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Department of Planning & Infrastructure  
Attention: Chris Ritchie, Manager Industry  
Development Assessment System & Approvals  
G P O Box 39  
Sydney NSW 2001

Dear Sir,

Re: Expansion of Existing Mainfreight Warehouse and Distribution Facility  
30-50 Yarrowa Road Prestons (Lot 2 DP 28729, Lot 101 & 102 DP1117691)  
Application No SSD 5746

I refer to the above Application for expansion of Mainfreight Distribution Centre, Prestons Dangerous Goods Storage Facility with Liverpool City Council.

I am writing on behalf of F.C.Zadro Contractors Pty Ltd, who own a 17 acre property on Yarrunga Road, Prestons within a 2km distance by road and less than 1km in direct line of the proposed expansion.

I wish to OBJECT to the proposal.

My main concern is **the SIZE of the expansion and QUANTITY of proposed storage of dangerous goods.**

I submit the following reasons for my concern:

- i) Environmental Impact Statement Table 11 DG Material Type & Quantity to be Stored -  
Page 60 points out that the proposed quantities of dangerous goods to be stored exceeds the criteria for a Major Hazard Facility under the definitions the OH&S Regulation 2001.  
Also, the quantities for both aerosols and class 5.1 oxidising agents are above their respective screening thresholds and the storage is considered potentially hazardous by SEPP 33.
- ii) Environmental Impact Statement Table 13 Risk Assessment -  
Pages 61 – 63 point out controls that could be implemented to reduce risk from one level to a lesser level and this may be acceptable in the majority of cases i.e. reducing risk from a medium to low level. However I feel that reducing a risk from high to medium may not be good enough for the 2 instances where fire in DG store could result from aerosol storage & fire from other areas under storage of caustic liquids. Is it possible to reduce risk even further in these 2 areas ?  
Page 66 confirms that smoke generated from the earlier stages of fire are of greatest concern and lists the requirements that would need to be put in place to minimize risk. Are these enough ?  
Shouldn't the responsibility to workers and surrounding neighbourhood be of utmost importance ?  
Wouldn't reducing the quantities of dangerous goods stored make a difference to the level of risk ?



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- iii) Proximity to Cabramatta Creek and surrounding floodplains –  
Environmental Impact Statement Table 13 Risk Assessment suggests controls to minimize possible accidental spillage incidents and these seem acceptable. However, there is always the possibility of overflowing drains, floodplain run off into the creek or water table contamination.
- iv) Proximity to homes and businesses -  
At present a lot of the immediate surrounding land to this expansion is not developed, but is zoned for light or heavy industrial development.  
Residential subdivisions are also developing to the west of this area (across Cabramatta creek) and many homes already exist within 500metres of the Mainfreight Distribution Site eg Coffs Harbour Avenue.  
An expansion of this size with such high quantities of dangerous goods would most certainly be potential risk to increased industrial and residential populations.  
Another aspect to consider is how this development will affect land values in the area.  
It does have the potential to lessen land values in both the residential and industrial side of the creek.

In essence I am not opposed to the expansion but to **the SIZE of the expansion and QUANTITY of proposed storage of dangerous goods.**

**Yours faithfully,**

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**Mark Zadro**  
**Secretary for**  
**F. C. Zadro Contractors Pty Ltd**