides of nitrogen, sulphur dioxide, carbon monoxide and volatile organic compounds) from mobile plant and trucks operating about the site. This assessment will only focus on the quantification of particulate matter from the proposed activity (fugitive releases and diesel combustion related particulate matter). Emissions and impacts from other pollutants associated with the site are considered to be minor and have not been addressed further in this assessment.’

How can it be that these 'Emissions and impact from other pollutants associated with the site' be considered to be 'minor and have not been addressed further in this assessment'.

Given that the “**6. EMISSION ESTIMATION**

Sources of Operational Emissions Air emissions associated with the site would primarily comprise fugitive particulate matter releases. Potential sources of emission were identified as follows: • Delivery of aggregate and sand to site by train and truck; • Transfer and handling of aggregate and sand at storage bins, handling facility and within the concrete plant; • Transferring cement and flyash into silos from delivery trucks; • Concrete plant conveying and loading to agitator trucks; • Wheel-generated dust from trucks movements across paved surfaces; • Wind erosion from material storage bins and adjacent paved surfaces; and • Diesel combustion by trucks, mobile plant and locomotive engines”

The dust levels are already unbearable - how can the increase of up to 1066 more truck movements daily – a large of number of these will be • *Delivery of aggregate and sand to site by train and truck* – how can it NOT pose an increased health risk as well have a negative environmental impact?

This should in itself warrant investigation and to be measured and addressed as part of this submission.

THE DUST: As stated, the dust levels are already unbearable – already causing a myriad of issues for us:

Staff retention – staff regularly leaving as they cannot stand the dust, truck traffic noise all day long. Already a financial impact on the business

Cleaning – apart from the increased maintenance and cleaning of the building that is required due to the dust, the staff and company vehicles also require more cleaning than normal and we regularly have to pay for the cleaning of our staff vehicles as the dust is not only excessive but corrosive.

Noise – the rumbling noise and vibration from the existing number of trucks already on Burrows Rd South is constant and disturbing. Regularly our walls, computer screens and what feels like the whole building, shudders causing distress and alarm to both our staff and customers.

The noise increase of up to 1000 more truck movements daily, not including the temporary increase in vibration and noise from the heavy excavation equipment that will be used throughout the upgrade and expansion process is sure to impact us greatly. The EA takes into account and refers to residential noise management levels – but not businesses in the immediate vicinity? Comment and more information on this would be helpful.

The Boral EA is 440 pages long – and we just do not have the resources to write a submission with a response to all our concerns – and there are many.

We have just spent 250K on improvements to our showroom and taking into account Boral, and the Westconnex construction being in our immediate surrounds, it is already a traffic nightmare to access Burrows Rd South and we cannot stress enough the impact this may have on the day to day running and profitability of our business, as well as the concern of the immediate and long-term health risks to our employees – their safety whilst coming to and leaving work comes under our duty of care, as does that of our customers.

With respect, please take the time to consider our objections – the wellbeing of our staff and customer is paramount, along with the ability to run our business effectively and profitably.

Thank you for taking the time to read through our objection and should you wish to discuss them with us, we would be more than happy to make a time to do so.

From Renee Horgan - Company Director

And for and on behalf all of our concerned staff members

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