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Dear Sir,

**Re: Southern Highlands Regional Shooting Complex  
Request to Modify Project Approval – MP 06-0232 Mod 4**

In answer to your letter of 10<sup>th</sup> June last I advise that I object to the proposal and make the following comments.

As the shooting complex is proceeding notwithstanding the effect on the environment and in total disregard of the inhabitants of Hill Top and surrounding areas, one of the only issues remaining, and will always be in contest, is noise. I therefore oppose increasing the maximum noise of firearms on the 800m range from 75dB(L) to 85dB(L) peak hold.

I note that you obtained another report from the Acoustic Group. If there were doubts about GHD's reporting, it would have been more convincing and more scientific to employ the Acoustic Group to carry out their own testing first and then compare the reports, rather than use GHD's reports as a guide to what was unsatisfactory.

I refer to attachment 'A' of the submission, in particular to the last paragraph on the second page. This paragraph does not appear to be valid as the number of firearms to be used when the shooting range is in full flight is likely to increase noise levels significantly. I have my doubts on the accuracy of Council's records regarding telephone complaints.

As a resident living in close proximity to the shooting complex, any reduction of noise from firearms, no matter how slight, would be appreciated. I therefore oppose removing the requirement of an acoustic shelter at the 800m range.

I note that a fee for \$30,761 has been charged to modify approval of a major project. This amount seems excessive, particularly between two state government departments. I trust that requesting modifications of the original approval will not be a recurring event. In this regard, I would be interested to see a statement of fees and charges.

It is common belief that the SHRSC was devised so that the previous government was assured of the Shooters' Party support in Parliament. To locate a regional shooting complex in resumed conservation area on the edge of the Nattai National Park was ill-conceived. Rather than throw good money after bad, it would be timely now to abandon the Hill Top project and select a more appropriate site.

Yours faithfully,



Pamela Cormick.