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To Michelle Cramsie

I am writing in regards to the new application for the shooting range at Hill Top to increase their noise levels.

I have lived at Elizabeth Way hill Top for the past 23 years and yes, I can hear the noise from the shooting range. I do not want it to get any louder than it is now, in fact I would like it to reduce.

We moved to Hill Top from Sydney to get away from the noise. Hill top has been a lovely quiet area to bring our children up in. We have an array of animals, dogs, cats, birds and chooks. We also have a lot of wildlife in the area, wallabies, wombats and lots of birds. To have the noise from the shooting range increase will ruin the lovely environment that we live in. The native wildlife will not want to stay and who knows what damage it will do to the domestic animals that cannot get away from the noise. I have a neighbour trying to sell her house and has been told that people are put off by the shooting range. Imagine trying to sell when the noise sounds like World War 3 is happening in your backyard.

Homes within 2000 metres and at the site itself, which is within 5 metres of Blue Mountain World Heritage, Nattai National Park, Bargo State Conservation Area and Bargo River State Conservation Area not only residents but bushwalkers, horse riders, birdwatchers and nature lovers will be severely disturbed, distressed and impacted by the gunshot noise levels seek to say will be acceptable.. Even the SSAA consultant has measured the gun noise at the NPWS lands at 110dbL already with just one gun firing! This is dangerous to human hearing - imagine that coming from 200 guns every weekend. How will this affect everyone enjoying the surrounding national parks and the damage such noise will cause? Also has a fauna survey been done to establish the effect of 200 guns at 110dbL on the 106 protected species of native wildlife living on and around the range

The 3<sup>rd</sup> noise consultant engaged by the Dept. of Sport, who is acting solely as an employee of the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia and various clubs has stated that everyone has been measuring the noise levels wrong and his of doing it is right. Who is he to say that that the last 2 consultants have got it wrong surely they are just as qualified as he is. I am against the noise from the shooting range now, so I am against the noise level changing.

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Thanking you

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