

Michelle Cramsie - SHOOTING COMPLEX AT HILL TOP YOUR REFERENCE MP 06-0232

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Attention: Michelle Cramsie
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Dear Ms Cramsie

RE: SHOOTING COMPLEX AT HILL TOP YOUR REFERENCE: MP 06-0232

We are writing to you to object to the application to increase noise levels from the shooting complex 75 dbl LHP to 85 Log Av. This is asking for a 100% increase in allowable noise pollution from what is currently consented.

The current guidelines are in place as it was determined by the government's Department of Sports own consultants that 75db at homes was acceptable. With present buffer zones between homes and the shooting complex a two fold increase in noise pollution would have a severe impact upon those in close proximity of the buffer zones.

The Sporting Shooters Association of Australia's consultant now states that previous consultants over the last 5 years were technically deficient, based on a methodology only he uses and understands. This would clearly indicate bias towards those who employ him, together with the manipulation of numbers, levels and formulae to present the noise tolerance levels in the best possible light for their own interests.

It is unquestionable that increasing the allowable noise pollution will lead to more noise and with noise levels exceeding 75dbl no matter how it is measured, is hazardous to one's

health both mentally and physically. To add to this further violation of our liberties, is the devaluing of our property in which we have lived for 20 years. Therefore our health and our financial wellbeing is being taken from us from those who pursue a sporting interest and have no regard for the people they inflict their gunfire noise selfishly upon.

The area in which this complex is proposed is bounded by State and National Parks which at present is obviously very quiet and peaceful. There is no background road noise or other such noise in which the sound of gunfire would be drowned out – it would literally just sound like a battle field as we live reasonably close by.

More shooters (the vast majority not even local ones!), more often, larger guns, it is just unacceptable and unreasonable to pursue with this shooting complex considering the application has previously been rejected in the Land and Environment Court.

To state that Hill Top has endured these levels over the last 25 years without problem is utter nonsense. Many protests and reports to Council just confirm that when noise levels have exceeded 75db, people take action and complain. In addition the number of shooters currently using the range is small and is one shot at a time which is in contrast to what the proponents envisage = more shooters and the use of guns which fire rapidly such as .50cal bmg (machine guns).

This type of development, which had previously been overturned, flies in the face of what the Liberal Government promised at the last election. The local residents had no say in the application and the corrupted Labor Government continually changed laws retrospectively so as to continue with the application process – unlawfully. We recently received a flyer from Prue Goward's office trumpeting the new Government's revoking of developments in particular the Part 3A applications. These seem to be hollow words and seemingly an indication of unsavoury dealings the Shooter's Party considering this application was already rejected.

It is just astounding that this application has progressed so far in the first place. Virgin bush has been destroyed because of it whereas a more suitable choice is not that far away at the Bowral Gun Club which is situated at the Belanglo State Forest (vegetation already disturbed). This choice would mean the easy access by users via the freeway (noise of traffic would muffle gun noise) together with minimal impact on the negligible residents in the area.

The time is now to stop this poorly planned 3A development as PROMISED by YOUR Government.

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