

2nd May 2012



Rebecca Newman

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Dear Rebecca

This is my submission objecting the proposed Port Waratah Coal Services Terminal 4 development in Newcastle (10-0215) for a number of reasons.

My first reason is the increased noise. Living in Tighes Hill I have to put up with ongoing noise from the current three coal loaders. On the nights when the coal loaders are in full operation the noise is extremely loud with trains shunting it is very hard to get to sleep. I can only imagine the increased noise due to the new coal loader.

I am a concerned also by the increased air pollution. The coal stock piles don't get covered and I can only imagine the increased particles in the air – I have evidence of this dust travelling – it's on my my curtains, window sills and house – I have young children so I am very worried for their health.

My last concern is the environmental factor. The impacts of the estuarine habitats. Most of the wet lands at Kooragang have been destroyed and there is only a small amount of area left for the birds, frogs – which are already endangered.

The BHP has finished here in Newcastle – this site is already contaminated – dredging will cause leaching into our groundwater and Hunter River – please don't approve this new terminal - I am concerned of the price our lifestyle and health has to pay for this unnecessary new Terminal.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie Richardson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Julie Richardson

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