

**Attention:** Department of Planning, Industry and Environment

I am writing to express my objection and the objection of both my elderly parents to this “extension” of the freight line – “passing loop” infrastructure project. Please accept this letter as a formal submission of objection to this project. We reside at [REDACTED]. Mum and dad have lived in this community and the same address for more than 57 years.

Unfortunately, I was away and unable to attend the community information session held last week.

When we received the information pack in the mail I was first confused as to what this was about. Reading the pack over and over again finally gave some clarity.

We are all for infrastructure projects and building a better future for our children and grandchildren. Setting up good infrastructure now is important and necessary.

What I don’t understand is why the passing loop works need and require to be done on Broomfield Street and also require a new bridge over Sussex Street.

Cabramatta is booming, everyday more and more cars are parking all day on Broomfield Street (starting from 5.00am – 7.00pm) to catch trains to work. Cars are parked all the way down to the end of Sussex Street on both sides.

There is not enough car space to accommodate more growth let alone taking away current space and narrowing of the road and pedestrian space.

Bridge Street is full all day and every day.

Boundary Lane is also at full capacity in respect of cars parking. Not to mention its practically a one way street as its so narrow.

Junction Street up to National Street is seeing more and more cars parking all day. I estimate by the end of the year it too will be at full capacity. The Buddhist house/temple on the corner of Broomfield and Sussex St takes up more car spaces then a normal dwelling as there is always something going on. There is no room on Broomfield Street. There is also not enough lighting on Broomfield Street.

There is not enough road space along Broomfield Street full stop. What we see monthly is parked cars being hit by moving traffic. This is because the road is not wide enough as it is now to accommodate the traffic. What will happen when this project eats up more of our road?

When the freight line was built we lost precious pedestrian space further up Broomfield Street along the train station going all the way up to top to at Bareena Street. And now again you want to take more space off the community.

When the project is complete – we will have lost car space, lost road space that is currently inadequate and dangerous. So the changes will only become worse. We will have less space for pedestrian access along the train line.

The Extra bridge put over Sussex St has caused so many accidents. The height of the bridge is assumed by most to be average for trucks to go under. This is not the case and the bridge has been hit into multiple times every year. Drivers are shocked and don’t realise that the height of this bridge is much lower than normal or others.

Building another bridge to cross over will cause more issues, more accidents and more problems!

**Why** can't the passing loop be at Jackie Osmond Reserve?

**Why** must this extra line be at the expense of community residents?

**Why** must this extra line be at the expense of all the community members near and far that use the pedestrian space both walking and cycling for their health. Foot traffic is high in this space.

We have a lot of elderly residents – Where will they walk? How will they get about? What compensation will you provide?

**Why** must we put up with another infrastructure project that hinders our ability to live peacefully.

This project won't be over in weeks, its going to take years. Years that this will affect our health and wellbeing.

My dad walks our dog every single morning along this space/path. Where will he go during construction? He walks for his health and the dog. What will he do? Where should he go? This isn't fair and this isn't good enough. The community of Cabramatta should be treated better.

**What** will you do to help the community during this time?

**Where** will the cars park?

Where will local residents and visiting/train commuters go during construction?

**What** is the road closure schedules?

**What** is the timeframe of building the bridge?

**What** will traffic access be like – what is the plan?

**Property Value** will go down! Who wants to live near a train line that already has a freight line and now a passing loop. And don't forget the increase in freight trains daily.

**What** compensation will property owners receive?

Noise/dust/vibrations/drilling – this will affect our lives every single day. Who will compensate us for the inconvenience and mental anguish and distress we will go through.

Our area is animal friendly – how are the animals going to cope with the construction noise? They have sensitive hearing. What compensation will be given?

I haven't even mentioned the increase to freight trains per day. Going from 48 to up to 72 per day! This is monumental. This will affect us even more than now.

Our house vibrates every single time a freight train goes by, every single day and night. The windows shake and vibrate. The chandeliers vibrate. The whole house feels the movement of the train going by. When the trains are breaking, the noise it currently makes can be heard while I am sleeping. The sound/noise wall does not stop the noises from the train travelling to our ears. The increase in trains passing each other, breaking and increase in capacity will feel like the train is never ending.

This is not the right place to build the passing loop. Please read this letter and feel the pain I am talking about. The trauma we will face each and every single day.

Please reconsider where you build this loop. There must other and better options that will not affect the community. The people of our community deserve respect and our voices should be heard. This project will affect all of us.

Please do not build the passing loop on Broomfield Street.

Thank you

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